



JULY 14-16, 2012
CHICAGO

The Girls' World Forum (GWF) is a conference jointly hosted by GSUSA and WAGGGS at which girls, ages 14 to 18 years old, from all over the world will come together to discuss and develop action steps to address the UN Millennium Development Goals (MDG) of eradicating extreme poverty and hunger, promoting gender equality and empowering women, and ensuring environmental sustainability. Girl participants will be given an opportunity to meet and interact with a global girl audience and to look at the role they can play as global citizens. Specifically, girls will:

- Develop advocacy, leadership and communication skills;
- Identify viable solutions to MDG issues and incorporate them into designs of personal action plans;
- Exchange ideas with external partners;
- Participate in local Take Action projects;
- Review and incorporate action plans developed at Forums held in 2010 and 2011; and
- Participate in Girl Scout 100 Anniversary celebrations.

Each Girl Scout council may send two girls and a young adult chaperone to the conference. GSCCC will pay the registration fee of \$650 (includes food accommodations and all activity and program costs), and \$350 toward air fare and other expenses for each girl. Any additional costs will be the responsibility of the girl. Girls interested in attending should complete the application below and return it to: **GSCCC, 801 S. Victoria Avenue, Ste. 202, Ventura, CA 93003**. Applicants must be registered Girl Scouts between the ages of 14 and 18 in July 2012. **One of the outcomes of the GWF is the creation of a personal action plan addressing an MDG.** Delegates must be able to commit to approximately four hours of time to prepare for the Forum and must be willing to share her experience with other girls in our council through a blog and other activities after the Forum. **Application deadline is February 5, 2012.** Participants will be selected by a committee of staff and volunteers.

Girl Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email Address: _____

Grade in School: _____ Troop No./Juliette: _____

Please provide a brief statement (no more than 200 words) describing why you are interested in attending the Forum.

Contact Marcy Reed (mreed815@yahoo.com / 805-490-0618) if you have any questions.