

Summary: The Lead Travel Volunteer works with the council to implement the Girl Scout Leadership Experience through a planned “fun with a purpose” council travel experience. Travel volunteers complete an application process and are appointed specific to each trip.

Term: Begins upon selection and continues through post trip wrap-up.

Requirements

All Girl Scout volunteers are required to be registered adult members, successfully pass a criminal background check and follow the Girl Scout Promise and Law at all times.

Lead Travel Volunteers must also meet the following qualifications:

- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Flexible schedule.
- Consistent access to a computer, reliable internet and proficiency with technology and computer skills (email, excel spreadsheets, etc.).
- Experience with planning, organizing, budgeting, and evaluating a travel experience. Previous group travel experience is preferred.
- Willingness to work cooperatively with girls and other adult chaperones.
- Ability to work with people from diverse backgrounds.
- Good physical health and ability to walk 5 to 7 miles per day.
- Current CPR/First-Aid certification with a Girl Scout approved provider or willingness to obtain prior to trip.

Responsibilities

- Be knowledgeable of and follow Girl Scouts Dakota Horizons (GSDH) policies, procedures, and safety standards.
- Execute travel recruitment strategies provided by council or the travel company.
- Facilitate the trip planning process provided by council or the travel company and ensure girl involvement.
- Provide ongoing communication and support to participants and families regarding the trip.
- Ensure all participants submit required forms and materials by set deadlines.
- Be knowledgeable of and provide education to participants regarding cultural differences, customs, etc.
- Coordinate team building opportunities to develop and practice necessary skills for an exceptional group travel and learning experience.
- Monitor the well-being of all participants during travel.
- Share your travel experience and positively promote the benefits to GSDH members and the public, including speaking at meetings and providing write-ups/interviews of your experience.

Training and Support

- Council Staff Support: The Lead Travel Volunteer is supported by the Girl Experience Manager.
- Training: Training opportunities are provided specific to each travel opportunity.
- Resources: Online and printed travel resources are provided.
- Networking: Online networking opportunities are part of the travel experience.

Benefits

- Develop leadership skills in a fun, supportive environment.
- Make a difference in the lives of girls.
- Gain important skills in travel management and group dynamics.
- Be a part of the Girl Scout movement. Connect and make friends with adult volunteers throughout the council and nation.