

Washington D.C. Learning Journey

Big City. Big History. Big Adventure!

GSWISE is heading to Washington, D.C. for an exciting learning experience, where you'll have the chance to build real-life skills and explore museums, monuments, and more!

July 7-11, 2026

Who's Invited:

Open to girls in grades 9-12 for the 2025-2026 school year.

Costs

Thanks to the generosity of our community supporters, this Washington, D.C. trip is FREE!

Travel Logistics:

- Transportation via motorcoach bus included
- Lodging in local hotel included; two girls per room, with two beds in each room; private overnight security provided at the hotel each evening
- Admittance fees included
- Meals included
- Travelers 18 and older will need a REAL ID or valid passport to enter certain federal buildings (required)
- Chaperone coverage provided by Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast staff
- This trip is organized in partnership with WorldStrides

Highlights:

- George Washington's Mount Vernon
- Local College/University Visit
- FDR and MLK Memorials
- World War I, World War II, Vietnam Veteran, Korean War Veteran Memorials
- Lincoln and Pentagon Memorials
- Supreme Court
- Library of Congress
- United States Capitol Building
- White House
- Arlington National Cemetery
- Marine Corp (Iwo Jima), Air Force Memorials
- Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture
- And experience global cuisine right in D.C.!

Itinerary subject to change.



Washington, D.C. Trip Info Session

Tue., Oct. 7, 6:00-7:00 p.m.

In-person and virtual options available.

Attend this optional session to discover what the Washington, D.C. trip is all about and get your questions answered. In-person will be held at Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast's Marion Chester Read Service Center, 131 S. 69th Street, Milwaukee, WI 53214. Microsoft Teams link will be sent for those participating virtually.

Pre-registration required at:

<https://gswise.jotform.com/252304075699059>



Pre-Trip Meetings

To get ready for this amazing Washington, D.C. adventure, all travelers are expected to attend pre-trip meetings starting in January. Meetings will be held monthly at first, then bi-weekly as the trip approaches. At these meetings, you'll meet and build friendships with fellow travelers, gain knowledge and skills to fully enjoy your trip, and get excited for the experience! Girls will earn the Girl Scout Democracy badge. Before departure, all parents/guardians are invited to a mandatory meeting to review trip details and ensure your traveler is fully prepared for a safe and successful experience. Meeting dates TBD.



How to Apply

Girls interested in attending must submit an application by **November 2, 2025**. Because space is limited (50 girl capacity), a selection committee will review all applications. Applicants will be notified in December.

Application: <https://gswise.jotform.com/250364915635056>



Questions?

Contact Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast at customercare@gswise.org or 800-565-4475.