

Swiss Sojourn

Would you like to visit **Our Chalet**, the first World Centre in beautiful Switzerland?

Manitoba Council is organizing an Independent trip for ten 14 - 18 year olds to **Our Chalet** in July/August 2011. The trip will take place approximately July 24 through August 8, 2011. Exact dates will be set once the summer 2011 schedule has been set by **Our Chalet**.

Our Swiss Sojourn trip events will include site seeing in Geneva, participating in an 8 day **Our Chalet** programme including hiking, outdoor adventure, Swiss cultural experiences and much more.

The cost of this trip is approximately \$3500.00. Exact cost will be determined once schedule has been finalized. Fundraising activities will occur within the group and each participant is encouraged to participate.

Still interested? Fill out the following application form and email to Swiss_Sojourn@hotmail.com Alternatively return it to the Provincial office at 213-530 Century Street, Winnipeg, Manitoba R3H0Y4 All applications and reference forms **must be received** no later than Friday, May 7, 2010.

Member should ensure she meets the following qualifications and agree to the following responsibilities.

Qualifications

All applicants meeting the required qualifications will be considered for the trip.

The applicant must:

- Be a Registered Member.
- Be between the ages of 14-18 at time of event.
- Have a knowledge and understanding of the Girl Guide program including the Promise and Law.
- Be in good health and meet the physical requirements including ability to hike long distances and participate in long days of outdoor physical activity.
- Know how to take care of herself and her personal belongings.
- Be a good representative of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada.
- Have experience being away from her family.
- Have an understanding of, and be able to communicate to others, her knowledge of her own community, province and country.
- Be able to adapt to new situations and be open to various aspects of a new culture.
- Be willing to assume responsibilities.
- Be socially and emotionally mature and prepared for things to be different than at home.
- Be recommended by her Guider.

Responsibilities

If the applicant is chosen for the event, she will:

- Be willing to make herself familiar with the geography, people, customs and Guiding organization of the country she is travelling to, in order that she may better understand her hostesses and benefit more fully from the experience.
- Participate in briefing session(s) relevant to her trip.
- Communicate regularly with other trip participants and Guiders.
- Respond to communication from trip Guiders in a timely manner.
- Begin arranging for trip preparations, such as passport, immunizations, visas, etc., upon acceptance.
- Accept and abide by the regulations of Girl Guides of Canada-Guides du Canada and those of the event for which she is applying.
- Share her experiences with the rest of the Membership upon her return to Canada.
- Agree to maintain her GGC Membership for a minimum of one year following the trip.