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Congratulations on your selection as a Delegate to the 64th Session of ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE and Welcome! I am sure you are aware it is an honor to be selected for Girls State. This honor carries with it a responsibility to those who are sponsoring you, to your school and to your community.

It is important for you to read all the enclosed information and refer to the checklist before leaving for Girls State. Deadlines must be adhered to for parking permits, vegetarian preference.

For one week each year a **NEW STATE** comes into being. Boundaries of this new state are the University of Arizona campus in Tucson. **Dates for the 64th Session are June 5-11, 2011**

LEARNING BY DOING IS THE KEY TO THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM. During the week you will learn about city, county and state government with emphasis being placed on political parties, campaigns and elections. You will be challenged to use your initiative and imagination. You'll make the most of your week by "**getting involved**". Girls State is sponsored by the world's largest women's patriotic organization...The American Legion Auxiliary, therefore, each delegate must participate in **All Flag Ceremonies**.

GIRLS STATE IS NOT ALL WORK!!! The Girls State experience provides you the opportunity of meeting and becoming friends with girls from all over the state and common interests, will make that friendship last a lifetime. Please come prepared to meet these new friends.

When arriving at the University, June 5th, you will register and find that you are pre-assigned to a City, County and Political Party and not with other delegates from your school. Registration will be at Manzanita/Mohave Dorms 1000 North Park Avenue, Tucson, Arizona. Delegates whose last name begins with A-G will register at 11:00am. H-N will register at 12:00 noon. O-Z will register at 12:45pm. Registration ends at 1:45pm. **Girls traveling together will wait until their designated time to register. Be sure to eat lunch before arriving or bring it with you and shop before registering.** Leaving the dorm once you are registered could be cause for expulsion from the program. Registration is held indoors but you will line up in the walkway and along the street. Long lines in the sun are possible, so please plan accordingly. The University begins registration at 11:00am **NOT BEFORE**. Lineup for registration is in **one area only** along the street side of the Dorms. At registration you will receive a Citizen's Handbook that outlines the program for the entire week. Vespers or quiet time is held each evening in each city. Girls State has Political Rallies, a Talent Night and a Glee Club. Talent

Night will be Thursday evening. You will audition and be chosen to perform. You should bring all necessary and needed items for your talent.

A "Magical Evening" and awards program is scheduled for Friday, June 11th at 7:30pm for delegates only. You will need to bring a special dress or outfit for this occasion. Something you would wear for a special school occasion or to church.

Your first City meeting begins at 2:00pm Sunday. Your first meal will be at 6:00pm. Again, remember to eat lunch before checking in. All citizens and staff will wear a Photo ID badge at all times. Without your badge you will not be served or able to enter the dorm. Saturday, June 11th, 2011, you are to depart at the conclusion of the final awards ceremony which should be about 9:30am. Everyone must depart by 10:30am.

If you are a vegetarian you must call Penny Maklary 520-364-5038 by **May 23rd**. Special vegetarian coupons will be made available to you for the week. **THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONS OR EXCEPTIONS DURING THE WEEK.**

If you **MUST** drive, call Jeri Strande, 928-649-3374, by **May 23rd** to secure a parking permit. The cost will be **\$60.00** due at registration. Once you have reserved a permit you are responsible for the fee even if you do not bring a car as permits are obtained and paid for in advance.

Girls State will be holding a **sock drive** as a Community Service Project. Please bring **2 pairs of white tube socks** to be donated for this project.

CELLULAR PHONES, TEXT MESSAGING and TWEETING ARE NOT PERMITTED DURING SESSIONS, MEETINGS OR WHEN WALKING TO AND FROM DORMS. SEXTING IN ANY FORM WILL RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM THE PROGRAM. Reprimands for improper cellular and texting use will be given. Excessive reprimands could result in dismissal and loss of phone. There is plenty of downtime to use your phone. Phone connections in each room (land line) will work with your own phone should you choose to bring one. You can call collect, or with a phone or calling card. Phones may be used when Girls are not in scheduled activities and prior to "**lights out**". We discourage lengthy social calls and texting and encourage common sense with phone usage.

If you are issued a key to your room, loss of this key or failure to turn it in prior to checking out will result in an \$80.00 charge to you for key replacement.

University of Arizona computers and labs can not be used by Girls State citizen and staff. The University of Arizona has Public Access Internet in each room. Other internet connections take paperwork and 3-5 days for processing, by then we will have completed our session. If you are wireless you should be able to connect.

The Staff looks forward to having you with us. May your week at Girls State be fun, informative and memorable. "**It's the week that will help shape your lifetime.**"

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