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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.

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!

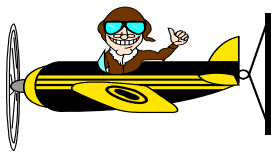
Knowing that both you and your parents have questions about the program, it is important you read and understand all the information given to you. Please read and follow all the instructions carefully. Verify your name and address on the mailing label and notify this office immediately if there are changes. It is a requirement of all BGS Delegates to attend an in-person mandatory BGS Orientation. Dates are included in this mailing. 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,
Gwen Schroeder-Zulch
Director of Buckeye Girls State

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



Information Included in This Packet

If you are unable to attend Buckeye Girls State 2023, 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 (419) 372-5418.

Information **Action Required**

(All document return dates are "postmarked by" dates.

ALA National President's & 2023 Girls National Chairman's Letter…….…….For your information

Department President's Community Service Project Letter……For your information

Mandatory Orientation Schedule …… Read and review this material carefully

About Buckeye Girls State ……..…….....Read and review this material carefully

About Buckeye Girls State Government …… Read and review this material carefully

Daily Program …….…….. this will be emailed to each participant at a later date

Directions to Bowling Green State University ……..……For your information

Buckeye Girls State Dress Code (please refer to page A-3) ……...Review and Pack Accordingly

BGS Sexual Harassment Policy……....For your information

Policy on ALA Buckeye Girls State Social…….…..**Sign and return as instructed by May 1, 2023**
Networking and Media Use

Medical Record and Consent Form.…..…...**Complete and return as instructed by May 1, 2023**

Band and Chorus Pre-Registration……...….If interested, complete and return by May 1, 2023

Special Entertainment Pre Registration……...If interested, complete and return by May 1, 2023

Blue Star Family Pin Form……..……...If eligible, complete and return by May 1, 2023

Delegate Vehicle Identification Form……..……...Complete and return by May 1, 2023
(If the Delegate is driving herself to BGS)

Girls Nation Instructions and……If interested, complete and return as instructed by May 1, 2023
Application

Samsung Scholarship Information……Complete online by June 11, 2023

Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol Information……..If interested, bring white T-shirts, and black shorts or slacks

Pre-Addressed Envelope……Use for returning information as directed in this Packet
(requires 2- 3 postage stamps for mailing)