



American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA

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TO: HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS **FROM: DEEDY HARRELL, CHAIRMAN**
ALL SPONSORS **770-486-0231**
UNIT/DISTRICT GIRLS STATE CHAIRMEN **gagirlst@bellsouth.net**

RE: 2008 GIRLS STATE SESSION

DATES: JUNE 8 through JUNE 13, 2008
PLACE: GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, STATESBORO, GEORGIA
REGISTRATION FEE: \$200.00 PER DELEGATE

Checks for reservations for the 64th session of AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GEORGIA GIRLS STATE will be accepted beginning October 26, 2007.
Make your check payable to: GEORGIA GIRLS STATE
Send to: Georgia Girls State, 29 Northlake Drive, Peachtree City, GA 30269

A completed Reservation Application must accompany checks. THE NAME(S) OF DELEGATE(S) IS NOT REQUIRED AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THE NAME OF THE HIGH SCHOOL(S) FROM WHICH YOUR DELEGATE(S) WILL BE SELECTED.

PLEASE CHECK THE ELIGIBILITY RULES CAREFULLY. Read the enclosed brochure and "Information for Units Sheet", both of which give you all essential details and will be helpful for making your selection. In addition to the Eligibility Requirements, please be sure your delegate *WANTS* to attend Girls State. Program registration will be held from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., on Sunday, June 8, 2008. The program will end at 1 p.m., Friday, June 13, 2008. Those who complete the Girls State program are given a Certificate of Completion at the final meeting, Saturday morning. **NOTE: THOSE THAT DO NOT COMPLETE THE GIRLS STATE PROGRAM WILL NOT RECEIVE A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION, AND CANNOT LIST IT ON THEIR COLLEGE AND JOB APPLICATIONS, OR RESUMES.**

The assistance of school counselors in the selection process is very valuable, but a personal interview with all candidates, by the sponsoring organization, is HIGHLY recommended. THE SELECTION OF AN ALTERNATE DELEGATE FOR EACH DELEGATE IS IMPORTANT, TOO! The enclosed Flyer, Application, and Information for Units and Girls are useful tools to attract interest, and assist with your selection. Make multiple copies and use them!

The Application(s) for delegate(s) and alternate(s) must be fully completed and legible, and returned to the Georgia Girls State Director by May 21, 2008. BE SURE EACH APPLICATION IS SIGNED BY THE PARENT/GUARDIAN, THE HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL OR COUNSELOR, AND AN AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT PRESIDENT/GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN, BEFORE MAILING.

Enclosures: Brochure, Reservation Application, Info for Units, Flyer and Application Form with Info for Girls.

PLEASE NOTE, ALL OF THESE ENCLOSURES ARE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE
www.georgiagirlsstate.org.



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RESERVATION APPLICATION

The Sixty-fourth session of American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State will be held, at Kennedy Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, Georgia.

June 8 through June 13, 2008

Registration Fee: \$200.00 per Delegate MUST accompany this application

Make check payable to:
Georgia Girls State

Mail entire reservation form and check to:

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State
29 Northlake Drive
Peachtree City, GA 30269

Deedy Harrell, Department of Georgia Girls State Director

Enclosed is a check No. _____ for \$ _____ for _____ reservation(s) for delegates to attend the 2008 Session of American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State.

Unit _____ Contact Person _____

City _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone (_____) _____ Fax (_____) _____

E-Mail _____

For Office Use Only	Unit # _____	Dist # _____	Date Received: _____
Cards Mailed – _____	Date Mailed: _____	Other: _____	

QUESTIONS THAT SHOULD BE ASKED OF CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATES AND ALTERNATES TO GEORGIA GIRLS STATE

- 1 - Do you know anything about the American Legion Auxiliary? (Explain the purpose of our organization)
- 2 - Have you any knowledge as to what the program of Girls State is about? (If none, inform them)
- 3 - Unless sickness or any other emergency existed, are you willing to spend the entire week at Girls State June 8 until June 13 at approximately 1:00 P.M.? (If no, this would disqualify candidates, as they must stay until the entire program is completed)
- 4 - If you were selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program in July, would your parents object to you flying/traveling to Washington, D.C. alone?
- 5 - If you are employed or expect to be this summer, would you be able to make arrangements for time off from June 8 – June 13? (This answer must be yes to be considered)
- 6 - What do you feel are the qualifications of a Good Citizen?
- 7 - Will you salute the flag and participate in nondenominational prayer? (The answer to this should be yes and explain it if the candidates do not understand)
- 8 - Do you have any health issues or any other disabilities that might keep you from participating fully? If so what are they? (If the candidate is picked and needs special accommodations the Director needs to be notified immediately)
- 9 - Do you have any experience in Student Government? (Yes to this would be helpful to the candidate)
- 10 - Have you been involved in debating or oratorical contests? (Yes to this would also indicate a good candidate)
- 11 - Have you been involved in any way helping to campaign for any elected officials? (Yes to this would also indicate a good candidate)
- 12 - Why would you like to attend the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Program? (This is important in making your selection)

After your selection of delegates and alternates has been made, suggest to each of them that it would be beneficial to them to visit or call some of the elected officials in their area to tell them of their being selected to attend Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. They could ask them about their duties and responsibilities of the various elected and appointed positions and how to present a bill or resolution. Have them inquire about current issues within their community, County or at the State level. This would give them insight as to what to expect during their week at Girls State.

Deedy Harrell
Director

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA
GEORGIA GIRLS STATE
GEORGIA SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY, STATESBORO, GEORGIA**

Information for Units:

SPONSORSHIP:

- Girls will be accepted for enrollment when sponsored directly by a unit of the American Legion Auxiliary or approved by a unit for sponsorship by another organization.
- Every unit of the American Legion Auxiliary in Georgia is urged to sponsor one or more citizens.
- It is expected that most of the citizens will be sponsored by units. However, sponsorship of some citizens by civic, fraternal, and patriotic organizations is highly encouraged, provided the citizens are enrolled through a local unit.
- Any organization wishing to sponsor one or more citizens should contact the president or Girls State Chairman of the unit.
- Likewise, units are encouraged to contact community organizations most likely to sponsor a citizen.
- **The fee shall not be paid by citizens, parents or any family member of a citizen.**
- All organizations paying citizens' registration fees will be listed as sponsors, and they will receive recognition for full participation in the program.
- All citizens sponsored by organizations other than units will be selected in the same manner as those sponsored by Auxiliary units.
- Enrollment is limited. Therefore, Auxiliary units and other organizations desiring to sponsor citizens should make plans early to do so, sending fees at the earliest convenient date.

SELECTION OF GIRLS:

- It is recommended that selection of girls be made by a committee, consisting of the high school principal or counselor, unit president and the Girls State chairman, in addition to the head of any other organization sponsoring the citizens.
- Girls State is intended for the most outstanding girls, from the standpoint of leadership, character, and scholarship in the high schools.
- Only those girls who will enthusiastically devote their **FULL TIME** to increasing their knowledge, while at the same time advancing the whole Girls State Program, should be chosen.

REGISTRATION FEES:

- **The registration fee of \$200 is to be paid to the Director by April 10, 2008.**
- **APPLICATIONS are due by May 21ST.**
- **The fee does Not Include Spending Money.**
- Substitutions (Alternates) accepted up to the last minute with appropriate approval.
- There will be NO refunds on Girls State Registration Fees.
- If you need a substitute, contact the Director.

ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE:

- Citizens must report to Kennedy Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 8 and they will depart on Friday, June 13 at 1:00 PM.
- Graduation is June 13, 2008 at 8:00 AM. Guests are invited.
- Units sponsoring the citizens are responsible for providing transportation and definite arrangements for the trip from Statesboro back home. Arrangements should be made well in advance of the departure date, with each citizen being notified.

- **LUNCH will Not** be provided on **Sunday**; arrangements must be made prior to arriving at Girls State.
- **Once the citizen has registered, they are not allowed to leave to eat lunch. Make sure the citizens have eaten before arriving on campus.**
- Complete instructions on rules and regulations, general information, what to bring from home and other facts which citizens should know before leaving home for Girls State **WILL BE SENT TO EACH CITIZEN AS SOON AS THE APPLICATION IS RECEIVED FROM THE SPONSORING UNIT.**
- Do Not Delay in sending in their applications.
- The forms (**especially the medical forms**) must be filled out in a timely manner.
- Also, as the Girls may submit a bill, the bill has a deadline for submission to the Director.

ORIENTATION

- Have an orientation or have the girls attend a district or another unit's orientation!!!

GIRLS STATE STORE:

- Girls are allowed to shop during free time. We have Girls State items available for purchase. You may wish to bring money from home to buy Girls State items or snacks

ADDRESS ALL INQUIRIES AND OTHER CORRESPONDENCE TO:

- The Director, Deedy Harrell, 29 Northlake Dr, Peachtree City, GA 30269, Home- 770-486-0231, Cell 770-337-3997 or gagirlst@bellsouth.net.
- Or the Assistant Director, Deana Rowe At: asstdirgags@mindspring.com or 770-461-6518.

GIRLS NATION:

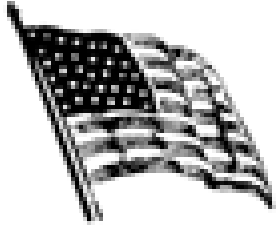
- Two outstanding citizens of the American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State session will be selected by delegates and staff to attend Girls Nation.
- The Girls Nation session will be held at the National 4-H Center, Chevy Chase, MD, July 21 - 28, 2008.
- All expenses of the two citizens will be paid from the Girls State Fund.

*****IMPORTANT REMINDER TO CITIZENS*****

- If the Girls Have Not Received their Packet By May 27th, Please Contact Us At The Numbers Or The Email Addresses Listed Above.
- This Packet Includes Very Urgent Information And Papers, Including Forms For Medical Examination, Parents Waiver, Key Agreement And Girls State Pledge. (These Must Be Turned In During Registration On Sunday.)

WEB: More information is available at www.georgiagirlsstate.org

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State



**INTERESTED IN LEARNING HOW TO
PROTECT YOUR FREEDOMS?
GET IN ON THE ACTION!! APPLY RIGHT NOW!!
Dates: June 8 - 13, 2008**



REGISTRATION FEE IS USUALLY PAID BY A SPONSORING ORGANIZATION!!

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

It's an action-packed government simulation program for girls, who will complete their junior year of high school in May, 2008. The objective is to provide "hands on" training in city, county, and state government. All levels of government are explored; executive, legislative and judicial. As a citizen, you will participate in a variety of activities. Learn the importance of your role in our government. Meet girls from all over Georgia, and establish life-long friendships!

Check out our Government Manual at www.georgiagirlsstate.org.

FOR INFORMATION, SEE YOUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR OR CALL A LOCAL

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
GIRLS STATE CHAIRMAN!!**

Name _____
Phone _____ Best Time to Call _____ AM/PM