

Thousand Islands Girl Scout Council

**OUR COUNCIL'S OWN BADGE**

*Wider Opportunities*

*for girls 11-17 and Cadette/Senior Girl Scouts*



*Your Troop could do this as a troop activity while exploring the subject of Wider Opportunities. Or you could do this as an individual. Be sure you use an "Interest Project Agreement" sheet to record your activities and have the correct signatures upon completion.*

*Have you ever been on a Wider Opportunity? Have you ever applied? Whether you have or have not been, you can go through these steps and earn the patch. Complete 8 activities that most interest you; the starred activities are required.*

1.	<p><b>* Participation:</b> Participate in a Wider Opportunity or pretend that you have. Pick a destination for a trip. Take notes and make a diary of/about the daily activities of your trip.</p>
2.	<p><b>*Budget:</b> Prepare a budget and keep track of your spending.</p>
3.	<p><b>*Check Into It:</b> Plan how you will finance your Wider Opportunity; consider if and where you will seek financial assistance. Think about a job; a loan; applying for financial assistance from your troop, Girl Scout Neighborhood, troop sponsor, or council.</p>
4.	<p><b>Transportation:</b> Contact at least two (2) travel agencies for prices and schedules for various ways of transportation to the same location. Compare.</p>
5.	<p><b>* Background:</b> Do some research about your opportunity and the area in which you will be visiting.</p>
6.	<p><b>Set a Goal:</b> Set a goal which you hope to achieve by participating in the Wider Opportunity. State why you hope to achieve this goal and why you might or might not achieve it.</p>
7.	<p><b>Involving your Career:</b> Be aware of the various career opportunities around you and make note of them. Inquire about the ones that especially interest you.</p>
8.	<p><b>Saying it in Pictures:</b> Using photographs, postcards, magazines, or other pictures, make a scrapbook outlining your trip. The pictures must be relevant to your activities.</p>
9.	<p><b>Make your Own:</b> Design a patch you think would best represent your opportunity.</p>

