

American Legion Auxiliary Georgia Girls State

Congratulations on being chosen to attend Georgia Girls State!

Report to Kennedy Hall (191 Knight Drive) the campus of Georgia Southern University, Statesboro, GA, between 1:00 and 3:30 on Sunday June 10, 2018. Make arrangements to depart on Friday, June 15, 2018 by 1:00 PM.

Please make sure that you have had lunch before you register. Once you have registered, you may not leave the campus. Our first meal is Sunday dinner at 5:30 PM.

Before Girls State: The 2018 Girls State Application will be a fully online application. It will be available starting Monday, February 19, 2018. You may click the link 02/19/18 to start the process. NO paper applications

ON SUNDAY, DURING REGISTRATION
YOU MUST BRING: These may be accessed on the website

1. Girls State Pledge
2. Key Agreement
3. Continuing Education Waiver Form
4. 375 copies of your bill on 8 ½ X 11 paper (if you write a bill)
Limit your bill to one sheet.
5. GSU Health Checklist

What to bring:

- Twin bed sheets
- Blanket, pillow and pillow case
- Hand, Bath towels and wash clothes
- Personal toilet articles
- Sanitary articles (Be Prepared)
- Coat hangers
- Umbrella
- Sweater or light jacket
- School and Sport clothes

- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation
- 2 or 3 business (nice) outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Comfortable shoes
- White gloves for flag ceremonies (we have some to share)
- Patriotic outfit for Flag Day (Optional)
- Pocket Folder
- Pen or pencil, markers and highlighter
- Masking tape
Some of the dorm rooms have refrigerators and Microwave ovens.

Do not bring campaign materials or any means to make them other than pens, pencils and markers. To keep campaigning equal for all delegates, you will not be allowed to bring materials from home. You will only be able to use paper that Girls State provides. Do not bring a laptop computer or expensive jewelry. **You may bring a cell phone but cell phones may only be used during free time. The use of phones for talking and/or text messaging during any meeting or assembly will not be tolerated.**

Talent Show

Girls State will have a talent show on Thursday evening. If you are interested, please bring equipment, musical instruments, music, etc. You must sign up by Tuesday at Girls State if you plan to try out for participation. Microphone and CD player provided.

Girls State House and Senate

Much of your time during the week will be spent in the House and Senate. You will be randomly assigned as a Senator or Representative. You should conduct yourself and present yourself as a young senator or representative. During the sessions, you will debate bills written by you or other Girls State Citizens. You are invited to submit one

bill of statewide significance (No federal issues.) In order for your bill to be considered, you must bring 375 copies to be turned in to the government staff during registration on June 10. Sample bills and a form upon which to write your bill is enclosed. You can use it as a guide or write you bill on it.

Driving to Girls State

You may drive to Statesboro, but as soon as you have unpacked your vehicle, you must turn in your keys and receive a parking permit. We will have designated parking for citizens of Girls State. Failure to turn in your keys and receive a parking permit can result in a parking citation.

Scholarship

Samsung Scholarship: As a delegate, you have the opportunity to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. If you are a direct descendant of a U.S. wartime veteran, you are eligible to apply. The application can be obtained from the American Legion National website. There will be a link on the Georgia Girls State website no later than February 19, 2018. Applications must be completed on line by June 10, 2018, which is the first day of Georgia Girls State. NO Exceptions!

Graduation and Inauguration will be held at the Nesmith Lane Theater (847 Plant Drive, Statesboro, GA.) It begins at 8:45. Doors open for guests at 8:15.

Call if more information is needed:

Deedy Harrell, Director

Cell: 770-337-7997 Call or text

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Gabriele Barnett, Assistant Director

706-951-3906 Call or text

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Flag Day is June 14. Bring a patriotic outfit if you want.

2018 GEORGIA GIRLS STATE – Waivers and Emergency Information

JUNE 10-15, 2018

Camper's Full Name _____ M/F _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____ City, State and Zip _____

CAMP AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above named child. I hereby acknowledge that my child's participation in the Summer Camp activity may expose my child to risk of property damage and bodily or personal injury, including death, and I willingly and voluntarily assume such risks and allow my child to participate. I understand that the risks that my child may encounter include, but are not limited to, bruises, cuts, sprains, muscle strains, hernia, broken bones, heat exhaustion, hypothermia, concussion, drowning, insect bites, exposure to toxic substances, exposure to criminal activity, injuries caused by wild animals, and death, as well as other risks that may not be foreseeable. I have been informed and understand that there are inherent risks and dangers involved in these activities.

I am aware that Georgia Southern University does not warrant the condition or adequacy of any equipment, premises, vehicle, or mode of transportation for any purpose. I am further aware that Georgia Southern University does not warrant the adequacy or competency of any camp leader, vehicle driver, trainer, or other personnel.

I have also read and understand all pre-camp information provided. I agree that I will discuss with my child the importance of following all rules of Summer Camp and the instructions and guidelines of the staff of GSU and the camp leaders. I acknowledge that my child may be removed from the program without refund for failure to follow all rules and instructions.

In exchange for allowing my child to participate in this program, I hereby forever release, waive, discharge, indemnify, covenant not to sue, and agree to hold harmless for any and all purposes Georgia Southern University, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the State of Georgia, the Georgia State Tort Claims Trust Fund, and all of their employees, officers, members, agents, volunteers, and contractors (collectively referred to as the "University") from any and all liability, claims, demands, causes of action, suits, losses, damages, property damage, property loss or theft, costs (including court costs and attorneys' fees) or injury, including death, that may be sustained by my child while participating in this activity, while traveling to and from the activity, or while on the premises owned or leased by University, whether caused by the negligence of the University or otherwise. I understand and intend that this waiver is binding upon me, the members of my family, my spouse, and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns.

I understand that in accepting this document, the University does not waive any sovereign, governmental, or official immunity that might apply to itself, any state agency or instrumentality, or any state officer, employee, or volunteer. I expressly agree that this document is governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction and venue for any actions with respect to this document or to my child's participation in this program shall be had only in a tribunal of competent jurisdiction in Fulton County, Georgia.

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION

Prior to participation the Camp, parents or legal guardians of all participants are required to provide a complete authorization for medical treatment and a health record for their children. Please print legibly or type, completing all items. The authorization is not valid without proper signature. Please include a copy of the appropriate insurance card(s).

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the above-named child. I understand that Georgia Southern University may need to respond to accidents and potential emergency situations. Therefore, I hereby give my consent for any medical treatment that may be required, as determined by a medical professional, during my child's participation in this activity, with the understanding that the cost of any such treatment will be my responsibility.

I am aware that Georgia Southern University does not provide insurance for my minor child, and that I am solely responsible for any medical costs arising out of my minor child's participation in the above-referenced program. I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Georgia Southern University, the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, the State of Georgia, and the Georgia State Tort Claims Trust Fund, and all of their employees, officers, members, agents, volunteers, and contractors (hereinafter referred to collectively as "University") for any costs incurred to treat my child, even if University has signed hospital documentation promising to pay for the treatment due to my unavailability to sign the documentation. I further agree to release, waive, discharge, covenant not to sue, and hold harmless for any and all purposes University from any and all liabilities, claims, demands, injuries (including death), or damages, including court costs and attorney's fees and expenses, that may be sustained by my child while receiving medical care or in deciding to seek medical care, including while traveling to and from a medical care facility, and including injuries sustained as a result of negligence of the University.

I understand that in accepting this document, the University does not waive any sovereign, governmental, or official immunity that might apply to itself, any state agency or instrumentality, or any state officer, employee, or volunteer. I understand and intend that this waiver is binding upon me, the members of my family, my spouse, and my heirs, executors, administrators and assigns. I expressly agree that this document is governed by and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Georgia. Jurisdiction and venue for any actions with respect to this document or to my child's participation in this program shall be had only in a tribunal of competent jurisdiction in Fulton County, Georgia.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (for students under 18)

Daytime Phone

Date

Print Name of Parent or Guardian

Print Name of Minor Participant

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Camper's Full Name _____ M/F _____ Date of Birth _____

HEALTH RECORD

PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

Name of participant's physician: _____ Physician's phone numbers: _____

Is participant presently under the care of the physician? _____

Date of last tetanus booster (Month/Year): _____

HEALTH CONDITION

Please list any medication being taken: _____

Is there anything you need us to know about your child, including any allergies or conditions, for which he/she might need accommodations?

TREATMENT PRECAUTIONS

Are there any special circumstances such as religious convictions, legal arrangements, or chronic problems that we should know about before treatment? If yes, please explain:

INSURANCE INFORMATION (You can attach a copy of the insurance card (front and back))

Name of Insured: _____

Carrier: _____

Policy Number: _____

Please describe emergency coverage: _____

*Please Note:
GSU staff members are not permitted to administer med*

EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Relationship to camper _____ Nighttime Phone _____

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Relationship to camper _____ Nighttime Phone _____

Photography License and Release

For good and valuable consideration herein acknowledged as received and sufficient, I hereby grant to Georgia Southern University ("Georgia Southern"), its affiliates, legal representatives, and assigns, and those acting with Georgia Southern University's authority and permission, the irrevocable and unrestricted right and permission to create, use, re-use, publish and re-publish video recordings, audio recordings, photographs, or other media that contain or capture my child's likeness or voice or in which my child's likeness or voice may be included ("Images") in connection with any publication or materials relating to or serving the mission and goals of Georgia Southern University, including advertisements, brochures, or other promotional materials, or for any other lawful purpose. The Images may be used with or without my or my child's name, and in any and all media now or hereafter known, including, but not limited to, social media, print media, and electronic media. I acknowledge and agree that Georgia Southern owns all right, title, and interest in and to the Images, including all copyrights therein and the full and unrestricted right to edit and modify the Images, and I hereby assign and agree to assign any such interest that I may own or control to Georgia Southern. I also consent to the use of any printed matter in conjunction with the Images. I hereby waive any right I may have to inspect or approve the Images or any finished product or products incorporating the Images and any written or other print material that may be used in connection therewith, including print material containing my or my child's name. I acknowledge that nothing in this Agreement obligates Georgia Southern or any third party to make any use of the Images. I understand that neither I nor my child will be compensated for use of the Images.

I hereby warrant that I am the parent or legal guardian of the below-named child. I have read the above Photography Release prior to its execution, and I am fully familiar with its contents. This release shall be binding upon me and my heirs, legal representatives, and assigns.

Signature of Parent or Guardian (for students under 18)

Date

Print Name of Parent or Guardian

Print Name of Minor Participant

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Key Agreement for Georgia Girls State

As a citizen at Georgia Girls State and a guest of Georgia Southern University, I am responsible for the security of all keys issued to me by the Department of University Housing. I further understand and agree to follow the established guidelines for the use of Residence Hall keys. The signatures on this form indicate that I:

- Will use the keys issued to me for my entry into the Residence Hall and room I am assigned.
- Will not use a key issued to me to unlock a door for someone not connected with Georgia Girls State or the University.
- Will Return keys in the white key envelope
- Will return all keys issued when requested.
- Will notify my Counselor immediately if I misplace any keys issued to me. Misplaced keys will be changed if not located within 24 hours.
- Understand that I am responsible for replacing any misplaced keys as follows:
 - Room Key
 - Suites \$150.00 Apartments \$150.00
 - Exterior Access Cards \$10.00
 - Meal Cards \$10.00

Citizen's Signature

Parent/Guardian's Signature

Citizen's Name

Parent/Guardian's Name

Street Address City, State Zip

Citizen's Telephone Number

Parent/Guardian's Telephone Number

For office use only: Kennedy Hall - Room Number _____ Key Number _____ City _____

Dear Georgia Girls State Parents and Guardians,
 Georgia Southern University makes every effort to reduce the likelihood of transmission of illness on the campus. Since your child is a prospective camp attendee at Georgia Southern University, we urge you to take these concerns very seriously. If your daughter experiences illness prior to reporting to camp, they should not be sent to Georgia Southern University campus until they have had resolution of fever (without needing fever reducers) and severe symptoms for at least 24 hours. Symptoms of illness are defined as fever of 100 or greater, plus cough and/or sore throat; other symptoms may include tiredness, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, and diarrhea and/or vomiting.

Please complete the following checklist on prior to arriving for camp, and send it with your child to be turned in at check-in.

Concern	Yes	No	Comments
Fever of 100 or greater			
Cough/Upper Respiratory Infection			
Sore throat			
Extreme Fatigue/Tiredness			
Runny or Stuffy Nose			
Body Aches			
Diarrhea/Vomiting			

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation regarding this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 912-478-5993 or jhendrix@georgiasouthern.edu.
 Judy Hendrix, Division of Continuing Education

**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF GEORGIA**

GEORGIA GIRLS STATE PLEDGE

As a citizen of Girls State of the American Legion Auxiliary, I **VOLUNTARILY** make the following statement:

- I will obey the rules of Girls State which includes no visitors and no outside food deliveries.
- I will obey all the rules of Georgia Southern University.
- I will be present for every portion of the Girls State session and I will remain for the FULL WEEK of Georgia Girls State.
- I will obey the **NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO DRUG** policies of Georgia Girls State and Georgia Southern University.
- I will take serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Georgia Girls State.
- I understand that this is an Americanism program of the American Legion Auxiliary and that it is a study of city, county and state government as well as good citizenship.
- I will salute the American Flag.
- If elected to an office, I will serve to the best of my ability.
- I will abide by the judgment of the Georgia Girls State Director, Georgia Girls State Board members and Staff who are those responsible for this Americanism program.
- I will make a formal report (written or oral) to my sponsors, and to my high school - of my experience at Georgia Girls State.
- I will live in residence as a citizen of Girls State.
- I will return to high school for at least one semester of my senior year.
- In so far as possible, I will take an active part in the affairs of the party in the city and county to which I am assigned.
- I will be fair, honest and respectful in all my dealings with my fellow citizens and members of the Girls State Staff.
- I am not a member of, and do not subscribe to the principles of any group opposed to our form of government.

After Georgia Girls State has closed, it will be my duty constantly to endeavor to put into practice the principles of good citizenship and patriotism, which I have experienced.

Date	Girls State Citizen's name (print)	Signature
Witness	_____	Date _____
	(Parent or Guardian)	

THIS IS TO BE READ AND SIGNED AND BROUGHT WITH YOU TO GIRLS STATE TO TURN IN TO OUR STAFF WHEN YOU REGISTER.

WHAT TO TAKE TO GIRLS STATE

- On line application process
- All required forms
 - Girls State Pledge
 - 375 copies of your one bill **if** you are submitting **one**. Limited to 1 page (8 ½ X 11)
1 bill per girl
 - Key agreement
 - Wellness checklist (From Georgia Southern about how you feel opening day)
 - GSU Waiver (Form A Parent/Legal Guardian Release For Minor Participant)
- A good attitude and willingness to learn
- Classroom attire (that which is accepted in one's school and by one's school code) slacks, jeans and shorts will be permitted, but **no short shorts or sloppy jeans and no midriffs, except in dormitories or at recreation periods.**
- Comfortable daytime shoes (sneakers or tennis shoes because we do a lot of walking)
- A pair of white gloves – We have some to share if you can't buy gloves.
- 1 dressy dress or outfit and appropriate shoes for graduation
- 2 or 3 business outfits for inspirational and giving speeches during campaigns
- Raincoat and umbrella
- There are drinking fountains, but you can bring water. It's hot in Statesboro.
- The dorm rooms have refrigerators and microwave ovens.
- Bed linens for a single long twin bed, a blanket and a pillow
- Towels, soap, toilet articles and sanitary articles
- Equipment for light sports and musical instruments are acceptable.
- Do Not Bring Anything Of Value With You -- Especially Expensive Jewelry.
- No citizen is to bring campaign material from home.**
- Inexpensive camera for taking pictures of a great experience
- Notebook and writing instruments
- Markers and masking tape
- If a girl drives to Girls State, car keys must be turned in upon arrival. When keys are turned in, a parking permit will be issued. **Without the permit the college may issue a parking citation.**
- Bring money from home to buy Girls State items and snacks

How to Write a Bill

So you want to write a bill, huh? Well, the first thing to remember is this: a good idea isn't necessarily a good bill. In other words, just because something would help the State of Georgia doesn't mean that it is a good bill topic for Georgia Girls State delegates.

Seem strange? Well, here's why: Girls State bills need to be ideas that can be debated effectively. That means that a bill about requiring State Prisons to use only recycled paper probably isn't so good because no one will want to argue about it!

And really good arguing can only happen if a few other things happen. We've broken it all down for you. Here's what we think makes a good bill:

- **Debatability**-- people are going to want to argue about your bill from both sides of the issue. If you can't think of an argument against your bill, you should probably pick a different one!
- **Importance to Georgia**-- the idea here is that a bill that affects a lot of people or a wide variety of people is better than a bill that only affects a few people or a narrow range of people. If a topic has been in newspapers or on TV, then it may be a good bill topic.
- **Feasibility**--your bill idea could actually work the way you want it to in the real world; it's realistic.
- **Researchability**--you are going to be able to find facts, statistics, and news articles supporting your idea.

The KEY to a good bill is that it is an idea that you care very much about. The more passionate you feel about your bill, the more you will want to put the work in that will make it successful.

Georgia Girls State Representative or Senator _____

An Act to [state whatever this bill does in general terms]

Whereas, [why does this issue need to be changed or looked into], **and,**

Whereas, [how is this issue right now], **and,**

Whereas, [there need to be at least three whereas clauses where you tell me why you are writing this bill to change something on campus], **and,**

Whereas, [you can have as many of these as you want], **and,**

Whereas, [in the last whereas clause make sure and put the rest of the formatting that is in this template], **NOW THEREFORE,**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE GEORGIA GIRLS STATE OF HOUSE OR SENATE
THAT**

Section 1: This bill shall be known as the “[Whatever you are doing] Act of 2008.”

Section 2: [State what you are changing].

Section 3: [You can also have as many of these as it takes you to specifically say what you are changing].

Section 4: [Make sure the sections are complete sentences that change only one thing].

Section 5: This Bill shall take effect immediately upon passage by the state of Georgia Girls State, the welfare of the students requiring it.

BILL
Georgia Girls State
General Assembly

Date _____

_____ introduced the following bill:
Representative or Senator (Your Name)

(To be completed by the Girls State office:) House Bill _____
Senate Bill _____

Girls State City _____

Referred to the _____ committee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls State here assembled, that:

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The bill should be numbered as above so that during debate, the part being discussed can be located with ease by the Senators and Representatives at Georgia Girls State.

You are **encouraged** to present a bill, but it is not required of all participants. We spend a great percentage of our time at Girls State in the Senate and House, so please submit one bill if you have something that you feel passionate about. Limit your bill to one page on 8 ½ X 11 paper. You may submit 1 bill. The **ONLY** requirement is that you bring, **375** copies with you to Girls State, and make sure your copies are turned in to the government staff on Sunday afternoon during registration.

A Bill To Be Entitled

An Act to Limit the Weighting of Standardize Test Scores Required for Public Universities.

1. Section 1:
2. Lower the weighting scale of standardize test scores required for
3. admission to public colleges. Base the admissions more on your
4. high school academics, teacher recommendations and your potential.
5. A)Lower the scale on the SAT and ACT tests.
6. B)Look more at the person rather than at her application.
7. C)Have an advisory board for each college to interview the
8. applicant.

9. Section 2:
10. This will be instituted in all public universities.

11. Section 3:
12. The bill will be enacted in the fall of 2017. The entering
13. Freshman class will be the first affected.
14. It is the responsibility of the deans and presidents
15. to make sure all weighting scales on test scores are limited and
16. are based more on your high school academics, teacher
17. recommendations and your potential.

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SAMPLE BILL
Georgia Girls State
General Assembly

_____ introduced the following bill:
Representative or Senator (Your Name)

A Bill

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls State here assembled, that:

1. Millions of American children are suffering unnecessary
2. harm from the lack of adequate child development services,
3. particularly since many parents must undertake or continue
4. full or part time employment, training or education.

5. The Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare is
6. authorized and directed to provide financial assistance
7. for child development programs.

8. The Secretary shall apportion the amount allotted
9. to each State among the localities within each state
10. on the basis of population.

11. It is essential that the planning an operation of child
12. development programs must be undertaken as a
13. partnership of parents, community, and local government.

14. As used in this bill, the term “child development
15. programs” means those programs which provide
16. the educational, nutritional, social, medical, and
17. physical services needed for children who have
18. not attained the age of 15; program means any
19. mechanism, which provides full or part-day or night
20. services conducted in child development facilities,
21. in schools, in neighborhood centers, or in homes.

_____ (Your Name) introduced the following bill:

House Bill _____

Senate Bill _____

Girls' State City _____

Referred to the _____ committee

Be it enacted by the Senate and/or House of Representatives of the Georgia Girls' State here assembled, that:

- 1 The problem of underage imbibing of alcoholic beverages is ever prevalent in
- 2 today's society, particularly the accessibility of said beverages to minors.

- 3 It has been shown that teenagers, with relative ease, can obtain liquor by
- 4 purchasing it either with false identification or illicit deal with a liquor store clerk.
- 5 Also, it is common knowledge that underage persons can obtain liquor directly or
- 6 indirectly from of age persons, such as the of age person purchasing liquor for
- 7 them or as simple as leaving such substances unattended in the presence of
- 8 underage persons.

- 9 Therefore, steps must be taken to curb these said instances.

- 10 Firstly, more stringent punishments must be enforced to liquor store owners for
- 11 letting underage persons obtain liquor from their store. Also, a more severe
- 12 punishment and enforcement of laws pertaining to overage persons giving
- 13 alcohol to underage individuals must take place.

- 14 Lastly, a new law must be put into place pertaining to having liquor in the
- 15 presence. Let it be forth from the day this bill is signed into law that liquor within
- 16 a 10 ft radius of an underage person must be either under a lock or supervised
- 17 and in possession of an of age individual.