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Welcome to the 64th Annual Arizona Girls State at UofA

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Welcome to the 64th Annual Arizona Girls State. Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate. Your leadership and academic skills have given you the opportunity to represent your school, community and local American Legion Unit at this amazing program.

We as staff are proud to have you here and hope that your learning experience is one that you will take with you.

Girls State Sponsorship

Girls State is sponsored by the world's largest women's patriotic organization... The American Legion Auxiliary. The Auxiliary is dedicated to helping veterans as well as our future leaders, such as you.

The Auxiliary sponsors this program each year to give you and other outstanding young women from all over the country the experience in citizenship and government.

The wonderful and numerous members of the American Legion Auxiliary in Arizona regard this program as a very promising and worthwhile investment in our Nation's future as we give you a hand in preparing for tomorrow.

New Experiences

Each day here will be one of new and exciting things. Not only will you have the opportunity to make new and exciting friends within your city but also your

county and the whole Girls State level. There will be time to meet and greet each city as well as each county and meet girls from all over Arizona that are here to learn and experience just like you.

Each morning we will gather outside to honor our country and its beautiful flag. Each city will have the opportunity to raise or lower the flag and give us a small presentation that best fits your cities idea of honoring our country.

Things To Come

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'.

Within your city you will be able to run for offices, set laws and create your very own city. Creations from businesses to parks and recreational facilities. Remember to be creative when decorating your doors and hallways to show just how much you enjoy your city.

Within the county you will be running for offices and helping to create the best county in Girls State. There will be lobbying for bills and ceremonies for those elected.

Girls State is not all work. While you are here have fun and make new friends and new memories to take with you. There is so much to take from this program that you probably won't realize it until it is over. You will look back and smile each time you think of all the memories.

Show Your Spirit

Here at Girls State we find it rather fun to show our spirit when it comes to our political parties. Are you a Fed or a Nat? In the past many parties have found it rather fun to create songs and chants to

cheer on their party and those who are running for offices within each. These chants are usually done during meal times or when we are waiting for our programs to start.

Be mindful however that there are students in class sessions on campus. If you know you are near classrooms please be respectful to those learning as we share the campus with many.

A Few Things To Remember

Please be respectful of the staff and other citizens as we are all here to learn and have fun.

Do not forget to bring your Girls State handbook with you to ALL GS events, including meals as we may not return to the dorms after some meals. Be mindful of your things in your rooms. If you have valuables that you would like to have secured please see your City Advisor.

Never leave your city without first signing out or letting your advisor know where you are going and why.

Please do not use your cell phones during lectures or when walking to and from our buildings. You may use your cell phone to call those boyfriends on downtime.

If you are feeling ill or become injured remember to see the nurse as we have two on staff at all times. Don't wait if you feel sick. Remember to drink lots of water.

All water and vending machine goodies will be for sale in our Togs and Treats Girls State store during the week. Be sure to stop by and pick up those treats and of course an awesome Girls State shirt or shorts.

**BE SURE TO STAY HYDRATED
DURING THE WEEK!!!**

**WELCOME TO
GIRLS STATE!!**

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Calling all Girls State Talent...

Do you have that one special talent that sets you a part from the rest? Do you love to sing, dance or act on stage? If you answered yes to either of these questions then we want you for our Annual Talent Night!

Thursday has been set aside just for you to show all of us here your very own talent. Strut your stuff or rock the rafters with that amazing voice.

Of course no talent show is complete without the auditions. Therefore, auditions will be held Tuesday night starting at 9:30pm in the lobby/lounge on the first floor. Participants are asked to be 15 minutes early.

All talented citizens are encouraged and must attend the auditions in order to participate, so be sure to sign the audition sheet and pick a time

to audition for your talent.

Remember to bring all of your needed materials for your talent with you at the time of auditions as we need to see exactly what it is you will be doing for the show.



For all questions and comments concerning the event, please see Miss Laughlin in room 231, Sycamore City, or Mrs. Hanson in room 531, Manzanita City.

Girls State Glee Club wants you

Do you love to sing or play an instrument? How about lead the choir during a big show? Then Glee wants you.

We are looking for talented young ladies to join our Glee Club and perform at our Magical Evening dinner. After all, what is dinner without a little music?

The first meeting and auditions will be held on Monday starting at 4:15pm in the main lobby area

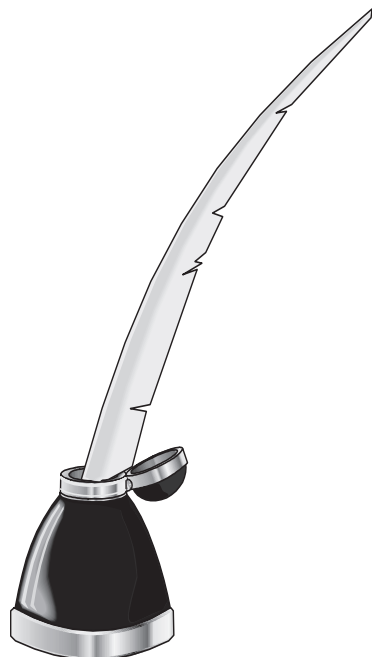


downstairs. Please be sure to bring your instruments with you if you have them. Also perhaps a few song ideas as well. Please not you must be present at the first meeting in order to participate.

If you have questions please see Miss. Laughlin in room 231, Sycamore City.

Good luck ladies and we cannot wait to hear those wonderful cords on Friday.

Meet your Girls State reporters



Say hello to your Girls State Independent reporters. These lovely ladies will be writing articles regarding your cities. Getting you the news, fresh and current on all things Girls State.

From Pinon:
Meghann Mingle
& Shelby Stringer

From Saguaro:
Lea Shapiro & Doris Singer

From Sycamore:
Christine Kweon
& Bethany Ward

From Mesquite:
Irena Krstic
& Jazmine Mincey

From Ironwood:
Ana Licon & Erica Wu

From Mimosa:
Shannon Beckham
& Katrina Koski

From Cholla:
Alexa Curran
& Lauren Martin

From Yucca:
Roxanna Pitones
& Cassandra Wessel

From Palo Verde:
Tianna Cann
& Celine Doyle

From Manzanita:
Margaret Aller
& Nicole Fisher

From Juniper:
Savannah Campbell
& Sarah Feeney

Feature Reporter:
Brenna Leech from Mimosa

64th Annual Girls State begins with registration

Yesterday each of you stood in line with your parents and family headed for Girls State. Registration is the first step to an amazing week of learning and fun.

You each stood in the long line and 107 degree heat for either a short time or hours waiting to get in. First it was a greeting by the UofA staff to get you off and then the nurses were there to make sure we keep you safe and that you are well. Then off to the store and bank where you either deposited money or not. It is always a good thing to remember that if you kept your money please keep it safe and never leave it out.

Next you were off to see the wizard where you had your picture taken for your new Girls State ID. Be sure to wear those at all times so that both Girls State staff and UofA staff know that you belong with this program. Remember safety first.

After your picture it was goodbye from the parents and up the elevators or stairs if you were here after the elevator incident. Most of you were ready to be free while

your parents had concerns which they kept to themselves. It is normal for the parents to worry and they will see you again soon. Remember Saturday will be here sooner than you think.

Once in your rooms it was meet and greet with your new roommate. Decisions as to where to put your things and how each of you would add your artistic or personal flair to the room to help make it yours.

Then it was time to meet your new city and all of the new friendships waiting to be made. Remember that you will be with these girls for the next week so make the best of each situation.

Now that you are in your rooms and beginning with the program take a quick moment to thank those that helped get you here today. Each of the Girls State staff members have volunteered their time to help make this a wonderful experience for each one of you. If you see them wondering the cities or during session give them a quick thanks for everything. They are sure to enjoy it.



Opening Session At Girls State

Last night was an amazing first night. There were many wonderful speakers and lots of fun. To open the evening our girls posted our very patriotic colors. We were introduced to our wonderful Governor Monique Trejo and Secretary of State Allison Schannep. Each welcomed you and wished you the best time here at Girls State as well as to reach for your goals and make the best of the week you have here.

Our campus police officer was here to let us know the rules and how to stay safe while we are here on campus. Please remember that they are here to protect us and keep us safe. Also do not forget that so is you GS staff.

Next we heard from the U of A Coordinator Lynn Smith. He gave a brief explanation of our building and ask that we be kind to all when traveling the pathways. Please remember that there are classes in

session. He also gave us a few pointers when decorating and moving about the campus. Thank you Lynn.

We had a wonderful flag ceremony present by Post 36's color guard and Mrs. Matteson. During this presentation the 13 folds of the flag were explained so that you will be able to understand why these ceremonies are the way they are. It gives true meaning and respect to all those who have fought bravely for this country.

Mrs. Maklary explained the purpose of Girls State and how important it is to be yourself. Each one of you is special and has potential. Stand out and be yourself. Don't let others make your decisions for you. Just B U.

Lets not forget our wonderful and talented JC's, who modeled for us just before dinner. These lovely ladies were kind enough to show you all the store has to offer. Remember "Togs and Treats" has all

that you are looking for while you are here at Girls State.

We also owe a special thank you to the staff for the wonderful power point presentation that was not only informative but fun. Thank you ladies for all that you do for us and our veterans.

Our second part of the evening was saved for our special guest speakers. Your first guest speakers of the week. There will be many more to come as well throughout the week. Ken Bennett, our Arizona Secretary of State was gracious enough to explain to us the function of political parties as well as a break down of the state budget. Last we had Deyanira Nevarez to explain to us the role of the Precinct Committeeman. There were many wonderful questions and some great answers. Way to go ladies for keeping our guest speakers on their toes with all your questions.

