



# LGS Foundation & GKTW Guidelines

## 1. LGS Foundation Overview:

The LGS Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing information about Lennox-Gastaut syndrome, a rare and severe form of childhood-onset epilepsy, while raising funds to pursue research, services and support for LGS families. Founded in 2007, the LGS Foundation has grown to an international network of families affected by Lennox-Gastaut syndrome.

## 2. Give Kids the World Overview:

Give Kids The World Village (GKTW) is a 70-acre, non-profit resort in Central Florida that creates magical memories for children with life-threatening illnesses and their families, such as Lennox-Gastaut syndrome. GKTW provides accommodations at its whimsical resort, donated attractions tickets to Disney Parks, meals, and more during a week-long fantasy vacation. With the help of participating charities (such as the LGSF), this vacation is cost-free to the family. Give Kids The World Village is for children between the ages of 3 and 18. Accommodations



include a two-bedroom, two-bath, ground floor villa with kitchen, laundry facilities and living room at GKTW Village. All villas are handicap accessible and are complete with a roll-in shower and a Jacuzzi tub. Each villa will sleep seven people plus a baby. The master bedroom has one king-sized bed and a portable crib, the second bedroom has two twin beds and one roll-away bed. In addition to the accommodations, GKTW provides each family with complimentary meals, entertainment within the village, ticket packages to the surrounding theme parks along with free shuttle service. Further details can be found on page 2.

## 3. The Wish Process:

Annually, the LGS Foundation will grant one family of four (must include the child with LGS) a trip to the "Give Kids the World" Village. The deadline for applications annually is December 30<sup>th</sup> for travel for the following year. Applicants will be placed into a lottery when all completed materials are received. A winner will be drawn and announced by January 15<sup>th</sup> of the following year. Dates for travel will be determined by the foundation with consideration of the family's availability but are limited to March 1<sup>st</sup> – December 31<sup>st</sup> of the award year. Applications can be found on page 5.

#### 4. Guidelines for Wishes:

1. The LGS Foundation will grant up to two trips per year.
2. The LGSF will pay for airfare for up to four individuals. Additional family members are welcome to join the family and stay at the GKTW village, but additional airfare or travel expenses must be paid by the grantee.
3. If the family chooses to drive to GKTW, the LGSF will reimburse the family for travel expenses at .23/mile.
4. Additional transportation (such as a rental car) will be considered on a per-family basis.

#### Applicants:

1. Must apply on behalf of one of their children who has the diagnosis of Lennox-Gastaut syndrome
2. Willing to be responsible for additional travel expenses beyond the agreed limit.
3. Must comply with all other rules and regulations set forth.
4. Must submit four choices for desired dates of their trip (please note that first choices may not be available).
5. **Must mail application, medical verification form, physician summary form, publicity agreement, and family forms to the LGS Foundation prior to December 30th. Applications must be emailed to [info@lgsfoundation.org](mailto:info@lgsfoundation.org). Supporting forms can be downloaded at [www.lgsfoundation.org/gktw](http://www.lgsfoundation.org/gktw).**

#### 5. The Granting Process:

1. Once the awarded family has been decided, the LGSF will confirm the dates with the family and will book all travel.

#### 6. Additional Information:

GKTW provides up to a six-night stay for families from the contiguous 48 United States and a Seven night stay for families and families from Alaska and Hawaii. This vacation package is available for all potential Wish Children ages 3 to 18 and the immediate family members living within the household, consisting of siblings and parents or guardians (2 adults).

#### Entertainment at the Village:

There is just as much to see and do at GKTW Village as the area theme parks. Here is a sneak peek of what awaits the Wish Families here at the Village:

- Each morning your favorite characters visit GKTW from either Walt Disney World, Universal Orlando, SeaWorld Orlando or Nickelodeon to take pictures, sign autographs and have fun with our Wish families.
- GKTW has its own horse corral. Twice a week, horses visit the Village and welcome Wish

children for a ride.

- Each night, the Village hosts special entertainment for the entire family. The nightly entertainment includes everything from Discovery Cove's Animal Exploration to the Safari Family Challenge, from Village Idol to Winter Wonderland, from the Pirates & Princesses Party with Shamu, to our own Mayor Clayton's Birthday Party, endless fun awaits our Wish families!

A schedule of daily Village Entertainment is available on the GKTW website at [www.gktw.org/families](http://www.gktw.org/families).

### **Village Meal Options:**

All meals are complimentary at the Village and are available for all Wish families, regardless if they are staying at the Village or at a nearby hotel. Below is a listing of all onsite Village dining options:

#### Gingerbread House Restaurant

- Serves continental breakfast everyday from 7:30 – 10:30 a.m. and hearty, hot breakfast from 8 -10 a.m.
- Serves a delicious dinner buffet each evening from 6 – 8 p.m.

#### Katie's Kitchen

- Serves home-style meals for lunch and dinner that can be delivered to the family villa or picked-up from 11 a.m. – 10 p.m.

#### Ice Cream Palace

- Serves delicious all-you-can-eat ice cream daily from 7:30 a.m. – 9:30 p.m.

#### Mama Merry's Pizza Kitchen

- Serves made-to-order pizza delivered to the family villa from 4 – 10:30 p.m. daily.

The Village meal options can also be viewed online at our Family site at [www.gktw.org/families](http://www.gktw.org/families).

### **Tickets:**

All approved participants will receive a basic ticket package during their Orientation Session, on the day they arrive at the Village. The ticket package will consist of a 3-day Park Hopper Pass to the Disney Parks, excluding the water parks, a 2-day Park Hopper Pass to Universal Studios and Islands of Adventure, and a 1-day pass to SeaWorld Orlando. These tickets are based on individual park donations and may not be exchanged or altered. For example, you are not able to trade Universal or SeaWorld tickets for additional Disney tickets. In addition to this basic package, tickets to other Central Florida attractions may also be available. These tickets may be limited and are subject to change without notice. The following are other tickets available at the present time:

Aquatica (located in Orlando, FL)

Boggy Creek Airboat Rides (located in Kissimmee, FL)

Busch Gardens Tampa (located in Tampa, FL)

Gatorland (located in Orlando, FL)

Green Meadows Petting Farm (located in Kissimmee, FL)

Kennedy Space Center (located in Titusville, FL)

Mauiva Air Tours (located in Kissimmee, FL)

Old Town Park (located in Kissimmee, FL)

Pirate's Island Adventure Golf (located in Kissimmee, FL)

Wet N' Wild Water Park (located in Orlando, FL)

**\*Please note that if you have received park tickets through another wish-granting organization at a previous time, you will not be eligible to receive them at GKTW.**

**Local Transportation:**

**1. Mears Shuttle**

Daily transportation to and from Disney World, Universal Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando is available via MEARS Shuttle on a complimentary basis. Mears will assist those families who cannot or do not wish to drive in an unfamiliar location.

Mears is also available with a wheelchair lift for wheelchair accessibility needs. Please be sure to indicate either "With Lift" or "Without Lift" on your Reservation Request Form. Daily transportation itineraries will be pre-set for all Mears Transportation participants.

Mears will provide ONE round trip to one of the three major theme parks each day. Pick up time is also pre-set from the Village to the Parks:

- 10 a.m. for any of the Disney Parks
- 9 a.m. for Universal Orlando or SeaWorld Orlando

The family will need to call Mears two hours in advance to schedule their return trip from the theme park to the Village.

**What's NOT included in your trip:**

1. Roundtrip airport transfers to/from the airport from your home
2. No more than four roundtrip flights for immediate family members. Additional family members may join the trip but the grantee family will be responsible for the additional airfare cost.
3. Checked baggage
4. Meals not provided by GKTW resort
5. Medical supplies not covered by GKTW resort
6. Additional theme park tickets not approved by GKTW

## Application for Give Kids the World/ LGS Foundation

|   |                       |  |                                  |   |
|---|-----------------------|--|----------------------------------|---|
| First Name of Child:  |                       | Last Name:   |                                  | Age:  |
| Date of Birth:  |                       | Address:   |                                  |   |
| Child's favorite Color:   |                       |  |                                  |   |
| Male      Female  | Child's T-shirt Size: |  |                                  |   |
| Home Tel No.  |                       | E-mail:  |                                  |   |
| Mobile No:  |                       | Mother/Father/Other (Please circle)                                  |                                  |   |
| Mobile No:  |                       | Mother/Father/Other (Please circle)                                  |                                  |   |
| Emergency contact: (someone who will not be attending the trip)                           |                       |  |                                  |   |
| Name:   |                       | Phone Number:  |                                  |   |
| <u>Preferred Arrival Dates:</u>   |                       | <u>Number of Desired Nights:</u>                                     |                                  |   |
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| 2.  |                       |  |                                  |   |
| 3.  |                       |  |                                  |   |
| 4.  |                       |  |                                  |   |
| R/T airfare needed?    YES      NO  |                       | Rental car needed?    YES      NO                                    |                                  |   |
| If yes, please list names of individuals requesting airfare below (limit four per family) |                       | If yes, please list desired pickup location, and name(s) of drivers: |                                  |   |
| First Name,   | Middle Name,          | Last Name  | Date of Birth                    | Type of Vehicle Requested:<br><br>Driver License Numbers, Expiration, and State of Issue for all drivers: |
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| <u>Mears Shuttle Information:</u>   |                       |  |                                  |   |
| Wheelchair lift needed with shuttle?   YES   NO   |                       |  |                                  |   |
| Diagnosis and date:   |                       |  |                                  |   |
| Current State of Child's Health:  |                       |  | Wheelchair type (if applicable): |   |
| Hospital/ Neurologist:  |                       |  | Department: Tel No.              |   |
| Has the child or family received past aid from the LGSF?                                  |                       |  | Yes    No                        |   |

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| If yes, give details:  |                        |     |               |
| Is the family agreeable to publicity? YES NO   |                        |     |               |
| List below all family members living with the nominated child, i.e. Parents, Brothers, Sisters who would be attending the trip. (Only immediate family members are allowed to participate on the wish) |                        |     |               |
| Name:  | Relationship to child: | DOB | T-shirt Size: |
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- We confirm that the information above is complete & true, to the best of my knowledge. We/I, the Child's Parent(s)/Guardian authorize the LGS Foundation, Inc to obtain all medical information about the Child which the LGS Foundation may feel necessary for consideration or fulfilment of the wish authorize all physicians and medical care providers including the Child's Physician, to provide the LGS Foundation with all medical information regarding the Child.
- I confirm that I am including all supporting documents (medical verification, physician summary, and publicity agreement) required to the LGS Foundation along with this application. I understand that if I send this application by itself, it will not be accepted.

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| Parent's / Legal Guardian's Name: | Signature: | Date: |
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Please return to: [info@lgsfoundation.org](mailto:info@lgsfoundation.org)