

GSCTX Traveler



Say hello to the GSCTX Traveler!

This go-to one-page document is crafted once a month to keep you updated on everything related to GSCTX travel. Additionally, each month we will feature a different testimonial from someone in our council who will share their travel experiences & tips! We encourage you to take full advantage of this document by sharing it with your troops at meetings. For more information on travel visit our webpage at www.gsctx.org/travel.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to serve on our Council Travel Committee.

How many volunteers are we looking for? 12 volunteers with a preferred 3 volunteers from each area.

How much time involved? Monthly calls or more often if on a specific trip planning sub-committee.

How do we meet? Telephone conference calls.

Why? Girls who travel gain personal growth, improved language skills, intercultural development, and a worldly perspective, which offers a glimpse into the global community and prepares them to take their place as tomorrow's leaders. They are immersed in new cultures and customs often while volunteering in the communities they visit. We feel these are important opportunities to make available for our Girl Scouts in Central Texas, as they are impactful experiences as part of the Girl Scout formula for success.

Want to know more details about the committee? Please [contact us](#) with the subject "Travel Committee Interest".

Travel Talk



2016 Iceland Destination, by GSCTX Ambassador Lila K.

Did you know that the majority of present-day Icelanders (more than 50%, I was told) believe in the existence of fantastical beings such as elves and trolls. This was only one of many interesting facts about Iceland that I learned during my trip. It was such a wonderful experience that I think back on fondly. All the girls on the trip became immediate friends and we all had an amazing time doing so many crazy adventures. From white water rafting, freezing dry suit snorkeling, hot spring dips, volcanoes, and so much more. We had an incredible time with so many stories to tell our families and friends back home.

Travel Tips

Responsible Wildlife Tourism:

The updated 2018-2019 Safety Activity Checkpoints include a new checkpoint for "Animal Interactions". That checkpoint reminds travelers to be wary of places that claim to be "animal sanctuaries", especially abroad, because they often operate for profit and are likely to exploit animals. Some good articles that support this new checkpoint are [here](#) and [here](#).

Upcoming Trips & Deadlines

Upcoming Trips:

- My Troop and I visit Big Bend, TX - March 10-17, 2019
- Incredible India - June 25-July 5, 2019
- West Coast National Park Adventure - July 28-Aug 10, 2019
- The Ultimate Harry Potter Experience - June 6-17, 2020

Deposit Deadlines due Dec. 1, 2018 for:

- My Troop and I visit Big Bend - \$350
- Incredible India - \$300

