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Welcome to the 61st Annual Arizona Girls State at UofA

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Welcome to the 61st 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.

During your week here at Girls State you will be provided the opportunity for making new friends and for gaining an understanding of our political process.

You will be learning the ins and outs of city, county and state government procedures with an emphasis on political parties.

There will be many elections, debates, meetings and gatherings during your week. Make the most out of your time by getting involved and learning all you can.

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. Each morning and evening we will join together to give honor to our flag and country.

Each day will be filled with elections, debates and even city business. That's right it is time for you as a team to run your city and join others to create your county and a great community.

There will be many speakers from today's political world as well as speeches from your current Girls State Governor and Secretary of State.

Each of these speakers bring with them their knowledge and experience to share with you and to take with you into your future.

Fun While You Work

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 until it is over. You will look back and smile each time you think of all the memories.

Former Girls State Delegate

I myself am a former Girls State Delegate. I am so honored to say that I was part of this wonderful program then and now.

I walked into registration with a very limited knowledge of our government and what it was supposed to mean to me. By weeks end I knew more than I thought possible in one week.

There is more though, I took away from this program not only knowledge but wonderful memories and many friends. I can still look back today and laugh at the thought of how much fun we had decorating and the idea that my opinion counted.

I hope that each of you will take away the same feelings and knowledge when you leave in one week.

Remember to have fun and make the most out of your time here. It really is an honor.

*City Reporters
The Meeting
for Tuesday has
been moved
to room B104
(near Ramp)
at 4:30.*

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Calling All **Talent**

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Do you have a special talent you would like to show Girls State? Perhaps you sing, dance, play an instrument or just have a really awesome talent! WE WANT TO SEE IT!

Thursday night will be your chance to show off your talent. All talents are welcome and encouraged. Help us make the talent show one of the best.

The sing up sheet will be outside of Mrs. Maklary's Office. Auditioning will start Tuesday night at 9:30p.m. Only those who have signed up will be able to audition.

For questions please see Mrs. Hanson or Miss Laughlin.

Come on ladies show us your TALENT!



Remember to invite
your Governor
and
Secretary of State
to lunch or dinner.

It's Glee Club Time



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Do you like to sing or play an instrument? How about direct a group? If you answered yes then we want you for the Glee Club.

Come show us your beautiful talent at our Magical Evening. After all what is dinner with-out the entertainment?

All citizens wishing to direct or accompany Glee Club meet Miss. Laughlin on Tuesday at 4:15p.m. in room S106.

All citizens wishing to participate in the Glee Club meet Miss Laughlin on Tuesday at 4:45p.m. in room S106.

See Miss Laughlin with questions or concerns.

The Magical Evening will be held on Friday evening.

Your Girls State Staff & JCs

Training days are now upon us

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The Girls State Staff has been hard at work since Friday morning preparing for the program and your week here at UofA.

Our mission as staff members is for you to return to your own community to shoulder the responsibility of leadership in rekindling the flame of patriotism through personal example and by raising in others a new awareness of the process of Americanism. (Taken from the Girls State Mission).

Of course we also want you to have a wonderful time while you are here.

The staff has prepared and gone over the weeks schedule to help you get the most out of this week. They are here to help you have a wonderful time and keep you safe as well. They also take home memories from this week as well.

Junior Councilors

The JC's have also been here since Friday going through training as well. They have been asked to return here to help you have just as much fun as they did when they were here. Your JC's attended Girls State just last year and as tradition were asked to come back to give back and show what they too have learned.

Just yesterday your JC's went through flag training so that when it comes time they can show each city how to do it. That's right, each city will be delivering

the flag ceremony at some point this week.

The JC's did a wonderful job in training and can't wait to show you what they have learned.

Plus, we as staff can't wait to see each city perform and show us that you are great learners and that you too honor our flag and country.

Each staff member here (including JC's) are volunteers that want to be here to see that our program succeeds. When we say that we mean that you as delegates take away all that you can from here and return to your community and put to good use what you have learned.

So when you see the staff members around the floors, give them a little smile and let them know that you are glad they gave their time to make it all so special.

Below are just a few pictures from the last two days of training.



Citizens Begin GS Registration

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Yesterday all of you lined up and waited for the moment of Girls State to begin. It all started at 11:00 am and the lines were already near the street. Many of you waited and waited for the line to move and soon you were standing in front of the table getting your book and headed off.

After passing the registration desk it was off to the nurses

station, and so forth. Then it was checking for room keys and the hardest part for the parents. Time to say goodbye for one whole week. To the citizens it is that moment of excitement and for the parents it is the one moment of wondering 'did I prepare her for everything?' and of course they did.

After the goodbye it's off to your room to meet your new roommate and your new city. There were lots of curious

questions, laughs and room decisions.

It has finally set in that you are here for one week and that you are going to make the best possible out of all you do here.

We need to remember to thank all those wonderful volunteers for helping us with the duty of registering and moving in. Your GS staff did a terrific job getting each of you through the line and out to your new JCs. From

there the JCs and many other volunteers helped carry all of your things up to your new room. Here is where you got a taste of just how maze-like this dorm really is. No worries though you will figure out where you are going in no time.

So if you see your wonderful staff and JCs be sure to thank them for all the hard work yesterday. They will love to hear from each of you.



Opening Session At Girls State

Last night was an amazing night. We had wonderful speakers and lots of fun. To open the evening our girls posted colors. We were introduced to our wonderful Governor and Secretary of State. Each welcomed you and wished you the best time here at Girls State.

Our campus police officers were here to let us know the rules and how to stay safe while we are here. Please remember that they are here to protect us and that your staff is also here as well.

Next we heard from the Director of Residents for UofA. 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.

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".

Our second part of the evening was saved just for last. We had two very wonderful and informative speakers, Senator Tim Bee and Precinct Committeeman Michelle Crow. You ladies had many wonderful questions for both and we hope that you take away useful knowledge from both speakers.