



OUR CABAÑA 2017

Cuernavaca, Mexico

When is the trip?

July 8 – July 22, 2017

Please note these dates are subject to change.

Who can participate?

- Eight girls aged 15-18 as of August 31, 2017 (*must still be registered as a girl member*)
- Two Guiders

In order to qualify, participants must be active members of Girl Guides of Canada–Guides du Canada (GGC) and must have a minimum of two nights camping experience at the Guide level or higher.

What will you experience?

Participants will visit **Our Cabaña** in Cuernavaca, Mexico for a week of fun, adventure and international friendships. Girls will experience Mexican culture and traditions while participating in a community service project, day trips to local towns, swimming, and of course meeting girl Guides and Scouts from all over the world!

Members will also get to spend time in Mexico City for a few days before their adventure at Our Cabaña. Tours and sightseeing may include Pyramids of Teotihuacan and climbing the Pyramid to the Moon and Sun!

One day before and after the travel experience will be spent participating in a pre-departure and debrief session, an essential part of the travel program.

What is the cost?

For girl members

The total value of this program is approximately \$5,600 per person. As a girl member you will receive a financial subsidy of approximately 50% of the total cost from GGC. This includes:

- Domestic and international airfare
- Medical/illness travel insurance
- Registration and program fee for Our Cabana
- Accommodation in Toronto for pre-departure and debrief sessions
- Exploring Mexico City (including accommodation and transportation)
- International uniform shirt and scarf

If a girl needs to cancel for any reason other than illness or a family emergency, she will be responsible for covering any fees/charges incurred by GGC.





Girls will be responsible for the remaining cost of the trip, approximately \$2,800 (50% of the total cost). Exact costs will be confirmed closer to the departure date.

Additional personal costs girl members are responsible for:

- Cost of your meals en route and in Toronto before and after the trip
- Travel to and from your local airport
- Meals while touring Mexico City
- Baggage costs, where applicable
- Additional tours or activities while in Mexico City
- Personal spending money and souvenirs
- Kit list requirements
- Required immunizations and/or visas
- Passport fees

If you need additional financial support, please check with your Provincial International Adviser to see if your Provincial Council may be able to assist you with this event. Girl members may fundraise part of their trip cost by following the fundraising policy and procedures (Governance Policy 01-19-01).

For Guiders

The total value of this program is approximately \$5,600 per person. As a member of GGC, Guiders will receive funding roughly valued at this amount through the Jean Youngson Memorial Bequest to the Canadian World Friendship Fund (CWFF) for the following costs:

- Domestic and international travel and transportation costs
- Medical/travel insurance
- Registration and program fees for Our Cabana
- Accommodation in Toronto for pre-departure and debrief sessions
- Exploring Mexico City (including accommodation and transportation)
- International uniform shirt and scarf

Additional personal costs adult members are responsible for:

- Cost of your meals en route and in Toronto before and after the event
- Travel to and from your local airport
- Personal spending money and souvenirs
- Baggage costs, where applicable
- Meals while touring Mexico City
- Kit list requirements
- Required immunizations and/or visas
- Passport fees
- First aid kit
- Incidentals that occur over and above the actual trip costs, such as telephone calls and/or long distance cell phone plans, cell phone roaming charges, etc.

Note for all participants

1. Both girl and adult participants may be required to have additional uniform pieces beyond the international shirt and scarf that they do not own and it will be necessary to borrow or purchase these items.





2. If participation is cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances, GGC will not accept responsibility for expenses incurred in preparation for this event.
3. Participation in this event by GGC members is dependent on acceptable health and safety conditions in the country at the time of the event.

How do I apply?

Please complete and submit your online application by clicking [HERE](#).

Each girl and Guider applicant must complete the **entire** application, including references, by the application deadline. Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

The same application can be completed and submitted if you are applying to multiple trips. You do not need to complete more than one application.

Please note: All Guiders **must** have current Standard First Aid qualifications and their Lifeguard Certification in order to accompany girls on this trip.

Application Deadline

Complete applications must be submitted online by **5:00pm EST on Monday, October 17, 2016**.

For more information about applying to GGC's nationally sponsored trips please contact us at: nationaltravel@girlguides.ca

As GGC is committed to the health and safety of its members at all times, GGC reserves the right to cancel and/or reschedule trips, as might be required.

Note

In order to provide as many members as possible with the opportunity to participate in nationally sponsored trips, members are eligible to partake in one domestic **and** one international trip as follows:

- Once as a girl
- Once as a Guider
- Once as an adult participating in a WAGGGS event or GGC determined endorsed event
- In a designated role as determined by the Board, i.e.: Chief Commissioner, International Commissioner, CEO, etc.

