



May 2025

TO: PARENTS/GUARDIAN OF GIRLS STATE DELEGATE:

Congratulations on your daughter's selection as a delegate to 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. Girls State 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 by their leadership, 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, JUNE 1st UNTIL THE CONCLUSION OF THE AWARDS CEREMONY, APPROXIMATELY 9:30am, JUNE 8th, 2025, THE ONLY EXCEPTION IS AN EMERGENCY or medical issue.** Girls who leave the program before the end of the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, June 8th, 2025, 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 8-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 the 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 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, your 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 or emergency contact person will be contacted immediately. Special medications prescribed for your daughter are to be in original container, and checked with 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 ensure 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 me (Director) or Rose Ficklin **602-241-1080** in the Department Office. 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

PARENTS INFORMATION

WHAT: ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY GIRLS STATE

WHEN: June 1-8th, 2025

WHERE: University of Arizona
LIKINS HALL
500 N Highland Avenue
Tucson, Arizona 85719

LET OFF AND PICK UP: Parking is behind Likins Hall in the parking lot. We ask that you please use this parking lot for dropping off or picking up. It is close to the area where you will line up to register. Do not use Highland Avenue due to bottle necks and traffic issues. Enter the parking lot off of Stadium Way.

CHECK IN TIME:

A-H	11:00 am
I-P	12:00 noon
Q-Z	12:45 pm

All citizens should have registered before 1:45pm.

Please have your daughter shop, eat lunch or bring it with her before registering. She may not leave the dorm once she is registered. Leaving could jeopardize her attendance for the session. Registration is held in front of the entry doors and then proceeds indoors to stations. You will line up on the walkway around the dorm. Long lines in the sun are possible, so please plan accordingly. Have patience. **Girls traveling together will wait until assigned times of registration...**see time above. We encourage girls to call home after they have checked in if not brought by a parent.

If for any reason your daughter is unable to attend, please contact the Director as soon as possible. Alternates will be used as replacements.

PLEASE CHECK THIS INFORMATION.....

PHONE: Penny Maklary (520) 850-1951 (cell) I leave for the University on **May 29**, and will not be available that day, but you may leave a message.

Contact Phone Numbers from May 30th - June 8th in the following order:

1. Penny Maklary 520-850-1951
2. Girls State Office in Likins Hall 480-296-8516
3. Likins Hall Desk (520) 621-0750
4. After hours **Emergency** 520-621-0668 **Arbol de la Vida Dorm**

CHECK OUT TIME: Sunday, June 8th at the conclusion of the final awards ceremony about 9:30am. The deadline for departure is 10:30am. We need the name of the person/s your daughter is leaving with.