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**Girls In Science Camp
Student Application**

Please fill in the lines neatly in blue or black ink or type your answers on another sheet.

1. Your Name _____

2. Your current grade level (2009 – 2010 school year) _____

3. Your school name _____

4. Have you participated in any Tremont program before? If so, which ones?

5. Race (<i>circle; optional</i>)	Black/ African American	Native American	Other
	White/ Caucasian	Asian/ Pacific Islander	
	Hispanic/Latino	Bi-racial	

6. Rate the following on a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest:

- a) Your interest in science _____
- b) Your interest in nature _____
- c) Your interest in a science career _____

Short answer questions: Please write or type the answers to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper. There is no length requirement, but please be thorough.

- 7. Why are you interested in attending Girls In Science Camp?
- 8. Describe a favorite experience you have had in nature.
- 9. What can you contribute to the group through your presence at Girls In Science Camp?

Be sure you understand these two things before you send in your application.

- I understand that Girls In Science Camp is an outdoor, group experience that involves sleeping in a platform tent, hiking on mountain trails, and getting along with others who may be very different from me.
- I understand that the application process for Girls In Science Camp is extremely competitive, so there is no guarantee that I will be selected for the camp.

Your signature _____

You're almost done...

- Ask your parent or guardian to read over and sign the next page.
- Ask a teacher who knows you well to fill out the Teacher Questionnaire.
- Return this application, along with your teacher's page, your parent's page, and a payment of \$50 by March 19, 2010!
- The review committee will meet in late March, and will let all applicants know whether or not they were selected for camp by early April.

Parents/Guardians: Your daughter is applying for Girls In Science Camp, a six-day, five-night experience for rising eighth-graders at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont, in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Campers will explore the national park with naturalists, help scientists with outdoor research projects, and meet new friends from around the country. Camp dates are June 21 – 26, 2010. **Because the camp is made possible in conjunction with Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Friends of Great Smoky Mountains National Park through a grant from Toyota, the cost of camp is only \$50!**

For more information about Girls In Science Camp, as well as other experiences for kids, teens, adults and families, please visit Tremont’s website at www.gsmit.org. Thank you for applying!

Due on March 19, 2010:

- Student application
- The bottom part of this page, with parent signature and e-mail
- Teacher questionnaire
- \$50 payment (Check payable to Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont; your payment will only be processed if selected for the camp.)

Mailing Address

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Mary Silver, Tremont teacher/naturalist: e-mail with questions about camp

mail@gsmit.org

Julie Brown, Tremont registrar: e-mail with questions about registering

Phone

(865) 448-6709



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Remove and return



I understand that the application process is extremely competitive, so there is no guarantee my daughter will be selected for Girls In Science Camp.

Parent/Guardian’s signature _____ Date _____

E-mail (We won’t share this; we just need to tell you whether your daughter gets into the camp!)

Optional: Would you still consider applying to this camp if it were offered at a full price of approximately \$500?



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Girls In Science Camp Teacher Questionnaire

Teachers: Your student is applying for Girls In Science Camp, a week-long overnight experience for rising eighth-graders in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. The camp will be based at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont and will include outdoor exploration throughout the park and participation in citizen science projects, with a goal of keeping girls excited about science as they move through their middle school years.

Thanks for supporting your student's interest in experiencing science in action!

1. Student's name _____
2. Is this student a seventh-grade girl? _____
3. On a scale of 1 to 5, with 5 being the highest, please rate your student's:
 - Apparent interest in science _____
 - Aptitude in science _____

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

4. Thanks to a grant from Toyota, the cost of this camp will be only \$50. To the best of your knowledge, describe your student's ability to attend Girls In Science Camp if it were at a full price of approximately \$500 (based on the cost of similar Tremont programs).
5. Describe your student's approach to interacting with peers in a group setting.
6. Why is this camp right for your student?

Teacher's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Applications are due on March 19, 2010, and will not be considered without this questionnaire. Please help your student by returning your portion to her quickly!