

**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, 2009.**
- **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 14 and they will depart on Friday, June 19 at 1:00 PM.
- Graduation is June 19, 2009 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 770-337-7997 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 18 - 25, 2009.
- 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