



INTOPS 28th - 30th April 2017 BLACKMORE (members born before 22nd July 2005)

Where could guiding take you...?

There's a world outside your window, just waiting for you to come and discover it! Now is your chance to explore new places and cultures, sample foods and languages, make new friends from around the world, challenge yourself, put your promise into action, and be the person you aspire to be. There are a whole range of international opportunities available through guiding.

In 2016 members of Girlguiding Worcestershire travelled to:

- The USA and Canada as part of 'The Senior Section Goes Stateside' - a 10 day adventure exploring and completing challenges as a team
- Vietnam to work with local Vietnamese volunteers on a variety of service projects and explore Halong Bay
- Estonia for an environmental community project

In 2017 we will be travelling to:

- Canada to join SOAR - a Canadian Girl Guide camp in northern British Columbia
- Kenya to attend a camp with Kenyan Girl Guides and work with them on a variety of service projects
- Denmark to participate in Denmark's largest jamboree with over 40,000 Danish and international Scouts and Guides
- Australia to take part in an 'Aussie Adventure' - exploring, sight seeing and meeting with local Girl Guides

"I have always wanted to travel to America and Canada, so when I was chosen I was over the moon! It was a really action packed trip and we did so much in two weeks. We met Girl Scouts and volunteered in Niagara, visited the Ben and Jerrys Ice cream factory and spent time in New York. We also learnt a lot about 9/11 and visited the very emotional museum. I've travelled before with my family but the trip was something that I will never forget. It was such an incredible experience." - Senior Section Goes Stateside participant

If you will be 13+ in 2018 (born before 22nd July 2005) and are interested in finding out more come along to our INTOPS weekend. Take part in a range of activities and challenges, make new friends and learn more about international guiding and for the chance to be selected to take part in an international adventure!

What next:

1. Complete the INTOPS application - available from your unit leader/Division International Rep/County International Advisor (international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk)
2. Return the completed form by 27th March 2017.
3. INTOPS 2017 will be held at Blackmore Campsite (WR8 0EE), 28-30th April 2017 and costs £25 - cheques payable to 'Worcestershire Guide Association'.
4. Join us for a fun weekend!
5. We aim to feedback to all participants within 6 weeks of INTOPS - unfortunately it is unlikely that we will be able to offer all participants the chance of an international opportunity at this time.

Costs

It is impossible to say at this point how much international trips will cost, as there are many factors which impact cost, including:

- Destination
- Flight availability
- 'In country' costs (which can vary considerably)
- Type of trip - service project, international camp etc

In 2016 the trips cost between £1500 - 3000.

Please note that financial support may be available from units, divisions, county etc, as well as non-guiding sources and fundraising is an important component of any international opportunity.

Questions

Contact Lindsey Carruthers (County International Advisor) on 07788150746 or international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk



International Opportunities Application Form

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Please complete this form electronically.
(If you are completing by hand please use capitals in black ink)

PERSONAL DETAILS

Membership no:	
Surname:	
First Name(s):	
Preferred Name:	
Address:	
Postcode:	
Telephone no (in full):	
Mobile no:	
Email address:	
Date of birth:	
Age (at time of INTOPS):	
Nationality:	
Do you hold a current passport?	

GIRLGUIDING CAREER/EXPERIENCE

Role(s) in guiding:			
Unit name:			
2nd unit name (if applicable):			
District:			
Division:			
Nights away (total no):		Nights under canvas:	
Camping Qualifications:	Camper badge	Camper Advanced	Camp Permit
	Senior Section Permit		
Other Guiding Qualifications or Experiences (e.g. Baden-Powell Award, service projects, outdoor activities)			

OTHER EXPERIENCE (NON-GUIDING)**School/College/Uni:****Subjects studied:****Work (full or part-time):****Languages (if any):****Hobbies + Interests
outside of guiding:****INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCE - Countries you have visited****Country****Year****Type of trip? Who did you travel with?****ABOUT YOU - Please tell us a little more about your self (300 words or less)****INTOPS - Please tell us why you would like to travel abroad with Girlguiding (200 words or less)**

REFERENCES - Please provide the names and contact details of two people who have agreed to act as your referees and who we can contact in relation to this application.

GUIDING REFERENCE

Name:	
Role in Guiding:	
Membership no:	
Telephone no:	
Email:	
How do you know this person?	

NON-GUIDING REFERENCE (must not be related to you)

Name:	
Telephone no:	
Email:	
How do you know this person?	

I would like to attend Girlguiding Worcestershire INTOPS weekend and be considered for an international opportunity with Girlguiding Worcestershire/Midlands in 2018.

If I am successful I will commit to the trip, before, during and after. This includes attending team briefing/debriefing events, payment schedules (and fundraising), responding to communications promptly and working with the rest of the team to create a memorable experience for all.

Signature:		Date:	
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PARENT/CARER SUPPORT

Name:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			

UNIT + DIVISION SUPPORT

Unit Leader:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			
Division Commissioner:		Date:	
Signature:			
Email:			

Electronic signatures are acceptable. Please forward this application form to your unit leader, who will then pass it on to relevant local commissioners.

Forms should be returned via email to international@girlguidingworcs.org.uk or posted to County International Adviser, Girlguiding Worcestershire, County Office, Acre Lane, Droitwich Spa, Worcestershire WR9 9BE before 27/03/17.