

Swiss Challenge, Our Chalet

Adelboden, Switzerland

Save the date

August 19 – September 2, 2018

Please note these dates are subject to change.



Who's eligible?

- 20 girls aged 16-18 years old on the first day of the trip
- 4 Guiders

To qualify for a Nationally Sponsored Trip, you must be a registered member of Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) and meet the Eligibility Requirements.

What you'll experience

Discover the magic of the first WAGGGS World Centre, Our Chalet!

You'll begin your journey in Toronto, where you'll participate in some great activities to get to know your fellow travelers. Then it's off to Switzerland where your international adventure truly begins.

In Switzerland, you'll enjoy several days of sightseeing and exploration. Your travel group will preplan your adventures, so it's entirely up to the group to decide what to see and do. Next, you'll head to Our Chalet for the [Swiss Challenge](#), a week of exploration, friendship and fun!

At Our Chalet, you'll explore the breathtaking Swiss Alps as you go on incredible hikes and experience amazing adventure activities. You'll go ziplining and rock climbing at Rehärti Adventure Park, explore the beautiful Choleren Gorge, trek to Elsigental, and even take a dip in a glacial lake. During your two excursion days, you'll visit the picturesque town of Interlaken where you'll explore shops and sample Swiss chocolate, as well as the town of Spiez with its medieval castle and spectacular view of Lake Thun. In the evenings you'll enjoy a Swiss culture night, an international festival and even a night hike!

At the end of your journey, you'll fly back to Toronto for a debrief session where you'll reflect on your amazing experience before returning home.

Fundraising facts

The total value of this program is approximately **\$6,700** per person.

Girls: Great news - GGC covers 50% of the total cost of the trip!

- You will receive a financial subsidy of 50% of the total cost from GGC including domestic and international airfare, accommodation, booking and program fees, tours and transfers, and medical and travel insurance.
- You are encouraged to fundraise for the remainder of your trip costs. Refer to GGC's Fundraising Guidelines for





information on how to fundraise for trips. As per the fundraising policy, all Girl members are expected to pay 10% of the trip cost unless there is financial need.

- You may be eligible for travel grants from your province, area, unit, etc. It is recommended that you contact your council to inquire about this potential funding.
- You will be financially responsible to pay for the remaining 50% of the trip cost prior to trip departure.
- You will also be responsible for incidental costs over and above the listed trip expenses, such as passport fees, travel to and from your local airport, personal spending money, etc. Incidental costs cannot be covered through fundraising.
- If you need to cancel for any reason other than illness or a family emergency, you will be responsible for covering any fees/charges incurred by GGC.

Guiders: Your trip is fully funded through the Jean Youngson Memorial Bequest to the Canadian World Friendship Fund.

- This subsidy includes domestic and international airfare, accommodation, booking and program fees, tours and transfers and medical and travel insurance.
- You will be responsible for incidental costs over and above the listed trip expenses, such as passport fees, travel to and from your local airport, personal spending money, etc.
- Fundraising by adult members is not permitted as per GGC's fundraising policy.

GGC reserves the right to cancel and/or reschedule trips as required. Also note that participation in this event by GGC members is dependent on acceptable health and safety conditions in the country at the time of the event. If a trip is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, GGC will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred in preparation for this event.

Ready, set, apply!

Before beginning your application, please review the [Application Instructions](#) and check out the [Top Tips](#) for support. These two documents will help prepare you to complete your application.

Once you're ready, visit the Nationally Sponsored Trips web site to apply!

Applications must be completed and submitted online by **5:00pm EDT on Monday, October 30, 2017.**

Questions? Email us: nationaltravel@girlguides.ca