



American Legion Auxiliary

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Dear Buckeye Girls State Delegate,

Congratulations on being selected to attend the American Legion Auxiliary's Buckeye Girls State Program. You are attending based on the recommendation of members of your school, your community and your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Many organizations help co-sponsor (financially support) Delegate fees, however; the final decision and responsibility for your acceptance rests in the hands of your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Forty-nine states sponsor a Girls State program, Ohio's program is one of the largest in the nation with nearly 900 Delegates in attendance.

During this seven-day, fast paced program, you will have the opportunity to learn about Ohio Government and the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship by actively participating in a democratic form of government. And only by participating can you gain the full benefits of the program. Buckeye Girls State is what you decide to make it!

Many former participants report that their career successes were directly impacted as a result of their Girls State experience. So take the first step, decide which positions interest you and work towards that goal. If, by chance, you aren't elected to your first choice, seek another, as there are opportunities for everyone to hold an elected or appointed position. By the end of the week, you will be surprised by what you have accomplished. So go for it!

Knowing that both you and your parents have questions about the program, it is important you read and understand the information in this packet. **Please read and follow all the instructions carefully.** Verify your name and address on the mailing label and notify this office immediately if there are changes. Remember, reading the information sent to you is necessary for you to successfully complete the On-line Orientation. Also, the BGS Website – www.buckeyegirlsstate.org is a wonderful source for information about the history of Buckeye Girls State and the American Legion Auxiliary.

Buckeye Girls State has a policy that all Delegates must stay for the entire program, which lasts seven days; from Sunday, June 12 beginning at 1:00 pm through Saturday, June 18 at 12:15 pm. If a Delegate leaves early she forfeits all rights to any honors, awards and scholarships. Early departures will result in an "incomplete".

It is every Delegate's responsibility to notify their sponsoring ALA Unit if they are unable to attend the full session as soon as possible thus allowing for an Alternate to attend. Those who do not notify their sponsoring ALA Unit, or do not complete the program, may be held responsible for scholarship fee reimbursement.

Sincerely,

Desiree Stoy

Director of Buckeye Girls State



If you are unable to attend Buckeye Girls State 2011, it is important that you:

1. Notify your local sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact person immediately!
2. Give this envelope of material to your replacement.
3. Make certain you or the Auxiliary contact person advise this office immediately at (740) 452-8245. After June 8th please call (330) 829-2853.

<u>Information</u>	<u>Action Required</u>
Delegate Information Booklet.....	Read and review these materials carefully
2011 Daily Program.....	Read and review carefully
Medical Record and Consent Form.....	<u>Complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u>
Band and Chorus.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u>
Pre-registration	
Special Entertainment.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u>
Pre-registration	
Delegate Vehicle Identification Form.....	<u>Complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u> (If driving yourself to BGS)
SAMSUNG Scholarship.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u>
Application Form	
Senate Youth Program.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2011</u>
Information and Application	
Highway Patrol and Cadet Week Information.....	Available on the BGS Website (If interested, bring white T-shirts, and black shorts or slacks)
Directions to University of Mount Union.....	For your information only
Campus Map	
Pre-Addressed Envelope.....	Use for returning information as directed in this Packet