



Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson Inc. Announces a Destination for girls in grades 6 – 12.

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Girl Scouts of Central Indiana and Girl Scouts of the USA have announced the opportunity for girls in grades 6 – 12 to attend the 2008 Girl Leadership Institute!

The Girl Leadership Institute will be held Wednesday, October 29 through Thursday, October 30, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The theme is Live Healthy, Lead Healthy.

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson will send a team of 8 girls and 2 adults to the Leadership Institute. The Council will pay half of the \$800 cost which includes airfare, registration, lodging and meals during your stay. Girls must be able to travel on Tuesday, October 28, 2008. Workshops begin 9am October 29 and end 5pm October 30, 2008. Girls will attend the Opening Ceremony of the 51st National Convention on the evening of October 30. Travel home will be on Friday October 31, 2008. A uniform of Khaki slacks, white blouse and vest/sash is required.

Girls selected, upon return, will share their Leadership opportunity through planned workshops/events for younger girls.

Girls must complete the application and 2 references forms and send to the Middletown Regional Office.

Applications are being accepted through July 1, 2008.

Applicants will be chosen based upon the following criteria:

Diversity: we would like a spectrum of representation of the Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. membership.

Involvement in Girl Scouting Council-wide: we would like to see that girls are participating in Girl Scouting beyond their individual community. Do they have the big picture of Girl Scouting?

Leadership Experience: Have girls taken a leadership role? Do girls see themselves as leaders? Have girls attended prior leadership conferences? Have girls taken leadership training?

Interest in focus topic: healthy living

Questions? Please contact Deb Hansen 845-361-2898 x 26 or
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Girl Leadership Institute Indianapolis, IN October 29-30, 2008

Top Ten Reasons to Attend the 2008 Girl Scout Leadership Institute









- 10. Girl Scouts work with a team from their council.**
- 9. Girl Scouts meet new friends from across the country and around the world.**
- 8. Girl Scouts engage in a program designed for teens by teens.**
- 7. Girl Scouts attend a concert by a national recording artist.**
- 6. Girl Scouts learn about the new Girl Scout Leadership Experience.**
- 5. Girl Scouts interact with women from various healthy living professions.**
- 4. Girl Scouts create plans to lead change in their communities.**
- 3. Girl Scouts participate in workshops on physical health, emotional health, physical activity, advocacy, and global issues.**
- 2. Girl Scouts explore the relationship between healthy living and leadership.**
- 1. Girl Scouts have fun being Girl Scouts!**

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Tips for Applying

Getting Started

-  You must be a registered Girl Scout to apply.
-  Turn in your application and reference forms by July 1, 2008.
-  **Stand Out: Make Your Application “The One”**
-  Be neat. Type or very clearly print your application in blue or black pen.
-  Be specific in your essay answers – why is this experience for you? Read the event description (and the “application do’s”) carefully and be sure to include any specific information in your essay.
-  Ask a friend who is a great writer, an adult, or a Girl Scout staff member to review it. It can’t hurt to get a little help from the experts!
-  Make sure both you and your parent/guardian sign the application.
-  Submit your application in time for your council’s deadline—July 1, 2008.

References

-  Print out two reference forms.
-  Fill in the top portion of the reference form.
-  Give Reference Forms to the two people you have asked to submit references for you. (Consider someone from your Girl Scout council, a teacher, sports coach, or member of your place of worship) and ask them to return them to your Girl Scout council by your council’s deadline date.

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Application Form Instructions

Here's the first step to an adventure of a lifetime!

Instructions:

1. Type or print clearly using black ink.
2. Fill out the application completely. Make a photocopy for yourself.
3. Make sure you and your parent/guardian signs the last page.
4. Send or take your completed application to your Girl Scout council by July 1, 2008.
5. All of your answers for your *short answer* questions must total no more than two 8 ½ x 11 pages.
6. Be sure to put your name on the top of each page of your application.

Happy Traveling!

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Application Form

Name:		Telephone:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
E-mail:		Parent/Guardian e-mail:	
Your birth date:	Age at time of event October 29, 2008:	Present school grade:	
Girl Scout council name: Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.		Council phone#: 845-361-2898, Ext 26	
Girl Scout council address: 162 Bloomingburg Road, Middletown, NY 10940			
Girl Scout Council contact name: Deborah Hansen		Council contact email: dhansen@girlscoutshh.org	

Do you have any physical, mental or medical condition or disability that might affect your involvement in the event? YES NO

If YES, please describe how the condition or disability might affect your involvement and what could be done to enhance your participation.

EXPERIENCE

Briefly describe your current participation in Girl Scouting:

Name: _____

Please **PRINT/TYPE** the names of the two adults you have asked to submit references for you. **(Include address and telephone number.)** Consider someone from your council office, a teacher, a sports coach, or a member of your place of worship.

1. **Name:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

2. **Name:** _____ **Relationship:** _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ **E-mail:** _____

Part 1: Essay Questions

Please describe why you want to participate in the event. Be specific about what knowledge and skills you would bring to the event and what you would like to bring home! Don't forget to describe any special skills you have related to the event, like leadership training, awards or community service, or why you're excited about trying out something new.

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

Have you ever been away from your family overnight? Yes No

If yes, briefly describe length of time, where, when, and with whom.

Briefly describe your two most meaningful experiences away from home without your family.

Name: _____

If you haven't gone on a trip without your family, why are you ready for this trip away from home now?

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Briefly describe your activities outside Girl Scouting, including school, community, and extra-curricular activities.

1.
2.
3.
4.
5.

Have you previously attended a nationwide or international travel opportunity in Girl Scouting?

Yes No: If yes which one(s)?

Events(s)	Date(s)

Have you previously applied for any Girl Scout travel opportunity with nationwide participation or an International event in Girl Scouting and not been chosen? (If yes, list event name(s) and year(s))

Yes No

Events(s)	Date(s)

Skills Inventory: Languages--Tell us what language(s) you speak in addition to English and level of fluency (basic, intermediate, advanced).

Language: _____ Years Studied: _____

Leadership Skills

Using the scale below, please indicate your experience level in the following areas:

4=Excellent; 3=Above Average; 2=Average; 1=Below Average; 0=No Experience

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| _____ Critical Thinking Skills | _____ Leading Group Activities |
| _____ Decision Making Skills | _____ Ceremonies (Flag, Girl Scout's Own, etc.) |
| _____ Facilitating Meetings | _____ Leading Songs |
| _____ Travel Planning | _____ Creating Activity Plans |
| _____ Team Building | _____ Budgeting |
| _____ Day or Resident Camping | _____ Facilitating Activities with Younger Girl Scouts |

Leadership Training Taken: _____

Leadership Conferences Attended: _____

Part 3: Signatures

Applicant Understanding:

I have read the event description and feel I am able to participate in the event. If I am selected, I have definite intentions of attending the event and plan to accept participation.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian permission:

I have read the event description to which my daughter is applying. To the best of my knowledge she has a clear understanding of the event she has applied for, and if selected, she has my permission to participate.

Racial/Ethnic breakdown:

In order to monitor and promote the participation rates of girls from various racial and cultural backgrounds, we request that you provide the following information. You are not required to respond. The information will be used for monitoring purposes exclusively and will have no influence on the selection process.

American Indian Asian/Pacific Islander Black White Are you also of Hispanic origin?

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Applicant's name: _____

Name of Girl Scout council **Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc.**

Council address: **162 Bloomingburg Road**

City: **Middletown** State: **NY** Zip: **10940**

I would appreciate it if you would complete this form and return it to the council address above by July 1, 2008. I am applying for the Girl Scout USA Leadership Institute.

The theme of the Girl Leadership Institute is Live HEALTHY, Lead HEALTHY. Girl Scouts Can Lead Anywhere: Live Healthy, Lead Healthy will offer teams of Girl Scouts an opportunity to discuss health, engage in fun physical fitness activities, attend a concert by a national recording artist, identify health-related areas of interest, and take action to positively impact community health. After attending this exciting event, girls will have the chance to meet and share what they've learned with 15,000 Girl Scouts from around the world attending the National Convention. Most importantly, girls will learn about life-long habits to sustain healthy lifestyles as vibrant community leaders. Workshop topics may include advocacy, emotional health, physical health, and global/diversity.

Part II: To be completed by person giving the reference.

Your name: _____

How long have you know the applicant? _____

What is your relationship to the applicant? _____

1. Check one rating in each category to assess the following qualities of the applicant.

	1	2	3	4	5		1	2	3	4	5
Is dependable and responsible						Is able to relate well to adults					
Is able to share ideas and feelings						Is physically fit					
Is able to relate well to peers						Is able to work well in a group					
Has poise in meeting people						Is adaptable and flexible					
Accepts differences in people						Shows humor and spontaneity					

Note: 1 = Don't Know; 2 = Below Average; 3 = Average; 4 = Above Average; 5=Excellent

2. Describe the applicant's special strengths and/or skills that would enable her to enjoy and succeed in this leadership event. Please give specific examples. If more space is needed use additional sheets.

Printed name: _____

Signature: _____

Position: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

E-mail: _____ **Telephone #:** _____