

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR WEEK

SUNDAY — Registration in Communities

Community Orientation
“Get Acquainted”
Opening Assembly
Party Organization
Reflections

MONDAY — Flag Ceremony

Classes (City, County, State, College Prep, Professional Development)
College Fair
Girls State Government
Electives — Girls State Chorus, Public Safety, Leadership Development
Public Relations, Journalism, College Preparation,
Party Caucuses: Nationalist/Federalist
Filing for Offices: County / State
Talent Tryouts
Flag Ceremony
Assembly
Party Caucuses
Reflections

TUESDAY — Flag Ceremony

Classes
Girls State Government
Elective Classes
Party & Staff Pictures
Primary Election
Talent Tryouts
Flag Ceremony
Assembly
Party Meeting
Whistle Stops

WEDNESDAY — Flag Ceremony

Girls State Government
Candidates Speak
Party Parade
General Elections
Talent Tryouts
Flag Ceremony
House & Senate to Chambers
Legislative Caucuses
Poppy Story
Reflections

THURSDAY — Flag Ceremony

Assembly — Outstanding Citizens
House & Senate Chambers
Chorus
Inaugural Practice
Outstanding Citizens interview
Official & Community Pictures
Inauguration
Flag Ceremony
Showtime
Friendship Circle
Reflections

FRIDAY — Breakfast

Assembly
Special Project
Governor’s Appointments
Outstanding Citizens Award
Announce Girls Nation Senators
Scholarship Presentations
Retirement of Colors



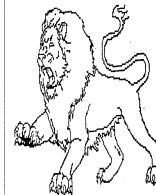
**The American Legion Auxiliary
Rhododendron Girls State, Inc
at
Wheeling Jesuit University
on
June 13—18, 2010**

Registration Fee is \$175.00 per student
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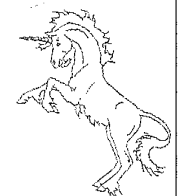
Local Contact:

American Legion Auxiliary State Web Site
www.wvau.org



Nationalist

GET OUT THE VOTE!!



Federalist

SPONSORSHIP

Rhododendron Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of West Virginia, as evidence of its faith in American democracy, and its belief in the value of responsible citizenship.

The American Legion Auxiliary believes that educating our youth about the basic ideals and principles of our system of government will help to ensure the survival of our republic. Through a unique citizenship training program, Auxiliary members guide the youth of our nation toward an understanding, comprehension and appreciation of their roles as United States citizens. This program is called Girls State. Established in 1941.

PURPOSES

The American Legion Auxiliary hopes that Rhododendron Girls State will train its citizens:

- In the practical processes of self government and good citizenship as practiced in a democratic society.
- To study local, county and state government processes.
- To allow them to gain a special knowledge of how a two-party system operates.
- To participate in mock political parties, elections, legislative sessions, campaigning, party rallies, debating and voting as well as special instruction in Parliamentary Procedure so all delegates learn government processes by doing.
- For an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens by informing them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American Citizenship.
- To better familiarize the participants with their duties as United States citizens and encourage their participation in the democratic process as they

ELIGIBILITY

Candidates for admission to Rhododendron Girls State must meet the following requirements:

- be a member in good standing (minimum of 2.75 GPA and top 1/4 of class) in the Junior Class of a West Virginia School.
- must be a citizen of the United States and a resident of West Virginia.
- must be single (and cannot have been previously married).
- must be on the Principal's Approved List of girls eligible for attendance. (GPA 2.75)
- Must in attendance the full week of program.
- Must be attending Rhododendron Girls State for the first time.
- Any applicant may be rejected for what the American Legion Auxiliary considers just cause.

GIRLS STATE WEEK

Girls State Week is a week you will never experience again. When you read the tentative schedule you will find it is a very full and fast pace week. Please don't get discouraged with the first few days. What you and over 400 citizens do the first two days—in real life—the process takes several months to a year to accomplish the political process. First thing citizens have to do is set up a mock City Government in their community in order to have place to register to vote, file for office, etc. The following is a list of offices elected at Girls State:

STATE — Governor
Secretary of State
Attorney General
Treasurer
Auditor
Supreme Court Justices
Commissioner of Agriculture
State Senate
House of Delegates

COUNTY — Sheriff
Circuit Clerk
Prosecuting Attorney
Assessor
Board of Education
County Clerk
Magistrate
Family Court Judge

CITY — Mayor
City Council
City Clerk

There are many offices that you can run for on all levels of government in real life but at Girls State for just 5 days to accomplish this there is not enough time to set up full governments on all levels. This is just a hands on experience to give you an idea of what the 3 levels of government are all about and how important they are to you and your community.

Each year Girls State has a community project for the citizens to take part in at Girls State. It may be bring can food for the local Food Pantry, or whatever the program is for the year. The information for this year will be in your Packet you receive from the State Registrar. This is a volunteer project. It is not mandatory that you do this. Community Service in one of our big programs in the American Legion Auxiliary and we want to instill how important this is in all communities and that all citizens needs to take an active part.

The knowledge, experiences, and challenges that you gain this week at Girls State will last you a lifetime. The key is to get involved and have fun doing it. Girls State wants to encourage you to pursue the high ethical and moral standards demanded of young women today. Your peers look to you as an example of leadership and strong self-confidence. We hope you carry those standards throughout your life.