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TO: PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF GIRLS STATE DELEGATE:

Congratulations on your daughter's selection as a delegate to the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State. The Girls State program provides young women of high school age, the opportunity to come together to study state government. It teaches them to understand that they are an integral part of the political process. It helps them realize they have a responsibility to make tomorrow a better time, the world a better place, and that this job is up to them regardless of religious or political beliefs. It gives them the opportunity to live together under their own government, which is executed entirely by them, and to deal with problems as they arise. They will see the political process work effectively or have setbacks. **THE CITIZENS MUST REMAIN AT GIRLS STATE FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION, May 31st UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY, APPROXIMATELY 9:30am, JUNE 7th, 2026, THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS AN EMERGENCY or medical issue.** Girls who leave the program before the end of the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 7th, 2026, will not receive a Certificate of Completion for the program. This is particularly important for those who may be applying for college. Please read carefully all the enclosed information mailed to your daughter so you will be familiar with our program and rules. We would like to stress that this is a 7-day session which is physically, mentally and emotionally strenuous. The program is structured as a very intensive learning situation. It is an **honor** to be selected to attend Girls State **not a right**. If you have an issue or problem with this program, please let me know immediately.

Medical information must be on file with Girls State medical personnel in case of illness or need for emergency treatment. If you or your daughter's physician feels she is unable to enter into activities without ill effects, you should notify me (520-850-1951) or the Department Office (602-241-1080) immediately. If your daughter requires special consideration or assistance due to health issues I need to know that information as soon as possible and **prior to registration** to make necessary accommodations. If I have not been notified of special medical needs or health issues prior to the secession, you daughter may not be admitted. Medical personnel are in attendance 24 hours a day during the session, and medical facilities are readily available. Should an emergency arise, you will be contacted immediately. Special medications, prescribed for your daughter, are to be in original container and checked by our medical personnel upon arrival at Girls State. If there are special instructions, please discuss these with our medical personnel at registration. Please bring **only the amount of medication that will be needed** for the week.

If an emergency should arise at home during the session, please call the Arizona American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Director **520-850-1951**. The American Legion Auxiliary Staff would appreciate being notified first about any family emergency of which your daughter needs to be advised. This will assure that she will have someone with her during this time to better assist with your daughter's needs. If you have any questions or concerns, before or during the session, please contact myself (Director) or Rose Ficklin (Department). Numbers are provided in this information.

Your daughter's **safety** is the prime concern of the American Legion Auxiliary Arizona Girls State Staff. Therefore, citizens are not allowed to leave the areas of the University of Arizona designated for Girls State. When moving in or out of the dorm, only Girls State participants will be allowed on Girls State floors. Please be advised that you will be billed for any damage to University property, by your daughter.

We are looking forward to becoming acquainted with your daughter, and we sincerely hope this experience will become a positive life-long memory for her.

Penny Maklary...Director