



GIRL SCOUTS GO HOSTELLING

Hostelling International Chicago is working hard to provide exceptional opportunities to Girl Scouts. The Chicago hostel offers inexpensive travel accommodations that are fun, safe and a unique base for exploration and learning. Your trip to Chicago can be simply as tourists, or, with the help of hostel staff, your girls can take full advantage of our educational opportunities. Special educational programs are designed to help girls become savvy travelers and global citizens.

GSUSA and HI-USA are American traditions that go hand in hand. Since the 1930's, HI-USA has provided Girl Scouts with opportunities for travel through educational and recreational programs that build life skills and promote global understanding. Together, GSUSA and HI-USA continue to help girls enjoy the wonders of the world through travel.



HOSTELLING

PROMOTES GLOBAL AWARENESS... through a network of welcoming, comfortable and affordable hostels that encourage exploration and nurture cross-cultural communication, and through programs that interpret local culture principally through interaction among hostellers and community members.

ENCOURAGES EDUCATIONAL TRAVEL... through information, activities and services that facilitate safe, affordable, and culture-sensitive travel for all ages.

INTERPRETS OUR ENVIRONMENT... through activities that promote meaningful, low-impact travel using hostels, and focuses on the conservation and interpretation of the built and natural environment.

BROADENS OUR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION... through involvement of all members of the community in hostel travel, programs and volunteer participation.



GIRL SCOUTS

DISCOVER CHICAGO, DISCOVER THE WORLD

Your troop can stay and play in Chicago, or you can learn about the world and travel at the hostel. HI-Chicago is committed to providing girls and their troop leaders support through curriculum materials, workshops and information that enrich their stay at the hostel.

GETAWAYS

HI-Chicago offers a variety of Getaway packages. From exploring the Windy City to making peace in the world, our Getaways help Girl Scouts add to their adventure and work towards meeting their personal goals.

TRAVEL EDUCATION

A specialty of Hostelling International is travel education. In Trip Planning 101 girls navigate guidebooks to prepare for an actual trip or just gain the skills to do so in the future. World Travel 101 is delivered by experienced travelers and gets girls ready to be true globe trekkers. Both of these workshops that teach responsible travel can be delivered at the Chicago Hostel or at troop meetings in the Chicago area.

CULTURAL KITCHEN

The Cultural Kitchen Program provides youth opportunities to broaden their own experience of the world in which they live. This program's exciting curriculum empowers girls to study a foreign country's culture, culminating in a meal prepared by the group that is shared with travelers during an overnight stay at the hostel. Girls can complete the program with guidance from their advisor, homework and cultural learning activities at the hostel.

SHARING MEALS

Many Girl Scout troops that come to Chicago have a full schedule but want to take advantage of the opportunities for meeting new people at the hostel. Why not use the hostel's large and lovely kitchen to make a pasta dinner and invite fellow hostellers? The hostel provides the basic ingredients and invites travelers, and the girls provide the cooking and conversation!

WHO TO CONTACT

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WHAT GIRL SCOUTS ARE SAYING

Thank you so very much for the wonderful stay at your hostel. Your beds were neat and comfortable. The rooms were cute and bright. Your hostel made us feel at home. We met lots of people there. Some were Korean and German. They spoke lots of languages and have been to many countries. Chicago was so much fun. Plus, staying at the hostel made it better! After a long walk in the city, it's comfortable to relax at your stay. We want to go back again. And...we know where we'll stay!!!
Troop 543, Sylvania, OH

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With so much to see and do in Chicago, planning how to spend a stay may be a bit daunting for even the most seasoned travelers. Should we go to the Sears Tower or the Hancock? What's the "L"? Hostel staff are on hand to provide troops with detailed, inside information about Chicago.