



## AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Dear Buckeye Girls State Delegate,

WE NEED YOUR HELP! During your week at Buckeye Girls State we would like for you to assist us in the “Hero Pack” service project. This is a program of Operation Military Kids, a patriotic organization dedicated to supporting children of military members belonging to the National Guard and Reserve. The backpacks serve as an expression of support for military children and as a delegate to BGS you have a chance to show your support through this hands-on project.

We ask that you bring up to three of the following items with you to fill the Hero Packs: **journal, tablet, stationery, coloring book, fun pad, or crayons**. While at Buckeye Girls State, you will also have time to write a letter to the military child and to the service member away from home.

Hero Packs consist of three elements: The backpack serves as a salute and a token of thanks to the “suddenly military” family. The communication tools and fun items included in the bag encourage a connection between the deployed parent and their child. Finally, the letters in each backpack provide family support.

The Hero Packs will be filled by BGS delegates serving as Recreation Commissioners at Girls State. During the week, all delegates will be given the opportunity to write a letter to the military child and to their deployed parent. We hope to create a broader understanding of the challenges of military life throughout the state.

Thank you for your cooperation and support of this worthwhile project. Please know that you will be touching the life of someone who is sacrificing for your freedom.

I am looking forward to working with you on this project at the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State program.

High on Patriotism,

*Linda Close*

Department President  
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