

## American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State

### Congratulations on being chosen to attend Georgia Girls State!

Report to Kennedy Hall on the campus of Georgia Southern University between 1:00 and 3:30 on Sunday June, 13, 2010. Make arrangements to depart on Friday, June 18, 2010 by 12:30 PM.

Please make sure that you have had lunch before you register. Once you have registered, you may not leave the campus. Our first meal is Sunday dinner at 5:30 PM.

### ON SUNDAY, DURING REGISTRATION YOU MUST BRING:

1. Medical Certificate
2. Girls State Pledge
3. Key Agreement
4. Parents' Waiver
5. Copy of your insurance card

### What to bring:

- Twin bed sheets
- Blanket, pillow and pillow case
- Hand and Bath towels
- Wash clothes
- Personal toilet articles
- Sanitary articles (Be Prepared)
- Coat hangers
- Umbrella
- Sweater or light jacket
- School clothes
- Sports clothes
- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation
- 2 or 3 business outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Comfortable shoes
- White gloves for flag ceremonies (we have some to share)
- Three ring binder

- Pen or pencil and markers
- Masking tape
- Highlighters

Do not bring campaign materials or any means to make them other than pens, pencils and markers. To keep campaigning equal for all delegates, you will not be allowed to bring materials from home. You will only be able to use paper that Girls State provides. Do not bring a laptop computer or expensive jewelry.

**You may bring a cell phone but cell phones may only be used during free time. The use of phones for talking and/or text messaging during any meeting or assembly will not be tolerated.**

### Talent Show

Girls State will have a talent show on Thursday evening. If you are interested, please bring equipment, musical instruments, music, etc. You must sign up by Tuesday at Girls State if you plan to try out for participation.

### Girls State House and Senate

Much of your time during the week will be spent in the House and Senate. You will be randomly assigned as a Senator or Representative. You should conduct yourself and present yourself as a young senator or representative. During the sessions, you will debate bills written by you or other Girls State Citizens. You are invited to submit one bill of statewide significance (No federal issues.) In order for your bill to be considered, you must bring 375 copies to be turned in to the government staff during registration. Bills will not be accepted after 9:30 PM on Sunday, June 13, 2010. Sample bills and a form upon which to write your bill is enclosed.

Girls State will have a commissary for purchasing items including snacks, Girls State apparel, photos etc. You will be able to purchase Commissary cards for \$5.00 for used during the week.

### Driving to Girls State

You may drive to Statesboro, but as soon as you have unpacked your vehicle, you must turn in your keys and receive a parking permit. We will have designated parking for citizens of Girls State. Failure to turn in your keys and receive a parking permit can result in a parking citation.

### Scholarship:

Samsung Scholarship: As a delegate, you have the opportunity to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. If you are a direct descendant of a U.S. wartime veteran, you are eligible to apply. The application can be obtained from the American Legion Auxiliary website at

[http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/files/2010/Samsung\\_Scholarship\\_10.pdf](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org/files/2010/Samsung_Scholarship_10.pdf). If you do not have access to the internet, or need other assistance with the application, please call one of the numbers below. Applications must be received during Girls State registration.

Call if more information is needed:

Deedy Harrell, Director

Cell: 770-337-7997

Email: [gagirlst@bellsouth.net](mailto:gagirlst@bellsouth.net)

Website: [www.georgiagirlsstate.org](http://www.georgiagirlsstate.org)

Deana Rowe, Assistant Director

Home: 770-461-6518

Cell: 404-403-3673

Email: [asstdirgags@mindspring.com](mailto:asstdirgags@mindspring.com)

Please call only between the hours of 9:00 AM and 8:00 PM.

**Georgia Girls State  
American Legion Auxiliary  
3035 Mount Zion Rd.  
Stockbridge, GA 30281**

**WAIVER FROM PARENTS FOR GEORGIA GIRLS STATE: YOU MUST HAVE YOUR PARENTS READ THIS FORM AND SIGN. YOU MUST BRING THIS AS YOU REGISTER FOR GIRLS STATE.**

The undersigned, parents (or guardian) of \_\_\_\_\_

student at \_\_\_\_\_ School, and residing at \_\_\_\_\_  
Street

\_\_\_\_\_, in consideration of instruction and  
City, Zip Code

training to be given to \_\_\_\_\_, as a citizen of GEORGIA GIRLS STATE,  
AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA, INC. TO BE HELD AT GEORGIA  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY IN STATESBORO, GA. ON THE DATES OF JUNE 13 - 18, 2010, do hereby give  
consent for her to participate fully in all planned activities of Girls State.

We hereby release and discharge THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA,  
INC., its Officers, Agents, Instructors and Employees, from all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions or causes of  
action which we may, can or shall have by any reason of illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by  
\_\_\_\_\_ while in attendance at said Girls State, no matter how caused or  
occasioned.

Does your daughter have any physical or emotional condition, or is she taking any medication (prescribed) that girls  
state should be aware of?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

The Georgia Girls State has permission to administer Over-the-Counter medications to my daughter.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Exceptions: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_, 2010

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent or Guardian's signature

To be signed (after reading completely) by girl's parents or guardian and must be brought with you to girls state.  
Turn in when you register. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE WITHOUT THIS  
WAIVER.**

# American Legion Auxiliary Department of Georgia Girls State Medical Examination Report

**Note: Examining Physician:** Girls State by nature is strenuous, both physically and emotionally; therefore the ability to cope adequately with these conditions should be seriously considered when completing this statement. **The medical examination must be made within 11 Months prior to Girls State. Attach a copy of the back and front of your health insurance card.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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**Include A Copy Of The Girl's Immunization Record.**

**Has She Had Any Serious Illness?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is She Followed By A Doctor For Any Chronic Health Conditions? Is So, Please Explain:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please List Any Allergies Your Child Has And The Measures You would Like GS TO Take To Manage Y our Child's Allergies Should They Become Problematic.**

**Please List ALL Prescription Or Over The Counter Medications Or Herbal Supplements That Your Child Takes On A Regular Basis.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Special Diet:** What \_\_\_\_\_ Why \_\_\_\_\_

**Any Other Special Accommodations That Your Child Requires:** \_\_\_\_\_

I certify that I have reviewed this form and have examined the child named above on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) and do ( ) do not ( ) find her physically fit to attend Georgia Girls State.

Restrictions: \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician's Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Physician's Printed Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address of Attending Physician** \_\_\_\_\_

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**To: Parents or Guardian**

Every pre-caution is taken to avoid accidents and sickness at Georgia Girls State. Participants who do not already have group accident, sickness medical insurance coverage, are insured under a group policy. The group policy is *Excess Coverage to any other Valid and Collectable Insurance Plan*. If your daughter is covered under a group plan, please list the insurance information below:

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Group Name \_\_\_\_\_ Group Number \_\_\_\_\_

Street/Box Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**Release to Treat for Illness or Injury:**

**As Parent or Guardian of:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I Hereby Authorize Medical Treatment to be Administered while she is attending Georgia Girls State.**

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **ate** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Work #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's Work #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Father's Home #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother's Home #** \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks of the Georgia Girls State Nurse: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Please have all medications, along with a list of the medications, IN HAND at registration for review by the Girls State nurse.**

# WHAT TO TAKE TO GIRLS STATE

- All required forms
  - Medical waiver and a copy of your insurance card**
  - Parent's waiver, signed
  - Girls State Pledge, signed
  - 375 copies of your bill if you are submitting one
  - The Samsung scholarship applications with supporting documentation
  - Key agreement, signed
  - GSU Waiver, signed
- A good attitude and willingness to learn
- Classroom attire (that which is accepted in one's school and by one's school code)-- slacks, jeans and shorts will be permitted, but **no short shorts or sloppy jeans and no midriffs, except in dormitories or at recreation periods.**
- Comfortable daytime shoes (sneakers or tennis shoes)
- A pair of white gloves
- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation
- 2 or 3 business outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Raincoat and umbrella
- Bed linens for a single long twin bed, a blanket and a pillow
- Towels, soap, toilet articles, sanitary articles (come prepared) and coat hangers
- Equipment for light sports and musical instruments are acceptable.
- Do Not Bring Anything Of Value With You -- Especially Expensive Jewelry. We will have a bank for you to check money while you are at Girls State
- No citizen is to bring campaign material from home.**
- Phone (phone jack in room) and calling card to make calls
- Alarm clock or clock radio
- Inexpensive camera for taking pictures of a great experience
- Notebook, writing instruments and a highlighter
- Markers and masking tape
- If a girl drives to Girls State, car keys must be turned in upon arrival. When keys are turned in, a parking permit will be issued. **Without the permit the college may issue a parking citation.**
- Bring money from home to buy Girls State items and snacks

**Georgia Southern University**  
**Department of University Housing**  
**Key Agreement for Georgia Girls State**

As a Citizen of Georgia Girls State and a guest of Georgia Southern University, I am responsible for the security of all keys issued to me by the Department of University Housing. I further understand and agree to follow the established guidelines for the use of Residence Hall keys. The signatures on this form indicate that I:

- Will use the keys issued to me for my entry into the Residence Hall and room I am assigned.
- Will not use a key issued to me to unlock a door for someone not connected with Georgia Girls State or the University.
- Will return all keys issued when requested.
- Will notify my Counselor immediately if I misplace any keys issued to me. Misplaced keys will be changed if not located within 24 hours.
- Understand that I am responsible for replacing any misplaced keys as follows:
  - Room Key
    - Suites                 \$50.00
    - Apartments         \$150.00
  - Exterior Door Key     \$100.00

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

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For office use only

Hall \_\_\_\_\_

Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Key Number \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

# Continuing Education Waiver Form

## RELEASE OF CLAIMS, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT

(READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING)

I hereby acknowledge that participation by myself and/or my child in \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (program title), a voluntary

educational, social, athletic, and/or recreational program sponsored and administered by the Division of Continuing Education and Public Service at Georgia Southern University, involves an inherent risk of and exposure to property damage and bodily or personal injury, including injury that may prove fatal, to myself, to my child, or to others. Dangers involved in this activity include, but are not limited to, heat related illnesses, hypothermia, cardiac/circulatory problems, musculoskeletal injuries (sprains, strains, bruises, fractures, etc.), stings and bites, concussions, and cuts/lacerations. I fully assume all risks of injury, sickness, or death to myself and/or my child associated with participation in the above stated voluntary activity and I fully consent to my child's participation. For the sole consideration of Georgia Southern University arranging for and allowing my participation and/or my child's participation in this voluntary program, and in connection therewith, making available for my use and/or my child's use while participating in such program, certain equipment, facilities, grounds, or personnel of Georgia Southern University, I hereby waive, release, forever discharge, hold harmless, covenant not to sue, and indemnify Georgia Southern University, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, their members individually and their officers, agents and employees (hereafter "Releasees") from any and all liability, claims, damages, demands, rights, and causes of action of whatever kind, arising from or by reason of any personal injury, property damage, or the consequences thereof, resulting from or in any way connected with my participation and/or my child's participation in the program. I understand and acknowledge that acceptance of this signed RELEASE OF CLAIMS, WAIVER OF LIABILITY, ASSUMPTION OF RISKS, AND INDEMNIFICATION AGREEMENT (hereafter "Agreement") by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia shall not constitute a waiver, in whole or in part, of sovereign immunity by Releasees. I further understand and agree that this Agreement shall be effective during the entire period of my participation and/or my child's participation in the above referenced program.

I understand and agree that the Releasees do not have medical personnel available at all times during the program and are hereby granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary, or myself and my child, and that such action by Releasees shall be subject to the terms of this Agreement. I state that I and my child have no health-related reasons or problems which preclude or restrict participation in this program, and that I and my child have adequate 24-hour health insurance to provide for and pay any medical costs that may be attendant as a result of injury to me and/or my child. I acknowledge and represent that I have fully informed myself of the contents of this Agreement, that I freely and voluntarily sign this Agreement, and that it is my express intent that this Agreement shall contractually bind my heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, and my child's heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, as well as myself and my child.

This the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of participant or parent or guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name of Participant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness / Date  
(Must be 18 years or older)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age (if child)

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY, DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA  
GIRLS STATE PLEDGE

As a citizen of Girls State of the American Legion Auxiliary, I VOLUNTARILY make the following statement:

I will obey the rules of Girls State.

I will be present for every portion of the Girls State session and I will remain for, its entirety.

I will take serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Girls State.

I understand that this is an Americanism program and that it is a study of city, county and state government.

I will salute the American Flag.

If elected to an office, I will serve to the best of my ability.

I will abide by the judgment of those responsible for this Americanism program.

I will make a formal report (written or oral) of my impression of Girls State upon my return home to the Auxiliary Unit that sponsored me.

I will live in residence as a citizen of Girls State.

I will return to high school for at least one semester of my senior year.

In so far as possible, I will take an active part in the affairs of the party in the city and county to which I am assigned.

I will be fair, honest and respectful in all my dealings with my fellow citizens and members of the Girls State Staff.

I am not a member of, and do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government.

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Date                      Girls State Citizen's name (print)                      Signature

**THIS IS TO BE READ AND SIGNED AND BROUGHT WITH YOU TO GIRLS STATE TO TURN IN TO OUR STAFF WHEN YOU REGISTER.**

## How to Write a Bill

So you want to write a bill, huh? Well, the first thing to remember is this: a good idea isn't necessarily a good bill. In other words, just because something would help the State of Georgia doesn't mean that it is a good bill topic for Georgia Girls State delegates.

Seem strange? Well, here's why: Girls State bills need to be ideas that can be debated effectively. That means that a bill about requiring State Prisons to use only recycled paper probably isn't so good because no one will want to argue about it!

And really good arguing can only happen if a few other things happen. We've broken it all down for you. Here's what we think makes a good bill:

- **Debatability**-- people are going to want to argue about your bill from both sides of the issue. If you can't think of an argument against your bill, you should probably pick a different one!
- **Importance to Georgia**-- the idea here is that a bill that affects a lot of people or a wide variety of people is better than a bill that only affects a few people or a narrow range of people. If a topic has been in newspapers or on TV, then it may be a good bill topic.
- **Feasibility**--your bill idea could actually work the way you want it to in the real world; it's realistic.
- **Researchability**--you are going to be able to find facts, statistics, and news articles supporting your idea.

The KEY to a good bill is that it is an idea that you care very much about. The more passionate you feel about your bill, the more you will want to put the work in that will make it successful.

**BILL**  
Georgia Girls State  
General Assembly

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill:  
Representative or Senator (Your Name)

(To be completed by the Girls State office:) House Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Girls State City \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls State here assembled, that:

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The bill should be numbered as above so that during debate, the part being discussed can be located with ease by the Senators and Representatives at Georgia Girls State.

You are **encouraged** to present a bill, but it is not required of all participants. We spend a great percentage of our time at Girls State in the Senate and House, so please submit a bill if you have something that you feel passionate about. The **ONLY** requirement is that you bring, **375** copies with you to Girls State, and make sure your copies are turned in to the government staff on Sunday afternoon during registration.

**SAMPLE BILL**  
Georgia Girls State  
General Assembly

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill:  
Representative or Senator (Your Name)

A Bill

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls State here assembled, that:

1. Millions of American children are suffering unnecessary
2. harm from the lack of adequate child development services,
3. particularly since many parents must undertake or continue
4. full or part time employment, training or education.
  
5. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is
6. authorized and directed to provide financial assistance
7. for child development programs.
  
8. The Secretary shall apportion the amount allotted
9. to each State among the localities within each state
10. on the basis of population.
  
11. It is essential that the planning an operation of child
12. development programs must be undertaken as a
13. partnership of parents, community, and local government.
  
14. As used in this bill, the term “child development
15. programs” means those programs which provide
16. the educational, nutritional, social, medical, and
17. physical services needed for children who have
18. not attained the age of 15; program means any
19. mechanism, which provides full or part-day or night
20. services conducted in child development facilities,
21. in schools, in neighborhood centers, or in homes.

\_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following bill:

House Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_

Girls' State City \_\_\_\_\_

Referred to the \_\_\_\_\_ committee

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls' State here assembled, that:

- 1 The problem of underage imbibing of alcoholic beverages is ever prevalent in
- 2 today's society, particularly the accessibility of said beverages to minors.
  
- 3 It has been shown that teenagers, with relative ease, can obtain liquor by
- 4 purchasing it either with false identification or illicit deal with a liquor store clerk.
- 5 Also, it is common knowledge that underage persons can obtain liquor directly or
- 6 indirectly from of age persons, such as the of age person purchasing liquor for
- 7 them or as simple as leaving such substances unattended in the presence of
- 8 underage persons.
  
- 9 Therefore, steps must be taken to curb these said instances.
  
- 10 Firstly, more stringent punishments must be enforced to liquor store owners for
- 11 letting underage persons obtain liquor from their store. Also, a more severe
- 12 punishment and enforcement of laws pertaining to overage persons giving
- 13 alcohol to underage individuals must take place.
  
- 14 Lastly, a new law must be put into place pertaining to having liquor in the
- 15 presence. Let it be forth from the day this bill is signed into law that liquor within
- 16 a 10 ft radius of an underage person must be either under a lock or supervised
- 17 and in possession of an of age individual.