



## American Legion Auxiliary

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Dear Buckeye Girls State Citizen,

Congratulations on being selected to attend Buckeye Girls State. You are attending based on the recommendation of the members of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit in your community. This is an honor bestowed on around nine hundred young ladies throughout Ohio each year.

During this seven-day, fast paced program, you will have the opportunity to learn about Ohio Government and the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship by actively participating in a democratic form of government. And only by participating can you gain the full benefits of the program. Buckeye Girls State is what you decide to make it!

Many former participants report that as a result of their Girls State experience, they are now serving in responsible positions not only in all levels of government and business, but also in judicial and educational fields as well.

So take the first step, decide which positions interest you and work towards that goal. If, by chance, you aren't elected to your first choice, seek another, as there are opportunities for everyone to hold an elected or appointed position. By the end of the week, you will be surprised by what you have accomplished. So go for it!

Knowing that both you and your parents have questions about the program, it is important you read and understand the information in this packet. **Please read and follow all the instructions carefully.** Verify your name and address on the mailing label and notify this office immediately if there are changes. Remember, reading the information sent to you is necessary for you to successfully complete the On-line Orientation. Also, the BGS Website – [www.buckeyegirlsstate.org](http://www.buckeyegirlsstate.org) is a wonderful source for information about the history of Buckeye Girls State and the American Legion Auxiliary.

**Buckeye Girls State has a policy that all Delegates must stay for the entire program, which lasts seven days; from Sunday, June 14 beginning at 1:00 pm through Saturday, June 20 at 12:15 pm. If a Delegate leaves early she forfeits all rights to any honors, awards and scholarships presented or announced at the closing program. She is not permitted to say that she attended the program.**

On behalf of the entire Buckeye Girls State staff, we look forward to having you as a participant in the 2009 session.

Sincerely,

*Gloria Verbeke*

Director of Buckeye Girls State



**If you are unable to attend Buckeye Girls State 2009, it is important that you:**

1. Notify your local sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit contact person immediately!
2. Give this envelope of material to your replacement.
3. Make certain you or the Auxiliary contact person advise this office immediately at (740) 452-8245. After June 10<sup>th</sup> please call (419) 289-5713.

<u><b>Information</b></u>	<u><b>Action Required</b></u>
On-line Orientation Login Information.....	<u>Use to logon and complete On-line Orientation</u>
Delegate Information Booklet.....	Read and review these materials carefully
Ohio Government Digest on <b>CD</b> .....	Research the government jobs which interest you
Daily Program.....	Read and review carefully
Medical Record and Consent Form.....	<u>Complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
Red Cross Blood Drive ..... Pre-registration	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
Band and Chorus..... Pre-registration	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
Special Entertainment..... Pre-registration	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
SAMSUNG Scholarship..... Application Form	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
Senate Youth Program..... Information and Application	If interested, <u>complete and return as instructed by June 1, 2009</u>
Highway Patrol and Cadet Week Information .....	For your information only (If interested, bring white T-shirts, and black shorts or slacks)
Photographer Information.....	For your information only
Ashland University Free Seminar.....	For your information only
Directions to & Map of Ashland University.....	For your information only
Pre-Addressed Envelope.....	Use for returning information as directed in this Packet



**Summer 2009**

Dear Girls State Citizen,

Every four years this country has the opportunity to experience a change in government as we did this year. It is one of many freedoms we have come to expect. This week is your chance to fully experience the complexity and power of government. Yearly, a select number of young ladies have the opportunity to be the representative of their school, hometown, and community. You were chosen because you possess the qualities needed to fully envelop this experience. Congratulations on your selection to participate in this American Legion Auxiliary program.

As one of the best and brightest young ladies in your state, you are following in the footsteps of about a million exceptional former Girls State delegates who are now respected community leaders, businesswomen, and professionals. Use the tools and knowledge that you gain here to build bright and successful futures and help make your communities better places in which to live.

This will be a week full of long-lasting, wonderful memories for you. Participate, get involved, and be yourself. Take advantage of this once in a lifetime experience. It is an opportunity for you to learn about the government and about yourself.

Participation this week will enable you to view future elections with new insight. We hope this experience helps you better understand the responsibilities and privileges of American citizenship we too often take for granted. Girls State reinforces American ideals of participatory government, democratic process and encouraging participants to become informed, conscientious and involved citizens.

This is your time and your state, make the most of it and you will make lasting memories and valued friendships. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud of the Girls State program, proud to have you participate in the 2009 session, and hope you will be proud to be an American.

Please return home and share your experiences with your family, friends, school and your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit. Help spread the word.

Welcome to Girls State!

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Mary E. Davis  
National Girls State Chairman



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Dear Girls State Citizen,

Congratulations upon your selection to attend Girls State 2009 the American Legion Auxiliary's premiere youth program! It is my sincere wish that you have an experience of a lifetime as you learn about city, county and state government in this fast-paced learning-by-doing program.

All over the United States girls just like you, will be representing their school, their community and their American Legion Auxiliary Unit at Girls State. This is your opportunity to make your mark in Girls State history. I encourage you to participate, for you will be richer for the experience and, I encourage you to capture the moment; this is an opportunity that only comes to a few and it will not come your way again. .

It has been said, **"leaders don't wait, they shape their own frontiers."** What you choose to make of this week and the opportunities that our program provides is entirely up to you. I wish each of you success as you embrace this opportunity to learn and grow.

May your Girls State experience be the very best experience of your life

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Desiree A. Stoy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Desiree A. Stoy  
American Legion Auxiliary National President