

Travel Patrols

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Overview

Travel patrols are open to Senior – Ambassador Girl Scouts and are designed to function like a troop for the duration of the planning stages leading up to departure and during the trip itself.

Girls apply for travel patrols and are selected to participate by a committee of travel team volunteers.

Girls who are selected will meet and start getting to know their patrol.

Girls will also take on responsibility for planning portions of the trip with the other girls in the patrol.

Timeline

Once girls are selected for a patrol, the first meeting will take place 18 months before the departure date at a central location for all the girls

Girls meet once a month after that and take turns hosting meetings.

Monthly meetings may be broken down by regions or planning committees as needed and determined by the girls.

Girls have a final meeting one month before their trip departure date as an overnight at a Girl Scout property to do final trip preparation.

Expectations for Girls

Girls are expected to take responsibility for planning their trip. Girls are responsible for scheduling their monthly meeting dates and locations. Girls plan how they will include all members of their patrols, especially girls who live too far away to attend all meetings in person. Girls are responsible for organizing themselves for trip planning; they may choose to break into planning committees or to plan as a whole group.

Girls plan:

- Duration of trip
- Activities during travel
- Travel budget
- Money-earning activities
- Trip preparation activities



Expectations for Parents/Guardians

Adults with girls participating in travel patrols are expected to support their girl in attending all patrol meetings, support their girls to participate in all patrol activities including money earning activities and travel preparation activities.

Parents & guardians are ultimately responsible for helping their girl earn the necessary amount of money for their trip.

There are many resources available to assist adults with girls participating in travel patrols.

If you have questions or need additional support, contact your girl's travel team mentor or Jan Thompson at (541) 485-5911.

Long Distance Participation

All girls can participate in travel patrols no matter where they live.

For girls who live a significant distance from other girls in the patrol or are unable to travel to monthly meetings for reasons including but not limited to financial hardship, there are many ways to participate remotely at no additional cost. (i.e. conference calls or Skype)

The patrols can also decide to form planning committees that work in regional groups made up of girls who live close to each other. These regional groups can report out to the whole group via remote participation.



Applying for a Travel Patrol

Travel patrols are open to Girl Scout Seniors-Ambassadors

To apply:

1. Pick a trip! *See the link to trip listing on main travel page.*
2. Print and complete the application. *See the link to trip application on main travel page.*
3. Drop it off at your local service center or e-mail it to Jan Thompson jthompson@girlscoutsw.org by the deadline posted on the trip listing.
4. Register to attend a Travel Discovery Weekend to fine tune your application and prepare for travel! *(Not a required workshop)*

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