

American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State

Congratulations on being chosen to attend Georgia Girls State!

Report to Kennedy Hall (191 Knight Drive) on the campus of Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, between 1:00 and 3:30 on Sunday June 11, 2017. Make arrangements to depart on Friday, June 16, 2017 by 1:00 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.

Before Girls State: Have application, Medical History and Consent Form, Parent Waiver and copy of insurance card mailed to the director: Deedy Harrell, 800 E. 10th Avenue, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32169. These should be turned into the Auxiliary sponsor and the sponsor will mail to the director.

ON SUNDAY, DURING REGISTRATION YOU MUST BRING:

1. Girls State Pledge
2. Key Agreement
3. Continuing Education Waiver Form
4. 375 copies of your bill on 8 ½ X 11 paper (if you write a bill)
Limit your bill to one sheet.
5. GSU Health Checklist

What to bring:

- Twin bed sheets
- Blanket, pillow and pillow case
- Hand, Bath towels and wash clothes
- Personal toilet articles
- Sanitary articles (Be Prepared)
- Coat hangers
- Umbrella
- Sweater or light jacket
- School and Sport clothes
- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation

- 2 or 3 business (nice) outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Comfortable shoes
- White gloves for flag ceremonies (we have some to share)
- Patriotic outfit for Flag Day (Optional)
- Pocket Folder
- Pen or pencil, markers and highlighter
- Masking tape

The dorm rooms have refrigerators and Microwave ovens.

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. Microphone and CD player provided.

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 on June 11. Sample bills and a form upon which to write your bill is enclosed. You can use it as a guide or write you bill on it.

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 National website. There will be a link on the Georgia Girls State website no later than February 5, 2017. Applications must be completed on line by June 11, 2017, which is the first day of Georgia Girls State. NO Exceptions!

Graduation and Inauguration will be held at the Nesmith Lane Theater (847 Plant Drive, Statesboro, GA.) It begins at 8:45. Doors open for guests at 8:15.

Call if more information is needed:

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Flag Day is June 14. Bring a patriotic outfit if you want.