



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 or American Legion Post. 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. Fifty states sponsor a Girls State program, Ohio's program is one of the largest in the nation with over 880 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 11 beginning at 1:00 pm through Saturday, June 17 at around 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,

Carol T. Robinson

Director of Buckeye Girls State

Record your Application Number from the envelope mailing label - # _____

You will need it later.



Information Included in This Packet

If you are unable to attend Buckeye Girls State 2017, 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) 829-4131.

Information

Action Required

(All document return dates are “postmarked by” dates.

ALA National President’s Letter.....	For your information
ALA 2017 Girls Nation Chairman.....	For your information
Department President’s Community Service Project Letter.....	For your information
Delegate Information Booklet.....	Read and review this material carefully
2017 Daily Program.....	Read and review carefully
Directions to University of Mount Union.....	For your information
Campus Map Brochure	
Buckeye Girls State Dress Code.....	Review and Pack Accordingly
BGS Sexual Harassment Policy.....	For your information
Policy on ALA Buckeye Girls State Social.....	<u>Sign and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Networking and Media Use	
Medical Record and Consent Form.....	<u>Complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Band and Chorus.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Pre-registration	
Special Entertainment.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Pre-registration	
Blue Star Family Pin Form.....	If eligible, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
DVD Yearbook Order Form.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Delegate Vehicle Identification Form.....	<u>Complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
	(If the Delegate is driving herself to BGS)
Girls Nation Instructions and.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</u>
Application	
Senate Youth Program.....	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2017</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)
Pre-Addressed Envelope.....	Use for returning information as directed in this Packet