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*Inspiring all girls
to be **strong**,
smart, and **bold**SM*

March 26, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are excited to invite your middle and high school daughter(s) to participate in the **2026 Girls Inc. College Tour to New Orleans**, scheduled for **May 27–29, 2026**.

This educational experience introduces participants to a variety of college environments while encouraging them to explore their academic and career goals. During the tour, students will visit Dillard University, Tulane University, Loyola University New Orleans, the University of New Orleans and possibly Southern University at New Orleans, gaining firsthand exposure to college life while building confidence and independence. Participants will also enjoy cultural experiences in New Orleans, including visits to the French Market and the Museum of Illusions or a Swamp Tour. A detailed itinerary will be shared closer to the trip date.

A **\$250 non-refundable trip fee** is required to confirm participation in the 2026 Girls Inc. College Tour and is **due by April 29, 2026**. This fee helps support the cost of transportation, lodging, food, and activities.

Girls will also be offered fundraising opportunities that may help offset some or all of the trip fee if they choose to participate.

Please note that participants are responsible for any personal purchases they choose to make during the tour, including additional room charges. We encourage parents/guardians to speak with their daughter(s) about responsible spending and expectations while participating in the trip.

Thank you for your continued support in helping make your daughter's Girls Inc. experience enriching and rewarding. We look forward to providing an engaging and memorable experience for all participants.

If there are any questions or concerns please contact either Darlene Richardson or Dora Brown Harris at the information below.

Sincerely,
Girls Inc. Program Staff

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Fundraising Opportunity

We have partnered with Mrs. Field's Cookies to offer an opportunity for you and your daughter(s) to fundraise for the 2026 College Tour.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION & DATES:

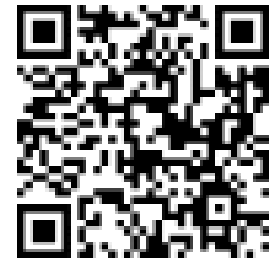
Fundraising begin date: **4/1/2026**

Fundraising end date: **4/15/2026**

Mrs. Field's Cookies (Cookie Dough):

You receive 50% of the \$30.00 sale= \$15.00 x order
(17 sells to reach goal)

<https://brandnamefundraising.com/signup/1409598272>



**Opting out of the fundraiser? Need to make up the difference?
Please make all checks payable to Girls Inc. of Memphis**

**Return checks/cash to Girls Inc. of Memphis – 1179 Dellwood Ave.
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Ask your friends, family, teachers, coaches, church/club members, and
SELL, SELL, SELL!

What to Bring

Please pack lightly and bring only what you can comfortably carry. (1 luggage limit)

Required Items

- Comfortable walking shoes (campus tours involve a lot of walking)
- Casual, weather-appropriate clothing for 3 days + Girls Inc. T-Shirt
- Light jacket or sweater
- Toiletries (toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, etc.)
- Sleepwear
- Personal medications (must be labeled and provided with instructions if required)
- Reusable water bottle
- Small backpack or bag/purse for daily campus visits

Optional Items

- Spending money for personal purchases or souvenirs (\$30-\$55 recommended). Provided meals are budgeted for \$10 each, per girl. Additional money for dining is welcome.
- Phone and charger
- Notebook and pen for taking notes during campus visits
- Hat or sunglasses for outdoor tours

Important Reminders

- Please **pack modestly and appropriately** for college visits.
- Girls Inc. of Memphis is **not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen personal items.**
- Students are responsible for **any personal purchases they choose to make during the trip.**

We will not be held responsible for any money or valuables that are lost or stolen.

Participants must keep up with their own belongings.

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**PERMISSION AND MEDICAL RELEASE FORM
FOR GIRLS INC. OF MEMPHIS**

I, _____, (Parent's name) the parent and/or lawful guardian of _____ (Child's name), hereby agree that Girls Incorporated of Memphis is sponsoring a trip to New Orleans, LA on May 27-29, 2026.

_____, (Child's name) has my permission to participate on this trip and in all activities thereof. Darlene Richardson and other employees of Girls Inc. of Memphis are given the following authority on dates above.

I, _____, (Parent's Name) give consent to any medical treatment that maybe required for my daughter if the need arises. I release Girls Inc. of Memphis of all responsibility, other than reasonable care.

Further consideration of the services performed by Girls Inc. of Memphis and the employees, and agents of Girls Inc. of Memphis are hereby released from liability for actions taken in good faith during the trip.

Please include with this form a copy of your child's medical insurance card.

Parent's Name

Participant's Name

Emergency Contact #1 Name

Emergency Contact #1 Number

Emergency Contact #2 Name

Emergency Contact #2 Number

_____Date