



Frequently Asked Questions: Girls' World Forum

- 1) **What is the Girls' World Forum?** The Girls' World Forum is the third and final event in a series of forums that are part of the WAGGG's global centenary celebrations. The World Forums, hosted by Girl Guiding UK in 2010 and the World Centers in 2011, have already engaged over 250 young women in discussions of the WAGGGS Global Action Theme, girls worldwide say "Together We Can Change Our World," which address the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).
- 2) **Where will the Forum take place?** The Girls' World Forum will be hosted in Chicago, Illinois at the Marriott Downtown.
- 3) **What date (s) is the Forum?** The Girls' World Forum program will start on July 12th-16th. Travel days are July 11th and 17th.
- 4) **Who can attend?** Girl Scout Councils/Member Organizations can select and send 2 Girl Delegates and 1 Young Adult Chaperone. Delegates must be between 14 and 18 years old at the time of the event.
- 5) **What is a Young Adult Chaperone?** A Young Adult Chaperone is an active volunteer between the ages of 18-30.
- 6) **What will the Chaperones be doing all week?** All Chaperones will engage in a parallel program that will assist them in supporting girls in the Global Girl movement. Additionally the program will also offer volunteers opportunities to integrate global programs throughout their council. At the end of daily program activities Chaperones will monitor their girl delegates.
- 7) **Are Young Adult Chaperones required?** Young Adult Chaperones are preferred however if Councils are unable to find an appropriate fit in this category another volunteer chaperone outside the age range is acceptable.
- 8) **How are Delegates and Young Adult Chaperones selected?** Girl Scout Councils/Member Organizations will make the decisions on who will represent them at the forum. Please contact them for more information.
- 9) **Can we send girl delegates without a Chaperone?** All Girl Delegates must attend with a Chaperone. Young Adult Chaperones are preferred.
- 10) **Wouldn't two adults be required to travel with the girl delegates according to our Adult-to-Girl Ratios?** Please be assured that the Adult-to-Girl ratio will be met at the event. Regarding travel to the event, it is not necessary for two adults to accompany the girl delegates during their travel to/from the event. One adult is sufficient.
- 11) **When is the registration deadline?** March 1, 2012.
- 12) **What does the registration fee cover?** The \$650 registration fee will cover your hotel accommodations, meals, and program activities. Participants will be responsible for their travel to Chicago.



- 13) **What is the itinerary or the agenda for the Forum?** The Girls' World Forum is a girl-led event with an 18 girl planning team working to develop the program and its activities. The Girls' World Forum will focus on the United Nations' eight Millennium Development Goals. (MDGs) The MDG's embraces WAGGGS's mission of empowering girls and young women to develop to their fullest potential as engaged and responsible global citizens and address important issues that affect girls, young women and their communities. The eight MDG's are (those with an asterisk will be a focus of the Girls' World Forum)
1. Ending hunger and poverty*
 2. Education opens doors
 3. Empowering girls*
 4. Helping children survive
 5. Keeping mothers healthy
 6. Preventing diseases
 7. Environmental Sustainability*
 8. Promoting peace through partnership
- 14) **Does the registration fee pay for my transportation?** The Registration Fee *does not* cover travel to and from Chicago.
- 15) **Are there any travel scholarships available?** We are not offering travel scholarships at this time. We encourage interested girls and volunteers to reach out to their local Girl Scout Councils/Member Organizations to assist them in attending.
- 16) **How do I register to attend?** Girl Scout Councils and Member Organizations are responsible for selected and registering their representatives. If you are interested in attending please contact your local Council/Member Organization to learn about how they are handling the process locally.
- 17) **Will we have free time to explore Chicago?** The Girl Planning Team wants to show off the great city of Chicago and has built in program activities that will showcase the Windy city.