

# Arizona Girls State Independent



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## Welcome to the 60th Annual Arizona Girls State at UofA

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Welcome to the 60th Annual Arizona Girls State. Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate. Your leadership and academic skills have given you the opportunity to represent your school, community and local American Legion Unit at this amazing program.

We as staff are proud to have you here and hope that your learning experience is one that you will take with you.

During your week here at Girls State you will be provided the opportunity for making new friends and for gaining an understanding of our political process.

You will be learning the ins and outs of city, county and state government procedures with an emphasis on political parties.

There will be many elections, debates, meetings and gatherings during your week. Make the most out of your time by getting involved and learning all you can.

### Girls State Sponsorship

Girls State is sponsored by the world's largest women's patriotic organization... The American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is dedicated to helping veterans as well as our future leaders, such as you.

The Auxiliary sponsors this program each year to give you and other outstanding young women from all over the country the experience in citizenship and government.

The wonderful and numerous members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Arizona regard this program as a very promising and worthwhile investment in our



Nation's future as we give you a hand in preparing for tomorrow.

### New Experiences

Each day here will be one of new and exciting things. Each morning and evening we will join together to give honor to our flag and country.

Each day will be filled with elections, debates and even city business. That's right it is time for you as a team to run your city and join others to create your county and a great community.

There will be many speakers from today's political world as well as speeches from your current Girls State Governor and Secretary of State.

Each of these speakers bring with them their knowledge and experience to share with you and to take with you into your future.

### Fun While You Work

Girls State is not all work. While you are here have fun and make new friends and new memories to take with you. There

is so much to take from this program that you probably won't realize until it is over. You will look back and smile each time you think of all the memories.

### Former Girls State Delegate

I myself am a former Girls State Delegate. I am so honored to say that I was part of this wonderful program then and now.

I walked into registration with a very limited knowledge of our government and what it was supposed to mean to me. By week's end I knew more than I thought possible in one week.

There is more though, I took away from this program not only knowledge but wonderful memories and many friends. I can still look back today and laugh at the thought of how much fun we had decorating and the idea that my opinion counted.

I hope that each of you will take away the same feelings and knowledge when you leave in one week.

Remember to have fun and make the most out of your time here. It really is an honor.

**REMEMBER  
TO DRINK  
LOTS OF  
WATER!!**

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Yesterday all of you lined up and waited for the moment of Girls State to begin. It all started at 11:00 am and the lines were already near the street. Many of you waited and waited for the line to move and soon you were standing in front of the table getting your book and headed off.

After passing the registration desk it was off to the nurses station, then the banker. Once you got

your room key it was line after line for the elevator. Many of you made more than one trip up those elevators and man were they packed.

Then it was time to meet your roommates, find out your party and get your city started. I am sure by now you have all made lots of friends in your city and are getting your city up and running. Best of luck and remember to have fun.

## Opening Session At Girls State

Last night was an amazing night. We had a wonderful speaker and lot of fun. To open the evening our girls posted colors. We were introduced to our wonderful Governor and Secretary of State. Each welcomed you and wished you the best time here at Girls State.

Our campus police officers were here to let us know the rules and how to stay safe while we are here. Please remember that they are here to protect us and that your staff is also here as well.

Next we heard from the Director of Residents for UofA. He gave a brief explanation of our building and ask that we be kind to all when traveling the pathways. Please remember that there are classes in session.

We had a wonderful flag ceremony present by Post 36's color guard and Mrs. Matteson. During this presentation the 13 folds of the flag were explained so that you will be able to understand why these ceremonies are the way they are. It gives true meaning and respect to all those who have fought and braved all for this country.

Mrs. Maklary explained the purpose of Girls State and how important it is to be your self. Each one of you is special and has potential. Stand out and be yourself. Don't let others make your decisions for you. Just B U.

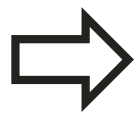
Lets not forget our wonderful and talented JC's, who modeled for us just before dinner. These lovely ladies were kind enough to show you all the store has to offer. Remember "Togs and Treats" is on the



first floor at the end of the hall. They have many wonderful things to offer.

Our second part of the evening was saved just for last. We had a wonderful speaker, Senator Tim Bee. He gave us an informative look into the Senate here in Arizona. He also took time to answer many great questions from each of you. I can say that the staff was proud of each question and you all did great.

# DGS Schedule Day 2



**Monday  
June 5th, 2007**

**7-7:30AM - Continental Optional Breakfast**  
Coronado Hall East Lounge

**7:45AM** - Advancement of Colors

**8:00AM** - Return to City Halls

**8:10AM** - Election of Precinct Committeemen.  
Results to 6th Floor room 630.

City Government and elections discussed.

Precinct Committeemen check to insure  
each party in their city has full slate.

Election board begins

City Primary Elections held. Results to room 630.

**9:30AM** - Primary Election Results Announced

**10:00AM** - Meeting of all Precinct Committeemen  
and Party Advisors in Coronado East Hall Lounge.  
Mrs. Reinoehl & Mrs. Staker. BE ON TIME.

**10:30-11:45AM** - Precinct Committeemen meet.

Federalist Precinct Committeemen meet in  
Coronado Hall East Lounge with Mrs. Reiniehl

Nationalist Precinct Committeemen meet in  
Coronado Hall 6th Floor Lounge with Mrs. Staker.

**12:00PM - Lunch** - Park Student Union

**1:00PM- State House** - Park Student Union

City Budget - Mrs. Proper

Planning & Zoning - Mrs. A Matteson

2006 Girls Nation Report - Senator Lu Wang  
& Senator Arthi Satyanarayan

**2:10PM - Return to Cities** - City General Elections.

One minute speech from each candidate.

Review election procedure.

**2:40PM** - Precinct Committeemen vote first.

Temp. Clerk files election results to Room 630,  
Coronado Hall. Mayor and Councilman sworn  
into office.

**2:45PM** - Precinct Committeemen meet.

Federalists - Coronado Hall East Lounge

Nationalists - Coronado Hall 6th Floor Lounge

Citizens meet to conduct business and design  
store fronts.

**4:00PM** - Glee Club for Friday Night's Award  
program meet with music director, Mrs. Laughlin  
in main lobby area. Bring sheet music, songbooks,  
instruments, etc.

**4:45PM** - Glee Club meets. Recreation/Leisure time  
in designated area. Governor, Secretary of State  
and JC's in charge.

**5:20PM - Flag Retirement** - All citizens and staff  
Depart for Park Student Union

**5:50PM** - Introduction of Mayors

**6:00PM - Dinner** - Park Student Union

**7:00PM - Return to City Hall** - Conduct Business

**7:30PM** - 3 members from Planning & Zoning and  
Budget Committee in each City meet in Coronado  
Hall East Lounge with Urban Planning & Design,  
City of Tucson, Mrs. A Matteson and Mrs. Proper.

**7:45PM** - Budget Committee meets in Coronado Hall  
6th Floor Lounge with Mrs. Proper.

Planning & Zoning Committee remains with  
Mrs. Matteson.

**7:45-9:15PM - ONLY TIME** Girls Nation  
nomination petitions may be obtained from the  
Director's Office, Coronado Hall Room 111.

**8:30PM** - Open House with Sister Cities. Mayor and  
City Council in charge.

**9:00PM** - Party Meeting

Nationalists in Grassy Area East.

Federalists in Grassy Area West.

**9:30PM** - City, County and Educational Advisors  
meeting. Coronado Hall East Lounge.

**10:00PM** - All citizens in their cities on their floor.

**10:30PM - LIGHTS OUT!! GOOD NIGHT!!**

# Training Days Are Upon Us!

## *Arizona Girls State staff in training.*

### **MissMurphy**

The Girls State Staff has been hard at work since Friday morning preparing for the program and your week here at UofA.

Our mission as staff members is for you to return to your own community to shoulder the responsibility of leadership in rekindling the flame of patriotism through personal example and by raising in others a new awareness of the process of Americanism. (Taken from the Girls State Mission).

Of course we also want you to have a wonderful time while you are here.

The staff has prepared and gone over the

weeks schedule to help you get the most out of this week. They are here to help you have a wonderful time and keep you safe as well. They also take home memories from this week as well.

### **Junior Councilors**

The JC's have also been here since Friday going through training as well. They have been asked to return here to help you have just as much fun as they did when they were here. Your JC's attended Girls State just last year and as tradition were asked to come back to give back and show what they too have learned.

Just yesterday your JC's went through flag training so that when it comes time they can show each city how to do it. That's right, each city will be delivering the flag ceremony at some point this week.

The JC's did a wonderful job in training and can't wait to show you what they have learned.

Plus, we as staff can't wait to see each city perform and show us that you to are great learners and that you too honor our flag and country.

Each staff member here (including JC's) are volunteers that want to be here to see that our program succeeds. When we say that we mean that you as delegates take away all that you can from here and return to your community and put to good use what you have learned.

So when you see the staff members around the floors, give them a little smile and let them know that you are glad they gave their time to make it all so special.

Below are just a few pictures from the last two days of training.

