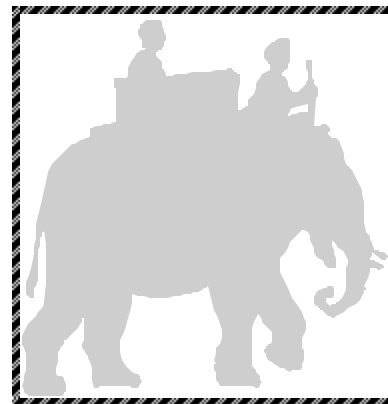
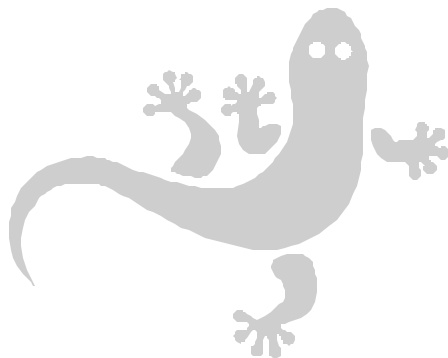
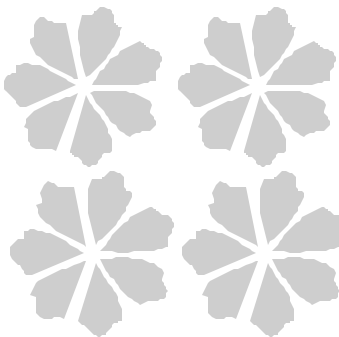


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Section 1 World Centers

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Introduction

This packet should be used in conjunction with the *Extended Trip Packet* and the *International Supplement*, available through the Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council.

The *Extended Trip Packet* has a checklist/timeline with time frames for both domestic and international trips.

The *International Supplement* is taken from a document produced by GSUSA and includes useful details regarding international travel, from assessing girl readiness to finding youth hostels. It also includes a resource section listing many publications for further study.

The *World Centers* packet is also taken from a GSUSA document and has information pertaining exclusively to world centers and WAGGGS Affiliated Organizations.

The three packets are to be used as follows:

- ❖ **Domestic trips of three nights or longer**—use the *Extended Trip Packet* only
- ❖ **International Trips**—*Extended Trip Packet* and the *International Supplement* together. Use all of the health forms in the *International Supplement* (**they are required**), rather than the health forms found in the *Extended Trip Packet*. There is a section on required travel documents (visas, passports, etc.) that should be used to augment the forms and documents mentioned in the *Extended Trip Packet*.
- ❖ **World Center or WAGGGS Affiliated Organization visits**—use the *Extended Trip Packet*, *International Supplement* and *World Centers* packet. The first two packets are used as you would for any international trip. There are only a few WAGGGS/World Center forms in the *World Centers* packet and they are to be used in addition to those contained in the other packets. The *Permission to Travel with Minors* form is found in both the *International Supplement* and the *World Centers* packet. You may use whichever wording better suits your situation.

We hope, by dividing the information into three separate packets it will eliminate the need to sift through information that does not pertain to your trip. It is advisable that you read through all of the information first, to become familiar with the packets, then share them with your girls.

Girl Scouts of Rolling Hills Council wishes you a meaningful and fun-filled trip! Remember we are always here to answer your questions and to assist you in any way we can.

The Four World Centers



In London, England; Adelboden, Switzerland; Cuernavaca, Mexico; and Pune, India, girls and adults enjoy the four world centers owned and operated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Visits to the centers offer unparalleled opportunities to explore other cultures because, guests not only experience the customs and traditions indigenous to the regions, and they also benefit from interacting with other international travelers.

For the most part, each world center offers an informal atmosphere that encourages interaction among visitors. Each guest is expected to contribute to the daily operation of the center and most chores are performed through the patrol system. Also, storage space in these facilities is at a premium and visitors are asked to bring only those items that are essential. The world centers are an incredibly valuable resource for all members of the Girl Scouting and Girl Guiding community and they should always be treated with care and respect.

International wider opportunities at the world centers generally focus on a theme and will have a seminar or discussion component. Some of these sessions will include quite extensive camping and others will include no camping at all. For example:

Pax Lodge (London, England): Sessions focus on English history and culture, with a special emphasis on the roots of Girl Guiding/Girl Scouting.

Our Chalet (Adelboden, Switzerland): Activities are focused on the out-of-doors, and include skiing in the winter and hiking in the summer all with skilled instructors.

Our Cabaña (Cuernavaca, Mexico): Sessions feature community service projects, folk arts, tour to nearby historical sites, and fiestas.

Sangam (Pune, India): Sessions feature Indian culture, family lifestyles, religions and the arts, as well as service opportunities in nearby urban and rural communities.

The descriptions above are only meant to give you a brief overview of the types of activities or topics that might comprise an event at a particular world center. In the months preceding your event, you will receive more specific information from the center that you plan to visit.



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website: www.paxlodge.org

General Information: Pax Lodge is situated in London, England, United Kingdom, next to the World Bureau of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Opened in 1990, it is the newest of the four World Centers. Open year round, it provides a home away from home where Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world can meet together in friendship.

The name for the site and two buildings (World Bureau and Pax Lodge) is Olave Centre, a living memorial to Olave, Lady Baden-Powell, the World Chief Guide.

Pax Lodge was named after the Founder's homes, Pax Hill and Paxtu, and because one of the aims of the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts is peace.

For groups accompanied by an adult leader (over 21), there is no minimum age requirement. Individual official sessions have various age requirements. This information will be sent upon applying for a specific official event.

The Pax Lodge Symbol: The symbol consists of three elements:

- ❖ The World Badge, symbolizing international Guiding
- ❖ An ark-shaped dove bearing an olive branch, representing peace
- ❖ Water, a reference to the ark floating on water as depicted in the emblem for the original World Centre in London, Our Ark

Pax Lodge is a ten minute walk from Belsize Park underground station and several buses pass by the end of the road, giving good access to other parts of London. Hamstead Heath is a short walk away.

Weather: Weather in Britain is unpredictable. Be prepared for rain, cold weather and heat waves! Summer months are June, July, August and early September.

House Tours: Available daily between 9:30 a.m. and 12 noon and from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Tours must be booked in advance. Tours are also available on most business days of the World Bureau.

Accommodations: Pax Lodge accommodates 59 persons. Accommodation is for individuals, families or groups, and consists of:

3 rooms for 4 persons
1 room for 3 persons

22 rooms for 2 persons
(these may be used as singles)

Four of the double rooms have showers/toilets ensuite, and two of the double rooms are fitted for the disabled. There is also one bed for the disabled in two of the four-bedded rooms. Pax Lodge is wheelchair accessible throughout. Long-term student accommodation is available. There is a lower rate for members of WAGGGS, WOSM/IOFSAG and slightly higher for non-members.

Selection of Rooms:

- ❖ Single Room with Shower and Toilet
- ❖ Single Room
- ❖ Double Room with Shower and Toilet
- ❖ Double Room
- ❖ Shared Room (3 or 4 beds)

Groups of 10 or more may stay at Pax Lodge for 17 pounds (rate is subject to change) per night per person for bed and breakfast (regardless of the accommodations used.) Group rates will apply only to those groups requesting shared accommodations.

Where possible, specific accommodation requests will be honored. However, in busy seasons the Center Manager must have discretion to allocate space in the most advantageous way.

Breakfast is included in the cost of accommodation. Morning coffee, afternoon tea, lunch and dinner are available in the dining room and may be ordered in advance. There is a small kitchen for preparing snacks. Facilities are available for all guests and include:

- ❖ T.V. lounge, Library (Internet access)
- ❖ Garden
- ❖ Guest Kitchen for Preparing Snacks
- ❖ Laundry Room with Coin-operated washer and dryer
- ❖ Pay Telephones

Registration Fees (non-refundable): Forty days after the booking, send a fee equal to the price of one day's lodging cost per person to secure your accommodations.

Reservations: See Pax Lodge's website www.paxlodge.org for upcoming program sessions, current rates and reservations. However, if you do not have access to the Internet, please contact your council or Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018-2798, by completing the *Intent to Travel Form A* included in 'Section 3' of this packet and also available in *Safety-Wise* page 144.

Upon Receipt of Confirmation of Reservations: Send registration fees as directed. Send the *Intent to Travel Form B: Request for World Association Card of Introduction* included in ‘Section 3’ of this packet and also in *Safety-Wise*, to Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018-2798.

Entry Requirements for the United Kingdom: A valid passport is required and should be good for a minimum of two months after departure. U.S. citizens require no visa.

Arrivals and Departures: Incoming guests will be accommodated between the hours of 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily. Guests should advise if they will be arriving at any other time and if an evening meal is needed upon arrival. Guests are requested to vacate rooms by 10:00 a.m. on the day of departure. There is limited space to store luggage.

House Rules: Pax Lodge is a non-smoking facility. Quiet hours are enforced from 10:30 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Pax Lodge cannot accept any responsibility for the loss of personal effects.

What to Bring: Uniform is required for session and formal occasions. When in uniform, participants must wear the complete, correct and official Girl Scout uniform. Unofficial or “made-up” uniforms are not acceptable. If you do not own an official Girl Scout uniform, you might be able to borrow one with the help of your Girl Scout council. The pantsuit is suitable for any occasion. Sports clothes worn at Pax Lodge should be neat and in good condition. The following list contains the minimum amount of clothing required for a stay at Pax Lodge.

- ❖ One pair of good, sturdy walking shoes
- ❖ Plastic raincoat and collapsible umbrella
- ❖ Blouses or tops
- ❖ Toilet articles
- ❖ One pair of lighter shoes or sandals
- ❖ Warm sweater
- ❖ Underwear, socks
- ❖ Skirts, pants
- ❖ Complete Girl Scout uniform

Health Requirements: Girls and adults must bring a medical form, signed by a physician, certifying good health and containing a record of required immunizations. The *GSUSA Standard Health Examination* forms for international travel should be used. Enclosed in the *International Supplement* are copies of the *Girl and Adult Health Examination Forms* and the *Girl and Adult Health History Record*. In the case of all international trips these forms supplant the health forms found in the *Extended Trip Packet*. Immunization against tetanus is recommended.

Insurance: Health and accident insurance is required and must be arranged through your own Girl Scout council. Pax Lodge will not be liable for injury, damage, or loss to person or property however caused.

Guidelines on Gifts to Pax Lodge: Pax Lodge is a fairly new building which is very well equipped. There are many gifts inherited from Our Ark and Olave House, which have moved to their new home. While it is appreciated that it is sometimes the custom for visitors to the world centers to bring presents; it is not possible to give a permanent home to all of these. Of course a donation of money is always welcome, as are bath towels, white pillowcases and cassette tapes or books (especially about specific countries, contemporary issues, Guiding or songbooks). Other gifts are displayed in the House for a period of time after which they may be sold to other visitors to Pax Lodge. The money from these sales will go towards providing assistance for younger members to attend future events.

Long-Term Accommodation: Long-term accommodation is available for younger women who are living in London for the first time and need a home away from home for three to nine months. Accommodation is in a single room, furnished with a bunk bed and desk. Linen is provided. Long-term residents are responsible for keeping their rooms clean and tidy and for helping to maintain the cleanliness and tidiness of the House in general.

Long-term residents at Pax Lodge are encouraged to participate wherever possible in the programs and activities offered at Pax Lodge, and to take an active part with the staff in helping guests to feel at home and to enjoy their stay. Staying at Pax Lodge for an extended period offers the opportunity to live the Girl Guide/Girl Scout Law with sister Guides/Scouts from around the world. To apply for long-term accommodation, contact the Center Manager by email; office@paxlodge.org or by writing Pax Lodge; Olave Centre, 12C Lyndhurst Road, London, NW3 5PQ, UK.

Our Chalet

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Website: www.ourchalet.ch

General Information: The village of Adelboden is 1300 meters, or about 4000 feet, above sea level. Mountains surround the Chalet, which is about 30 minutes walking distance from the village. Whether you come to Our Chalet in the summer or winter, the program is based on the out-of-doors. The main program in summer is hiking and exploring the mountains. In winter and over Easter, skiing is the main activity and ski guiding is available from the Our Chalet staff to familiarize you with the mountains. All programs will be organized according to the abilities of guests. To benefit most from a stay at Our Chalet you should be physically fit and keen to explore the beautiful surroundings. There is no minimum age for a guest staying at Our Chalet.

Our Chalet Symbol: The symbol is a drawing of the Chalet building.

Accommodations at Our Chalet: The office staff will make actual room assignments. Rooms available include single, double, triple, 5 bedroom and attic.

Charges are per day and include board, lodging, heating and bath/showers. A small tourist tax will be added. Blankets, linen and towels are provided. If a stay is for less than four nights an extra charge of three Swiss francs is made, unless bedding (sheets or sleeping bag) and towels are brought.

Camping Accommodations: In addition to the accommodations at Our Chalet there are two camping areas:

- ❖ **Squirrel House** (indoor camping): Equipped for 10 persons, Squirrel House has running water, a two-plate electric cooker, refrigerator, pots, pans, cutlery and dishes. There are double-decker bunks to accommodate six, extra rubber mattresses for four, and three blankets, one pillow and a sleeping sack for each bunk and mattress.
- ❖ **Primitive Campsite** (tent camping): Equipped for 20 persons, the campsite has four tents. There are groundsheets, rubber mattresses and one blanket for each person. Bring your own sleeping bag. Pots, pans cutlery, dishes, refrigerator and outdoor fireplace are provided at the site.

For inclement weather, the campsite has a small chalet with running water and a two-plate electric cooker. The lower half of the chalet can be used for food and equipment storage and the serving of meals, while the upper half accommodates sleeping and additional storage.

The cost of Squirrel House and the equipped campsite is currently 14.00 Swiss francs, inclusive of wood, electricity and tourist tax. Hot showers and baths are available by arrangement for the current rate in Swiss francs.

Reservations: Reservations can be made:

- ❖ Online, Our Chalet's website: www.ourchalet.org,
- ❖ By writing directly to: Bookings Manager, Our Chalet, 3715 Adelboden, Switzerland
- ❖ Email: info@ourchalet.ch
- ❖ Fax: (011) (41) 33 673-2082

In the summer individual groups should not number more than 15 unless the group would like to stay at the campsite. At all other times there is no minimum number. No group larger than 20 can be accommodated at the campsite. All correspondence requiring an answer from Our Chalet should be accompanied by International Reply Coupons (for an answer by airmail, coupons are available at U.S. post offices).

Upon Receipt of Confirmation of Reservation: Send registration fees to Our Chalet.

Registration Fees (non-refundable): A registration fee must be sent to Our Chalet via international money order, after the reservations have been confirmed. Our Chalet will advise you of the amount. The international money order should be made out for the total number of girls and adults making reservations together at Our Chalet.

See Our Chalet's website, www.ourchalet.org, for upcoming program sessions, current rates and reservations. However if you do not have access to the Internet please contact your council or Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y., by completing the *Intent to Travel Form A* that is included in 'Section 3' of this packet and is also available in *Safety-Wise* page 144.

Entry Requirements for Switzerland: A valid passport good for a minimum of two months after departure is required for entry into Switzerland. No visa is necessary for U.S. citizens.

Travel to Our Chalet: The station for Adelboden is Frutigen (Lotschberg line). All trains from Basel, Zurich, and Geneva have connections at Bern for Frutigen. A regular bus service runs from the Frutigen station to Adelboden. In both Adelboden and Frutigen there are shops, churches and medical facilities.

Ask the bus driver to put you and your luggage down at "Oey", below the village of Adelboden. Follow the signpost to Our Chalet. You cross the river, follow the road to the left and walk uphill for 15-20 minutes. The road up to Our Chalet is narrow and winding, and although private cars are allowed to drive up, no buses are allowed. If arrangements are made in advance with the Center Manager, luggage can be carried back and forth from the bus stop at "Oey" to Our Chalet upon your arrival and departure. The

charge is five Swiss francs round-trip. The Center Manager will need to know your time of arrival to provide this service.

What to Bring: When in uniform, participants must wear the complete, correct and official Girl Scout uniform. Unofficial or “made-up” uniforms are not acceptable. If you do not own an official Girl Scout uniform, you might be able to borrow one with the help of your Girl Scout council. Sports clothes worn at Our Chalet should be neat and in good condition. Visitors should bring the following types of clothing for the times indicated:

- ❖ Summer: During the day hiking clothes and boots can be worn, and in the evening blouses and pants or skirts.
- ❖ Winter: During the day ski clothes may be worn.
- ❖ Evenings: Throughout the year uniform or uniform blouse with pants, plus sweater or warm jacket should be worn. Because of the high altitude evenings and night are cold, even in the summer.

The following is a list containing the minimum amount of clothing and equipment required by Our Chalet:

- ❖ One pair walking boots with profile rubber soles (summer)*
- ❖ Skis and ski boots (winter)*
- ❖ Shoes suitable for walks to the village and on paths
- ❖ Plastic raincoat and wind breaker jacket
- ❖ Blouses
- ❖ Toilet articles
- ❖ Pants
- ❖ Thick woolen socks
- ❖ Cardigan and sweater
- ❖ Underwear
- ❖ Sunglasses
- ❖ Sleepwear

*Walking boots may be rented at Our Chalet. Skis and boots can be rented from shops locally.

Available at Our Chalet: Hair dryer, iron, facilities for washing clothes by hand-machine upon agreement with staff.

Preparation for a Stay at Our Chalet: Our Chalet is an activity center and leaders should plan to take full advantage of the wonderful hiking or skiing possibilities offered. Plan to see only one or two spots in Europe before arriving at Our Chalet and after leaving. Sessions at Our Chalet are too physically demanding to be coupled with extended touring of other places. Save that for another trip. If you are planning to tour extensively in Switzerland and other parts of Europe, it is possible to make a day visit to Our Chalet by staying in Adelboden overnight.

In Preparation for this trip do lots of walking, jogging, running, hiking and/or bicycle riding for at least a month before you come to the Chalet. Those who are physically prepared enjoy the altitude, the activities, and the surroundings at Our Chalet.

Read up on Switzerland, its people, history, and culture, so you can appreciate and understand what you will see. Talk to someone with ample travel experience in the Swiss Alps who can tell you what to expect in customs, foods, weather, etc. Learn enough German so you can understand signs and directions and ask simple but necessary questions in central Switzerland.

Be prepared to enjoy a variety of different foods. Sample some of the famous Swiss cheese in advance. Try recipes common to European countries so you can become familiar with different tasting foods and enjoy the change.

Learn about Girl Guiding in countries in Europe from *Trefoil Round the World*. The best experiences at Our Chalet are often the times spent with the Girl Guides who come there from all over Europe. Knowing one of the European languages will make it possible to make friends with more Girl Guides. Many Europeans speak French or German in addition to their own language, but know only a smattering of English.

There are some shops in the mountain village of Adelboden, which girls may visit. However shopping should be incidental to the opportunities to explore the mountains and to become friends with Girl Guides visiting Our Chalet.

If traveling with a group, learn to use the patrol system effectively before leaving for Our Chalet. Groups will be expected to work daily together to take care of tasks at Our Chalet, as you do at Girl Scout camps.

Experience has shown that the girls from the United States who benefit most from Our Chalet are 16 years or older. Girls younger than 15 should have ample travel experiences prior to a Chalet visit. No matter what age, Girl Scouts who are able to adapt easily to new environments, people, customs and foods and are knowledgeable about what they are seeing and why they are visiting a world center will have an enjoyable time.

Health Requirements: Girls and adults must bring a medical form, signed by a physician, certifying good health and containing a record of required immunizations. The *GSUSA Standard Health Examination* forms for international travel should be used. Enclosed in the *International Supplement* are copies of the *Girl and Adult Health Examination Forms* and the *Girl and Adult Health History Record*. In the case of all international trips these forms supplant the health forms found in the *Extended Trip Packet*. Immunization against tetanus is recommended

Insurance: Health and accident insurance is required and must be arranged through your own Girl Scout council. Our Chalet will not be liable for injury, damage, or loss to person or property however caused.

Currency: All payments must be made in Swiss francs during your stay. Travelers should carry traveler's checks and change some of them into Swiss francs before arriving at Our Chalet. Adelboden has banks where this exchange can be made. Before leaving home, you may want to purchase some traveler's checks in Swiss francs for ease of cashing while in Switzerland.

Evening Activities: Each group should come prepared to share an evening program; e.g., teach songs, show slides/crafts/food from the U.S.A. Our Chalet also has a cassette/CD player, slide projector and VCR.

Gifts to Our Chalet: A gift of money will be put toward whatever is needed most and will be gratefully accepted, or guests may write and ask what is needed.

A Day Visit to Our Chalet: Not everyone can come and stay for a whole session at Our Chalet, but it is possible to visit the Chalet during the daytime. During the summer from the beginning of June until the beginning of October and in winter from Christmas until after Easter, Our Chalet welcomes all visitors for tours 9:30 a.m. – 12 noon and 2-5 p.m.

**Please note that Our Chalet is closed during May and November for cleaning. It is also closed on specific Saturdays. See the schedule for the exact dates.*

On a tour of Our Chalet, one of the volunteer staff members will show you around, tell you about Our Chalet and open the shop where you can buy postcards and souvenirs. The tour will last approximately one-half to one hour and afterwards you are welcome to walk around on the Chalet estate. With over 5,000 visitors coming for tours in a summer, it is not possible to invite day visitors to take part in the Chalet program. Most of the overnight guests are hiking in the mountains during the day.

Our Chalet is unable to provide hot food for day visitors. However cold drinks, ice cream and chocolate may be purchased in the shop. Visitors are always welcome to eat their own packed lunch outside on the estate if the weather is good, or inside if it is raining.

Our Cabaña

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General Information: The mission of Our Cabaña is to “challenge young women to live and value international friendship and understanding.”

Our Cabaña is a residential program center that opened in 1957. It is located 47 miles from Mexico City at an altitude of 5,000 feet. It is not a camp. Our Cabaña offers a cultural program of arts, music, dancing, service projects, swimming, sightseeing and Girl Guide/Girl Scout activities, such as flag ceremonies and campfires.

Most programs last for eight days and are for the 13 to 18 year old range, or older. Our Cabaña has eight dormitories; each equipped to accommodate ten people. Girls from each troop will be placed in different Cabaña patrols and will be expected to do their share as members or patrol leaders. Individuals may stay at the center when accommodations are available. There are few rules, other than the Girl Scout Law, at Our Cabaña.

Troops should be prepared to take advantage of the various opportunities available during their stay. Information about possible activities and resources to use in preparation for this trip are sent upon registration so that when troops arrive they will be ready to enjoy a session that is exciting and meaningful to all.

A warm welcome awaits Girl Scout adults who wish to visit Our Cabaña or spend vacations there. Accommodations are usually available during the late fall, mid-winter and spring, except for October and May, when the center is closed.

Registration Fees: Session fees are reviewed annually and are subject to change. Food (3 meals per day) and accommodations are included in the session fee. There is an additional fee to cover the program cost that includes trips and crafts. All fees are paid in U.S. dollars. Directions for payment will be included in registration information sent to you by Our Cabaña.

Reservations: See Our Cabaña’s website, www.ourcabana.org, for upcoming program sessions, current rates and reservations. However if you do not have access to the Internet, please contact your council or Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018-2798, by completing the *Intent to Travel Form A* which is included in ‘Section 3’ of this packet and also available in *Safety-Wise*, page 144.

Traveling troops should book reservations at least 16 months in advance and individuals as far ahead as possible. Bookings for a given year open approximately 16 months before the start of the year.

Upon Receipt of Confirmation: Send registration fees as directed. Six months before arrival 30% of the room and board is required.

Six to Eight Weeks Before Departure: Send the *Intent to Travel Form B, Request for World Association Card of Introduction*, which is included in 'Section 3' of this packet and can also be found in *Safety-Wise*, page 144; to Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018-2798.

Cancellation of Reservations: Once confirmed, a reservation should not be cancelled (especially at the last minute), except for extremely urgent reasons. Before making a reservation, troops should consider the preparations involved in making such a trip. A total penalty of a number of U.S. dollars will be withheld from the troop for cancellations prior to six months of the arrival date. Should a troop or any member of a group cancel within six months of the arrival date, the entire registration fee per person will be forfeited. Registration fees are non-refundable. For girl sessions, 30% is required as a deposit 6 months in advance. Cancellation after this time forfeits the 30% deposit. Should one or more members of a troop cancel within six months of the arrival date, full room and board cost will be charged for each individual.

Entry Requirements for Mexico: A *Tourist Card* (available from the airlines or the nearest Mexican Consulate) is required for entrance of U.S. citizens into Mexico. The Mexican government requires two copies of notarized permission, signed by both parents, for girls under 18 years of age that are traveling without their parents. Use the form in 'Section 3' of this document that begins *Attention: Mexican Government Tourism Department*, or use *Permission to Travel with Minors (Form C-1)* in the *International Supplement* (whichever is more appropriate) when traveling to Our Cabaña. This permission should be arranged well in advance of departure.

Travel to Our Cabaña: Traveling troops, groups and individuals should make all of their own transportation arrangements, whether by car, plane or bus. Troops or groups considering the use of a chartered bus should have the bus company find out for certain if the bus will be allowed to cross the border and operate in Mexico. A special permit, issued in Mexico rather than at the border, is required for most buses. Camping along the way is not possible. If you travel into Mexico by car or bus, plan to stay in hotels or motels.

Taxi Service From Airport: If you are going directly to Our Cabaña from the Mexico City airport, the best way to travel is by taxi. Arrangements for this service should be made in advance with Our Cabaña. The fare is per taxi, not per person, and is subject to the number of people using the service. Ask Our Cabaña about the current rate. Pullman de Morelos also operates a direct bus service from the

airport in Mexico City to the Casina de la Selva bus station in Cuernavaca. Buses depart Mexico City approximately every hour, from 7:00 a.m. until 10:00 p.m. from outside Salon D in the airport. The fare must be paid in pesos and tickets are available from a booth at Salon D before departure. There are currency exchange points in the airport and several US ATM cards work in the ATM machines in Mexico.

Bus Service From Mexico City to Cuernavaca: To get the bus, take a taxi to Terminal Central de Autobuses del Sur “General Vicente Guerrero”, located at Avenida Tasquena no. 1320 (in front of the Metro Station Tasquena) in Mexico City. Look for the bus company “Autos Pullman de Morelos” where, at the desk marked Casino de la Selva, they will sell tickets for direct buses to Cuernavaca.

Buses leave Mexico City for Cuernavaca frequently from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tickets are issued for a specific time. Seats are numbered and passengers are required to occupy the seat as indicated by the number on the ticket. Bus fare, in pesos, is the equivalent of several US dollars. Buses leave every 10 minutes.

**Note: If you are arriving in Mexico City after 4:00 p.m., plan to spend the night there.* Groups are expected to arrive at Our Cabaña between 3:00 and 5:00 p.m. the first day and leave the last day no later than 10:00 a.m.

What to Bring: When in uniform, girls and adults should wear the complete, correct and official Girl Scout uniform. Unofficial or “made-up” uniforms are not acceptable. The official shorts, which may be worn by girls and adults at Our Cabaña, are not to be worn anywhere else in Mexico. If you do not own an official Girl Scout uniform, you might be able to borrow one with the help of your Girl Scout council. The following list of clothing and other items is recommended for a stay at Our Cabaña.

- ❖ Girl Guide/Girl Scout cotton or lightweight dress uniform
- ❖ Official camp uniform
- ❖ Sports clothes for wear inside the Cabaña and a summer dress
- ❖ Sweater or jacket
- ❖ Two pairs of flat or low-heeled shoes (rubber soles are suggested) *opened-toed shoes are not to be worn at Our Cabaña.*
- ❖ Lightweight bathrobe and slippers
- ❖ Bathing suit and bathing cap
- ❖ Raincoat and umbrella, (if visiting between May and September)
- ❖ Underwear
- ❖ Toilet articles, sunscreen lotion
- ❖ Flashlight, notebook, pen
- ❖ Musical instrument (optional)
- ❖ Traditional dress of your country

Hand laundry and ironing facilities are available.

Since space at Our Cabaña for personal belongings is very limited, do not bring radios, large personal photographs, etc. Leave space in your luggage for souvenirs. Bring all luggage with you. Duty is

prohibitive on packages mailed into Mexico and delay at customs may prevent their arrival in time to be of use.

Hospitality En Route: The Guide House in Mexico, “Ticalli,” is located in Mexico City (information follows). Troops should not request hospitality from Guías de México because all contracts between Girl Scouts and other Girl Scout/Girl Guide organizations are made through the international commissioners of both countries.

Health Requirements: Girls and adults must bring a medical form, signed by a physician, certifying good health and containing a record of required immunizations. The *GSUSA Standard Health Examination* forms for international travel should be used. Enclosed in the *International Supplement* are copies of the *Girl and Adult Health Examination Forms* and the *Girl and Adult Health History Record*. In the case of all international trips these forms supplant the health forms found in the *Extended Trip Packet*. The Cabaña Committee requires immunization against tetanus. If you will be traveling in Mexico beyond Mexico City and Our Cabaña, check with your physician to see if anti-malarial prophylaxis is needed.

Insurance: Health and accident insurance is required and must be arranged by your Girl Guide/Girl Scout Association. Our Cabaña will not be liable for injury, damage or loss to person or property however caused.

Guidelines on Gifts to the Cabaña: It is generally the custom to bring a gift when visiting a world center. Because many previous groups have brought so much to the Cabaña, it may be easiest for groups wishing to give the center something to make a cash gift after arrival. A wish list is sent to all groups six months before arrival.

Hints for Girl Scout Travelers: Complete Girl Scout uniform is suggested for travel and street-wear in Mexico. Pantsuits are acceptable, but shorts should not be worn on the streets in Mexico. Be prepared for cultural differences in Mexico. For example, the Mexican concept of time is less formal than that of North America. Relationships between girls and boys also are different. Girls may get whistles and comments on the streets but should **not** acknowledge them. They should not talk to or flirt with boys on the streets or with tourist guides, however harmless it might seem.

Ticalli

**Guías de México, A.C.
Casa Guía “Ticalli”
Guadalupe
México 06500 D.F., México**

**Tele: (011) (52) (55) 33-64-12
Fax: (011) (52) (52) 07-78-25
Website:
www.guiasdemexico.org.mx/eng/ticalli.htm**

Ticalli House (defined as “your home”) is the Guide House of the Mexican Girl Guides, and is open to Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from all over the world. It is located one block from Paseo de la Reforma, the main avenue in Mexico City, and is near the Independence Monument and transportation.

Reservations: reservations should be made as far in advance as possible by the troop leader or by an individual wishing to stay at Ticalli. After the reservation is confirmed, a 30% deposit is required of the total charge and must be sent in advance. The deposit will be refunded for cancellations prior to six months of the arrival date. Please note this refund information is subject to change, and for the most current information you should write to Casa Guia “Ticalli”.

Accommodations: Ticalli has one dormitory with 12 beds, four dormitories with eight beds each, four double rooms and five bathroom units. If the dormitories and double rooms are fully occupied, up to 20 cots can be put on the floor to accommodate extra people.

Entry Requirements for Mexico: A Tourist Card (available from the airlines or the nearest Mexican Consulate) is required for entrance of U.S. citizens into Mexico. The Mexican government requires notarized permission signed by both parents, for girls under 18 years of age that are traveling without their parents. Use the form in ‘Section 3’ of this document that begins *Attention: Mexican Government Tourism Department*, or use *Permission to Travel with Minors (Form C-1)* in the *International Supplement* (whichever is more appropriate), when traveling to Our Cabaña. This permission should be arranged well in advance of departure.

Currency Notice: Due to the current economic situation in Mexico, Ticalli cannot give change for checks in U.S. dollars. If change in Mexican pesos is not desired, checks should be made out for the exact amount. While tight controls are being kept on the money supply and dollar flow, travelers should expect this practice throughout Mexico, including at Our Cabaña.

Sangam

Mailing Address:
Center Manager
Sangam
Alandi Road
Yerawada
Pune 411 006
India

Tele: (011) (91) (20) 669-3252
(011) (91) (20) 669-4240
Fax: (110) (91) (20) 669-2354
Email: sangamwaggs@vsnl.com
Web: www.sangamwaggs.org.uk

General Information: Sangam is located in the state of Maharashtra, on the banks of the Mula River, about three miles from the center of Pune and 120 miles from Bombay. The word “Sangam” is a Sanskrit word which literally means “coming together”, an appropriate analogy to suggest a “meeting place for Girl Guides and Girl Scouts coming from all over the world.” Flowering trees and beautiful flowerbeds attest to the perseverance of many who have helped develop the property into one of beauty and serenity. The weather is mild to warm all year round.

Sangam is exquisitely designed to accommodate 56 people. There are five dormitories of eight beds each, five double rooms and six single rooms. All linens, including sheets, pillowcases, towels, blankets and mosquito nets are provided.

Sangam offers a program that includes sightseeing, arts and crafts of India, and Girl Guide/Girl Scout activities such as service projects, flag ceremonies and campfires. Recreational activities are provided for the children. Training, conferences and seminars on particular themes are held from time to time.

The patrol system is used at Sangam with each patrol responsible for a share of the household duties.

Groups attending sessions may include girls age 15 years and older, provided an adult accompanies them. When a session is not scheduled, the minimum guest age is 14 years, provided an adult accompanies the group or individual. For those traveling on their own, the minimum age is 18. Special sessions may be arranged for groups of 10 or more. Temporary membership can be obtained for non-members of GSUSA at the center at a small cost.

Sangam Symbol: The Sangam Symbol is universal in origin and appears in ornaments and artifacts of nearly all cultures from pre-historic times to the present. The symbol suggests a junction, a place of meeting and of mingling and flowing together. The design illustrates a continuum, symbolizing the lasting friendships made at Sangam between Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from many lands.

Registration Fees (non-refundable): The booking fee and registration fees (payable in rupees, British pounds sterling or U.S. dollars) per person are to be sent via registered airmail at the time of application. This amount is non-refundable. The fee and charge should be remitted by personal check, travelers check or credit card.

Once in India, traveler's checks or dollars should be changed into rupees only at banks. Be sure to keep the certificate of exchange form the bank to show the Indian officials, if requested, when departing the country.

Reservations: See Sangam's website, www.sangamwaggs.org.uk for upcoming program sessions, current rates and reservations. However, if you do not have access to the Internet please contact your council or Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10018-2798, by completing *Intent to Travel Form A* included in 'Section 3' of this packet and also available in *Safety-Wise* page 144. Upon receipt of confirmation of reservations send registration fees as directed.

Entry Requirements for India: A valid passport is required, good for a minimum of six months after departure. In addition, a visa is required for U.S. citizens.

Travel to Sangam: Airline tickets should be booked to Mumbai (Bombay) or Pune. You can be met at the Pune airport if Sangam staff knows of your arrival plans in advance. If arriving at Mumbai, travel by bus or taxi can be arranged through Sangam

Visitors planning to spend time in Bombay before or after visiting Sangam are advised that good and reasonable accommodations are available at the YWCA International Guest House, 18 Madame Cama Road, Bombay 1, India (Tele: 21-5135) or hotel. Accommodations may be arranged through Sangam.

Travelers to Bombay have found it is helpful to be met on arrival and escorted to their hotel, although there is a charge for this service. The Sangam Center Manager can usually arrange for the escort service at an additional charge.

What to Bring: When in uniform, participants must wear the complete, correct and official Girl Scout uniform. Unofficial or "made-up" uniforms are not acceptable. If you do not own an official Girl Scout uniform, you might be able to borrow one with the help of your Girl Scout council. The official Girl Scout shorts, which may be worn by girls and adults within the Sangam compound, are not to be worn anywhere else in India. Washing and ironing facilities are available as well as a laundry service. Sangam recommends you bring the following clothing and other items.

- ❖ Girl Guide/Girl Scout cotton or lightweight dress uniform
- ❖ Raincoat and umbrella, if visiting during rainy season (June through September)
- ❖ Your country's costume, songs, games to teach others (for an international night)
- ❖ Two pair of flat or low-heeled shoes (rubber soles are recommended)
- ❖ Official camp uniform
- ❖ Casual or sportswear clothes for inside Sangam
- ❖ Sweater or jacket
- ❖ Bathing suit and cap (required in pool)
- ❖ Toilet articles and suntan lotion
- ❖ Swaps or small souvenirs to exchange

- ❖ Insect-repellent
- ❖ Lightweight bathrobe and slippers
- ❖ Underwear
- ❖ Flashlight/notebook and pencils
- ❖ Film

Since space at Sangam for personal belongings is very limited, do not bring radios, large personal photographs, etc. Leave space in your luggage for souvenirs. Bring all luggage with you. Duty on packages mailed to India is prohibitive and delays in transit may prevent their arrival in time to be of use.

Health Requirements: Girls and adults must bring a medical form, signed by a physician, signifying good health and containing a record of required immunizations and inoculations. The *GSUSA Standard Health Examination* forms for international travel should be used. Enclosed in the *International Supplement* are copies of the *Girl and Adult Health Examination Forms* and the *Girl and Adult Health History Record*. In the case of all international trips these forms supplant the health forms found in the *Extended Trip Packet*. Check the health requirements for entry into and return from India carefully. The Sangam Committee requires immunization against typhoid, tetanus and cholera, and recommends immunization against poliomyelitis. Anti-malaria prophylaxis is highly advisable. All immunization requirements and recommendations are subject to change by government health authorities. Consult your personal physician and/or the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Be sure to check your passport, health records and any other necessary travel documents well before departing for India.

Insurance: Health and accident insurance is required through your own Girl Scout council. Sangam will not be liable for injury, damage or loss to person or property however caused.

Guidelines on Gifts to Sangam: It is usually customary to bring a gift when visiting a world center. Because most consumer goods can be purchased more reasonably in India, Sangam has requested that groups wishing to give the center something make a cash gift. Sangam usually will create a wish list of items needed such as office supplies.

Travel Outside Sangam: If you visit India in the summer, the weather probably will be hot and humid. Take cool clothes. Polyesters or tight-fitting clothes will be too hot and uncomfortable. Dress in India is modest, however, and shorts and halter-tops are not appropriate.

Experienced travelers to India have suggested bringing the following:

- ❖ Cold-water soap
- ❖ Canteen
- ❖ Moist towelettes and toilet paper
- ❖ Dried fruit and hard candies (for tours)
- ❖ Salt tablets (to restore body salts lost through dehydration)
- ❖ Rubber thongs (for showers)
- ❖ Pocketknife (for peeling fruit), *check with airline security, this may be disallowed*

Customs You Should Know: When eating with your fingers (a common practice) use only your right hand. When giving or accepting anything, use only your right hand. The left hand is considered unclean. Most women do not smoke in public. Read the latest travel guides on India to learn more before you visit.

Before You Begin

International Travel Supplement and the **Extended Trip Packet**: These packets can be obtained through Rolling Hills Council. Any Girl Scout group or troop planning an international trip must first notify the Council and receive its endorsement. The council staff signature on the Preliminary Application for Extended Trip (Form A-1) and the Final Application and Itinerary for Extended Trip (Form B-1) indicates endorsement of a traveling troop intending to travel on an international trip. If you are visiting a world center or WAGGGS-Associated member, you must also file in advance and receive council endorsement the Intent to Travel Forms A and B found in this document.

Communicating With Member Associations in WAGGGS

Individual Girl Scout members often telephone Girl Scout national headquarters, requesting addresses of the World Bureau in London and/or Girl Guide or Girl Scout Associations in various countries. Most often, the caller is seeking specific information and program activities for one or more of these countries.

The World Bureau in London is not a source of information for troop program. It is an administrative office serving the national offices of the 140 Girl Guide/Girl Scout organizations, (*as of 1999*) around the world.

Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts produce publications that contain most of the information that is requested. Please see "WAGGGS Resources" in this publication.

Please note, leaders seeking background information on countries their troops have chosen to learn about, especially for Thinking Day activities, are encouraged to use local resources as well as Girl Scout publications. There are many resources within local communities, such as international centers, libraries, community residents, college professors from other countries, girls who have gone on international opportunities and similar sources. The Internet also offers an abundance of information. Try About.com and WorldSkip.com.

Communicating With World Centers and WAGGGS Member Associations

Although there are over 140 member organizations in the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS); Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., with a membership of over three million girls and adults, represents approximately one-third of the total WAGGGS membership. Our large size enables us to provide our membership with a variety of supports not always available in smaller Girl Guide/Girl Scout organizations. For example, most members of WAGGGS have little or no paid staff; volunteers do everything. Most have no established campsites or similar properties.

In all communication with the World Bureau, the world centers or other WAGGGS member associations, it is important to remember that:

1. **They are WAGGGS associations and World Bureau and world centers organizations, not United States members or organizations. GSUSA is a member of WAGGGS; not the other way around.**
2. **They do things differently from Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. because their needs, cultures, and resources are different from ours. Our expectations must adjust to these realities.** *(Please note that our Safety-Wise regulations are some of these differences. Safety-Wise must be followed at all times, regardless of what activities may be offered).*

Specifically, members of Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. who are planning an international trip that will involve contact with a world center, the World Bureau, or a WAGGGS member association are asked to abide by the following guidelines:

Contacting a World Center: Each of the four World Centers has its own Web site that can be accessed through the WAGGGS Web site www.wagggsworld.org. If you do not have access to the Internet please contact your Council, or Membership, Program and Diversity Services, GSUSA, 420 Fifth Avenue, New York, NY 10018-2798, by completing the Intent to Travel Form A in this packet (*also available in Safety-Wise page 144*). Because of the small staffs at the world centers and the high volume of visitors, it is strongly requested that only essential communication be sent.

Contacting the World Bureau: GSUSA has several resources available with information about the World Bureau. (*See the "Resources" section at the end of this packet*). Contacting the bureau directly should not be necessary. Please note that the World Bureau is not a source of information for troop program. It is an administrative office serving the 140 national offices of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout organizations around the world. Its offices are small, and since there really is nothing of a tourist nature to see, tours are not generally offered.

Contacting Girl Guide/Girl Scout Associations in Other Countries: Each national organization is responsible for responding to its own membership through its own system. Most of the Girl Guide/Girl Scout offices around the world are very small. To ensure that the small staffs are not overburdened with correspondence, a special worldwide practice has been in effect for many years. **This practice requires that only the International Commissioners carry out all correspondence between Girl Guide/Girl Scout organizations.**

Therefore, Girl Guide and Girl Scout association addresses in other countries are not available to the general membership of GSUSA, or to the general membership of any other Girl Guide of Girl Scout association.

Traveling troops, groups or adult individuals wishing to visit an association office in the country in which they will be visiting should:

- ❖ Complete "Intent to Travel Form B", included in the 'Forms' section of this document, to receive a Card of Introduction.
- ❖ Six to eight weeks before departing, the Card of Introduction will be sent to the group leader or individual.
- ❖ It should be taken along on the trip, as it is necessary to present the Card of Introduction at the association headquarters.

Obtaining More Information on World Centers

Each of the four world centers has its own history, individual roots, and special characteristics that reflect the background of the country in which it is built.

Visitors have an opportunity to explore the culture and traditions of these countries. The global staff at the centers maintains an international atmosphere. Visitors can discover the richness of different customs, faiths, and languages, learning to understand one another and forming lasting international friendships.

More detailed information on each of the world centers can be found in the first section of this document or through the WAGGGS website, www.wagggsworld.org.

Things to Remember When Visiting a World Center

There are four World Centers: In London, England; Adelboden, Switzerland; Cuernavaca, Mexico; and Pune, India. These Centers are owned and operated by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts. They are not owned by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. However, many of the yearly visitors to these centers are Girl Scout girls and adults from the United States. Although Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. is only one of the 140 member associations of WAGGGS, it makes up almost one-third of the entire world membership.

For these reasons, it is very important that United States visitors to the world centers exercise utmost cultural sensitivity. Visitors should not expect or request special treatment, nor should they impose American cultural values upon other visitors or staff at the centers.

Although the United States is a country of great informality in dress and manner, this is not acceptable at the world centers. The uniform is given greater importance, respect and significance in most other Girl Guide and Girl Scout associations, and this is especially true at the world centers. Complaints have been lodged in recent years about the dress habits and manners of U.S. Girl Scouts visiting the centers.

GSUSA does not require ownership of a uniform for membership. However when visiting at the world centers, Girl Scout visitors are expected to wear the complete, correct and official Girl Scout uniform. Unofficial or “made-up” uniforms are not acceptable, nor are camp or council T-shirts (if worn as “official” uniforms). Sports clothing should be neat and tidy and of conservative length and style. Shorts are not acceptable dress outside of the world centers, but in most cases, well pressed, neat, conservative shorts may be worn inside the world center grounds. To obtain an official Girl Scout uniform, contact your council.

Flag ceremonies are an important part of daily life at the world centers, and visitors should be familiar with flag etiquette. It is necessary to learn the World Song and World Association handshake.

Giving Gifts to World Centers

It is sometimes the custom for visitors to world centers to bring small gifts. While gifts are always appreciated, the world centers receive many similar items from well-meaning visitors and often do not have the necessary room to store such items. At the same time, bringing a gift to a world center means one more thing to try to fit into an already tight suitcase or backpack!

A gift of money to a world center, however, can be put toward whatever is needed most and will be most gratefully accepted. If a Girl Scout visitor is determined to bring a gift, it is best to write ahead and ask if anything specific is needed.

Working at Camps or WAGGGS-Affiliated Organizations Overseas

Every year Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. receives telephone calls and inquiries from individuals interested in working at a Girl Scout or Girl Guide camp in another country. The following information should be noted:

Working for a WAGGGS-Member Association: It is not possible for GSUSA to help individuals obtain work at a Girl Guide or Girl Scout association camp. Each WAGGGS-member association is responsible for hiring its own staff. Usually these staff members are host country nationals and are unpaid volunteers. Most associations do not have permanent camps, but rather lash together vest camps on a temporary one or two week basis in a designated setting.

Working at an International Camp Belonging to Girl Scouts or the U.S.A.: The only camp operated by Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. overseas at this time is Camp Lachenwald, in Germany. It is possible to obtain temporary summer employment at Camp Lachenwald. Information on applications is available from USA Girl Scouts Overseas Service Center at the GSUSA national headquarters in New York City, New York.

Working at a World Center: There are positions available at world centers for which any qualified WAGGGS member adult may apply. These positions are posted on the monthly Career Opportunities bulletin, which GSUSA sends to the Girl Scout Councils. Interested adults can visit the www.wagggsworld.org website for more information on the world centers or consult with their local Girl Scout council for this publication.

INTENT TO TRAVEL FORM A:

Request For International Travel Materials

STOP! Do not use this form if you have access to the Internet. Information on upcoming sessions, and accommodations, can be booked 12-16 months in advance directly online. See the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Website www.wagggsworld.org and click on world centers. **Remember Girl Scout members must get council endorsement before planning travel.**

Please use this form and the Accommodations Request Form (in this packet) for the world centers if you do not have access to the Internet.

Information on World Centers

Our Cabaña Pax Lodge Our Chalet Sangam

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Traveler(s) Individual Group

Dates of Travel _____

Signature for Council _____

Position _____

Mail completed form to:

Membership, Program & Diversity Services, Girl Scouts of the USA
420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
10018-2798

Or fax to:

(212) 852-6515

INTENT TO TRAVEL FORM B:

Request for World Association Card of Introduction

Send six to eight weeks before departure. A card will not be issued more than three months in advance of departure. Travelers requesting cards less than one month in advance cannot be ensured of receiving them before departure

Name of traveler of adult leader of group _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Position in Girl Scouting _____

Membership expiration date _____

Countries to be visited _____

Date of departure _____ Date of return _____

Number of adults traveling _____ Number of girls traveling _____

Age range _____

Signature of traveler or adult leader of group _____

Council endorsement of individual member and/or group planning to travel:

Council name _____

Signature for council _____

Position _____ Date _____

Mail completed form to:

Membership, Program & Diversity Services, Girl Scouts of the USA
420 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.
10018-2798

Or fax to:

(212) 852-6515

ACCOMMODATIONS REQUEST FORM
FOR WORLD CENTERS

STOP! Do not use this form if you have access to the Internet. Information on upcoming sessions, and accommodations, can be booked 12-16 months in advance directly online. See the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts Website www.waggsworld.org and click on world centers.

Please send airmail completed Accommodations Request Form at least 12-16 months in advance if you do not have access to the Internet. Enclose 4 International Reply Coupons (obtainable from U.S. Post Offices) when a reply is needed. Exception: Mail to Mexico goes First Class and no reply coupons are necessary. **Send deposit in currency requested after reservations are confirmed.**

Name of Center/Hostel _____

Address _____

Troop-Group Leader-Name _____

Address _____

Total # in party _____ Girls age range _____ Number of adults _____ Number of girls over age 14 _____

Dates Preferred: _____ From _____ To _____

1st Choice _____

2nd Choice _____

3rd Choice _____

day / month / year

day / month / year

Number of accommodations desired: Dormitory _____ Semi-private room _____ Campsite _____*

NOTE: There are no camping facilities at Our Cabaña or Pax Lodge

Girl Scout Council Endorsement

Name of Council _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Position _____

(If request is confirmed, send this slip to Center/Hostel no later than 6 weeks before arrival.)

I/We _____ will arrive at _____ on _____
number of persons name of center date

at _____ via _____
time transportation

Person in charge of group _____ date _____

Name of Girl Scout Council _____

Attention: Mexican Government Tourism Department

This certifies that _____
has the permission of her undersigned parents/guardians to enter Mexico to participate in
a visit to Our Cabaña in Cuernavaca, one of the World Centers of the World Association
of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). Thank you for permitting her to enter your
country.

Signature of mother or guardian _____

Typed name of mother or guardian _____

Signature of father or guardian _____

Typed name of father or guardian _____

State of _____

County of _____

On this _____ day of _____ before me personally

came _____, known to me, and known

to me to be the parent or guardian of

_____.

Notary Public