

GSWPA to Washington D.C.
for Girl Scout National
Convention!



Agenda

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Council Travel

Travel opportunities for our council Girl Scouts to travel as troops or individually with a caregiver.

girl scouts
Travel Progression

Progression allows girls to learn the skills they need to become competent travelers, including how to plan and organize trips. Travel fun can be endless when girls lead.

Local Field Trips
Get your travel feet wet! Walk to a nearby garden, or take a short ride to a firehouse or other local spot.
Keep It girl-led: girls choose the location.

Day Trips
Take an all-day trip!
Keep It girl-led: girls choose the location and activity (perhaps working toward a badge) and make plans for lunch.

Overnights
Start with one night, maybe at a camp or museum. Progress to a weekend trip in a nearby city or state park.
Keep It girl-led: girls plan the activity and meals, create travel games, and pack their own overnight bags.

Regional Trips
Spend three to four nights away somewhere a few hours from home.
Keep It girl-led: girls plan key details of the trip, such as the activities, the budget, the route, and lodging.
(Extended trip insurance required.)

National Trips
Travel the country! Trips often last a week or more. Girls should think beyond a typical vacation location and consider historical sites, museums, or national parks!
Keep It girl-led: girls lead the entire planning process and might add a community service or Take Action project.
(Extended trip insurance required.)

International Trips
Travel the world! These life-changing trips usually take one to three years to prepare. Consider visiting a WAGGGS World Centre!
Keep It girl-led: girls download the Global Travel Toolkit and plan their entire trip (including learning about the language, culture, passports and visas, exchange rates, etc.).
(Extended trip insurance required.)

Independent Travel
Cadette, Senior, and Ambassador girls with travel experience can travel nationally or internationally independently through council-offered travel opportunities or GSUSA's Destinations program. Check with your council, or visit the Girl Scout Destinations website!

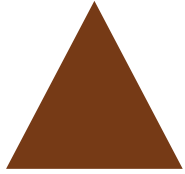
Check with your council about age requirements. Girls should have experience at every level of the progression before moving on to the next level. For regional travel, girls must be Juniors or older.
For national and international trips, girls must be Cadettes or older.

When moving up to each level of the progression, consider girls' independence, flexibility, decision making, group skills, and cross cultural skills.



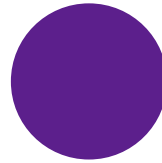
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Who Can Go?



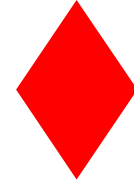
Daisy & Brownies

Must have a caregiver with them



Juniors

With caregiver or troop



Cadettes

With caregiver or troop



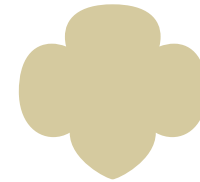
Seniors

With caregiver or troop



Ambassadors

With caregiver or troop



Adults

Must have membership &
clearances on file with GSWPA

Itinerary

Day 1

July 22 - Wednesday

Travel from western PA to Washington D.C.

International Spy Museum

Hard Rock Café Dinner

Day 2

July 23 - Thursday

Girl Scouts Unite – 2026 Convention

Optional: Monument by Moonlight Tour

Day 3

July 24 - Friday

Girl Scouts Unite – 2026 Convention

Optional: Walking Tour

Day 4

July 25 - Saturday

Girl Scouts Unite – 2026 Convention

Travel Home

Pick Up and Drop off locations will be Edinboro Girl Scout Office and Cranberry Township. Time and exact location TBD



International Spy Museum

Discover the secrets of espionage and go undercover for a day!



Hard Rock Cafe

Dinner at Hard Rock Café’s “Embassy of Rock-n-Roll” in the heart of our nation's capital.



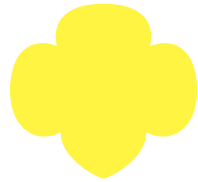
Monuments by Moonlight Tour

See Washington D.C sparkle after dark. This 2.5-hour bus tour will show off the Capital city illuminated by moonlight. Additional fee is required and attendees can register through the link in the Capital Adventures confirmation letter



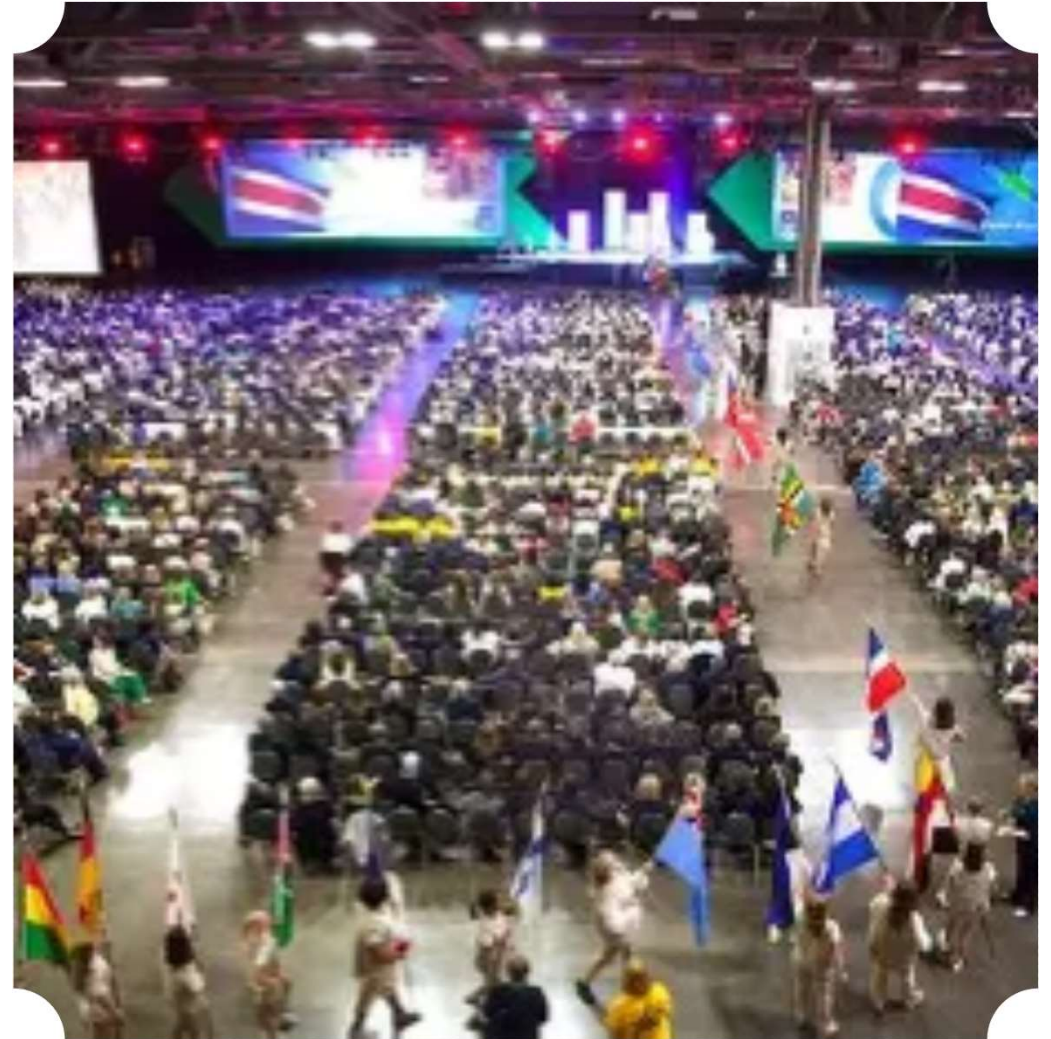
Walking Tour

Gather with GSWPA Girl Scouts and walk through D.C to explore the National Mall, with a photo opportunity at the White House. Attendees may register through the link in the Capital Adventures confirmation letter.



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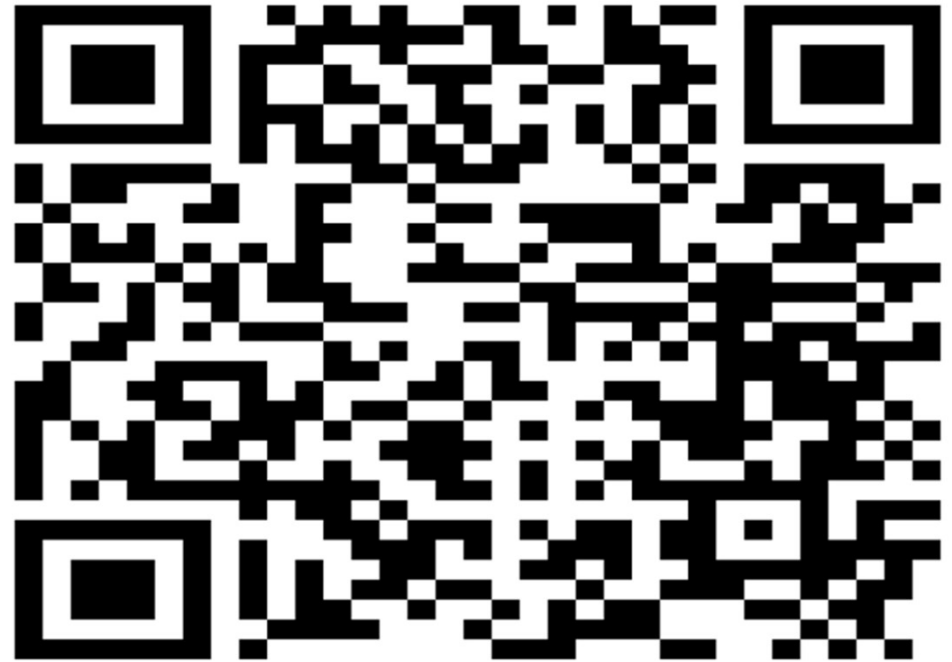
Day 2-4



10,000+ Girl Scouts come together for the Girl Scout National Convention! Taking place every three years, Girl Scout members of all ages from around the world come together for interactive workshops, inspiring speakers, and a once-in-a-lifetime adventure.

Each day of the convention includes a fun zone, calm corner, and belonging lounge, the lifetime member lounge meditation and prayer room, and volunteer lounge. This is a great opportunity to meet fellow Girl Scouts from around the movement.

Plus, each day also offer a hands-on community service project, the hall of experiences(Vendors and hands on activities), book signings, the Girl Scouts shop, and additional sessions to choose from.



Scan Here to check out the Highlight Video from the
2023 Convention

Thursday

Girl Scouts Unite Opening Ceremony,
National Bridging, Key Notes by Emily
Calandrelli, Collaborative Art Project

Workshops:

Beyond the Trail

Code the Future with AI

Envision your Future

Explore a Variety of Careers with Mentors

Leading Girls through the Highest Awards

Meet Gold Award Girl Scouts and Learn
More about the Process

Robots for Good

Become an Eco-Explorer

Discover STEM

Future on Wheels

Think Like an Entrepreneur: Develop a
Mindset for Innovation and Growth

Friday

Gold Award Celebration,
Collaborative Mosaic Project

Workshops:

Bridge Divides: Learn to Communicate and
Connect with Passion

Build Global Friendships/Learn About
WAGGGS

Global Groove Dance

Travel like a Pro/Travel Smarts

Uncover Meaningful Service Opportunities

Use Your Voice to Change the World

Meet Women Who Influence How Decision
Get Made in D.C.

Elect Her: Be a Changemaker in Your
Community

Helping Girl Grow as Global Citizens/How to
Think Globally

Interactive Ways to Foster Belonging

Saturday

Girl Scouts Unit Closing Ceremony,
Learn to Weave Collaboration Project

Workshops:

From Stage to Life: Improve Skills for
Confidence/Laughter Yoga

Mind Matters: Building Mental Wellness/Real
Talk Conversations on Mental Wellness

Nature in Your World/Outdoor 101/Expanding
Outdoor Experiences

Screening – The Life and Leadership of
Frances Hesselbein

Stronger Together: Championing Physical
and Mental Wellness in Girls

The Power of Song

Explore a Variety of Careers with Mentors +
Health and Wellness

Bridge the Gap: Effective Communication
and Conflict Resolution

Stress Less: The Science of Calm

What's Included?

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Girl Scout Only Charter bus transportation

Bus snacks & activity packet

Custom Council Travel Patch

Custom Washington D.C. Patch & T-Shirt

3 Nights Lodging

3 breakfasts

1 dinner

All gratuities for drivers, guides, and included meals

Also Included

Admission to the Spy Museum

Optional: Friday Night Walking Tour

Add Ons

COST NOT INCLUDED

Girl Scouts Unite 3-day admission + \$550.

Optional: Thursday Monuments by Moonlight Bus Tour + \$60.00

The Cost

Price does not include trip add-ons. Girl Scout Unite Convention Tickets must be purchased separately.

Single

\$1,400

Double

\$1,100

Triple

\$975

Quad

\$900

Select your spot based on the number of people you are signing up with. Triple and Quad rooms may require two people to share a Queen or King bed. Safety Activity checkpoints must be followed. If the room size you want is not available, please let us know. We will do our best to meet your needs.

Payment Schedule & Details

March 1– 50% of the cost is due (Deposit included)

April 1 – 75% of the cost is due (Deposit included)

May 1 – Full Amount Due

\$200 non-refundable
deposit due at the time of
registration

Example for a person attending with a
Quad Room Registration (\$900/person)

Now: \$200 payment (deposit)

March 1: \$ 350 payment (50% of trip cost)

April 1: \$175 payment (75% of trip cost)

May 1: \$175 payment (Full trip cost)

Hotels in the area are booking up fast – let us do the trip planning work for you so you can
relax and connect with your sister Girl Scouts.

Refunds & Travel Insurance

Refunds:

Without Travel Insurance

Up to 120 Days (March 22), 50% of the trip total minus the deposit

Up to 80 days (April 20), 0% of the total trip cost is refundable, minus the deposit.

Travel Insurance:

You can purchase optional travel insurance from our tour vendor. The cost ranges from \$90-120 per person.

The US Tours America Peace of Mind Cancellation Penalty Waiver provides you with a full refund for over 24 business hours' notice and a 75% refund for less than 24 business hours notice for a cancellation for any reason. This form will be in the confirmation packet for the trip.

Registration is live now

www.gswpa.org/events

Registration can be found on our website now. When you register, you register for the trip portion, and the add on are done separately, that way you don't have to come up the full price at once. The registration link for the add-ons will be in your confirmation letter.



Thank You!

Amber Carson

Girl Leadership and Awards Coordinator

What to chat with us about the trip, or have questions? Please let us know.

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