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Welcome to American Legion Auxiliary *2024 Cornhusker Girls State*

Congratulations! Being selected as a delegate to Girls State is one of the highest honors awarded to a high school student. During your week at Girls State, you will have the opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the workings of our government, assume leadership roles, and realize that your actions can make a difference in your community.

The week begins with registration on Sunday, June 2.

Shortly after registration, your city will hold its first town meeting. There you will have an opportunity to meet the other citizens of your town and begin your week of activities.

Girls State offers you a myriad of opportunities to experience government as a citizen, voter, candidate, official, policy maker, and a friend. Take advantage of each and every opportunity and...PARTICIPATE!

On the website there is information on dress code, campaigning, elections, and other things you need to know. Also included is Girls State contact information, Samsung Scholarship guidelines, Girls State Rules, Media Guidelines and Rules, and basic Parliamentary Procedure. Use the QR Code in your Welcome letter to access the registration forms on the website.

A citizen roster of your town will be available on the website: www.cornhuskergirlsstate.com late May. The roster will provide you with your town name. For protection and privacy no delegate addresses will be posted.

Our desire is that you have a fun and educational week, that you learn much about the workings of our government, and that you make many new friends and happy memories.


Looking forward to an exciting week.


Brittany Masek


Brittany Masek, Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary *Cornhusker Girls State*

CONTACT INFORMATION

Girls State staff members arrive at Girls State on Saturday, June 1, 2024. If you have questions or need to contact Girls State on Saturday, please call Brittany or Roxanne using the cell phone contact numbers.

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GIRLS STATE TENTATIVE SCHEDULE Order and day of events are **subject to change**.

- SUNDAY
- Registration
 - Get-acquainted Town Meeting
 - Activity organizational meetings
 - Filing for City Offices
 - Opening Session
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- MONDAY
- City Elections
 - Primary filing for State and County Offices
 - State Capitol Tour
 - Current Events Quiz
 - Nationalist and Federalist Party Meetings
 - Whistle Stop Campaigns
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- TUESDAY
- Primary Elections
 - School Board Meeting
 - State Party Conventions
 - Presentation of Party Platforms
 - Pictures
 - Gubernatorial Candidate Debate
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- WEDNESDAY
- Rapid-Fire Whistle Stop Campaigns
 - General Election
 - Government Exam
 - Address by the Governor, State of Nebraska
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- THURSDAY
- Nomination of Girls Nation Senators
 - Opening of Girls State Legislature
 - District Court and Supreme Court Sessions
 - Discussion Groups
 - Inauguration at State Capitol
 - Office Visits
 - Legislature and Supreme Court in Session
 - Tour of National Guard Facility
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- FRIDAY
- Court and Legislative Sessions
 - Girls Nation Interviews
 - State of the City Addresses
 - Reports by Elected State Officials
 - Presentation of Awards
 - Wear R.E.D picture
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- SATURDAY
- Closing session.
 - Check-out



WELCOME...from Cornhusker Girls State 2024 Medical Staff

We hope you have a great week while with us! We are available 24/7 to help with your needs or if you just need someone to talk to. Be sure to complete the medical part of the online registration.

We will follow current health mandates. Please watch the website for any changes or health updates.

Some of the medications that we have on hand and are able to give you are:

- 🙄 Tylenol or Ibuprofen for pain
- 🙄 Antihistamine, decongestant, and cough syrup or drops for cold symptoms
- 🙄 Pepto-Bismol or Tums for upset stomach
- 🙄 Milk of Magnesia for constipation
- 🙄 Imodium for diarrhea
- 🙄 Triple antibiotic ointment for cuts and blisters
- 🙄 Ace wraps for sprains or strains
- 🙄 Ice packs are also available

Just a reminder of what to bring with you...

- 📋 Keep your feet healthy. Bring shoes for walking that will not cause blisters.
- 📋 It is always a good idea to pack Band-Aids or anything else you might use for blisters. We will be doing a lot of walking and even the best shoes can cause blisters.
- 📋 Be sure to bring tampons or pads, even if it isn't your time of the month. Sometimes the unexpected happens.
- 📋 Bring along any medications you take for cramps. We are only able to give you Tylenol or Ibuprofen.
- 📋 Also be sure to pack any medications you may take on an as needed basis, such as for allergies or upset stomach, along with any medications you take daily.
- 📋 If you have an ankle or knee brace that you wear sometimes, it would be a good idea to pack it just in case.
- 📋 Remember to pack your inhaler...even if you rarely use it.
- 📋 Be sure to pack your glasses and contacts along with any solutions you use for them.
- 📋 Masks if you have a few to bring. (just in case)

We're looking forward to an active and healthy week!

Cornhusker Girls State Medical Staff

ALA CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE RULES

The American Legion Auxiliary is responsible for all activities during Girls State. We take our responsibility very serious. These rules are for the protection and safety of all Girls State citizens. Any Girls State citizen who knowingly violates any rules, policies, or displays inappropriate conduct, will be dismissed. A letter outlining the reason(s) for dismissal will be sent to her parents, her sponsoring or contributing organization, and school.

Girls State Rules:

1. Girls State citizens must arrive at Girls State between 12:00 noon and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, 2024, and will be dismissed following the closing session on Saturday morning June 8, 2024.

Any Girls State citizen who leaves Girls State for any reason before the conclusion of the program on Saturday will not receive a certificate and pin, and will not be considered alumna of Girls State. This includes dismissal for ACT Testing.

Because the State of Nebraska is offering free testing to all High School Junior students in April, there will be no dismissal for testing. Although our program is similar to Boys State and runs simultaneously, our program rules are not necessarily the same. No early dismissal for ACT testing has always been the policy of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program. *(This rule will apply for 2024 due to the ACT testing date of June 8, 2024)*

If a citizen leaves Girls State for any reason, the high school and sponsoring and/or contributing organizations will be notified and may request a reimbursement of all or a portion of the enrollment fee from the Girls State Citizen.

If a citizen (or) an attendee does not complete the program, she may NOT include Girls State on her resume/or applications for college admission, scholarships or employment.

2. Girls State citizens must wear their identification badge at all times.

The Girls State dress code will be enforced at all times. Citizens are reminded that they will be functioning in the role of professional young women during the week. If a citizen is dressed inappropriately, she will be asked to change.

Each delegate will receive one complimentary Girls State T-shirt, which will be worn with appropriate bottoms at designated sessions and activities. Additional shirts will be available for purchase at the Girls State Store.

Casual clothes (shorts, sweats, jeans, etc.) may be worn at designated times and after the last session of the day.

Citizens may want to bring a special outfit for Inauguration.

3. Citizens cannot make any campaign materials prior to their arrival at Girls State or prior to filing for office. Citizens cannot use pre-printed materials, photographs, or copies of photographs of themselves in their campaign materials.
4. Citizens who drive themselves to Girls State will be issued a UNL parking permit and be required to turn in their keys to their counselor for the duration of the week.
5. Girls State citizens are not permitted on the first floor of the Residence Hall during the scheduled nightly town meetings. Citizens must wear their identification badge when on the first floor. **Citizens are not permitted on the first floor after 11:00 p.m.**
6. Visitors are discouraged. If there becomes an instance where you need to visit with a family member, please contact the Girls State officials in advance to arrange a time to meet. No visitors are allowed above the first floor of the Residence Hall.
7. Citizens must report any signs of illness or injury to their Senior Counselor or other staff member immediately.
8. Girls State mornings start at 6:00 a.m. Lights out by 11:00 p.m.

Not only must each Girls State citizen follow the Rules of Girls State, she must also follow the policies of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

1. Do not overload the elevators or hold the elevator doors open. Repairs to the elevators will be charged to those individuals in the elevator at the time. Cameras are used to monitor each elevator.
2. Windows must remain closed at all times. Blinds must be closed at night when citizens are in their rooms with the lights on.
3. Keep your door LOCKED at all times. This is especially important when you leave your room for sessions.
4. Do not leave your purse or personal items (backpack, camera, etc.) unattended.
5. Girls State and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.
6. Do not litter.
7. The University of Nebraska is an alcohol/drug free and smoke free campus.
8. The University of Nebraska prohibits the possession of dangerous weapons – concealed or unconcealed – on university property or in personal vehicles when on University property.

CORNHUSKER GIRLS STATE - 2024

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

MAKING A MOTION

A. Purpose of a Motion

Motions are the main means to get things done using parliamentary procedure. Informal discussion helps develop opinions, but to get action, a motion must be:

1. Introduced.
2. Seconded by another member.
3. Restated by the Chair.

B. Procedure for Making a Motion

1. Member rises, addresses the Chair, and waits for recognition by the Chair before proceeding.
“Madame Chairperson.”
2. The Chair recognizes the member. *“The Chair recognizes (name/title).”*
3. Member states her proposal. *“Madame Chairperson, I move that...”*

NOTE: The member should state the motion clearly and simply, and give a written copy of the motion to the Secretary. Forms for filing motions are available during party conventions and from the Pages during Legislative Sessions.

4. The Chair calls for a second. *“Is there a second for the motion?”*
5. Member seconds the motion. *“I second the motion.”*
6. **If no second** for the motion, Chair states: *“The motion is lost for want of a second.”*
7. **If seconded**, Chair re-states the motion. *“It has been moved and seconded that...”*
8. Discussion and Amendments.
9. Vote.

DEBATING A MOTION

A. Rules of Debate

1. No member can speak without recognition from the Chair.
2. The original mover of the motion has the right to speak first.
3. The Chair should alternate speakers, pro/con, if possible.
4. No member shall speak a second time until those who wish to speak a first time are given the opportunity.

B. Terminating the Debate/Voting.

1. The Chair can terminate the debate. *“Is the membership ready to act on the question/motion?”*

NOTE: The Chair cannot proceed until she feels the question has been debated adequately, unless she is working with a time constraint. If there seems to be opposition to taking a vote, the Chair may call for a voice vote to see if the membership would like to move to the question at hand.

2. A member may move to close the debate. *“I move the previous question.”*

NOTE: This motion, if recognized by the Chair, cannot be debated and must be voted on immediately. It requires a 2/3 vote.

3. Chair calls for a vote to move the question. *“All in favor of bringing the motion to a vote, say ‘aye’, all opposed say ‘nay’.”*
4. Chair brings the main motion to a vote. *“All in favor of the motion to (restate the motion) say ‘aye’; all opposed say ‘nay’.”*
5. The Chair calls the outcome of the vote. *“The ‘ayes’ have it, the motion is carried” or “The ‘nays’ have it, the motion is defeated.”*

NOTE: Most votes at Girls State will be viva voce (voice vote), in the interest of saving time. The Chair has the ultimate decision in which side wins the vote, however, a member may (after the Chair has announced the result, but before she pounds the gavel) call “Division”. If the Chair entertains the request for Division, votes must be counted by hand. This is a rather time-consuming process.

AMENDING A MOTION

A. TYPES OF AMENDMENTS

1. Amendment by Addition (insertion).

Example of Motion: *“I move that Cornhusker Girls State send Senators to Girls Nation to represent Nebraska.”*

The procedure to amend this motion would be:

Proposer: “I move to amend the motion by *inserting* the word **two** before the word **Senators**.”

Presiding Officer (after hearing a second): “It has been moved and seconded to amend the motion by *inserting* the word **two** before the word **Senators**.”

Presiding Officer: “Is there any discussion on the amendment?” (*When appropriate, calls for a vote*). “Is there any discussion on the amendment as amended?”

2. Amendment by Deletion (striking out).

Proposer: “I move to amend the motion by deleting the words **to represent Nebraska**.”

Presiding Officer (after hearing a second): “It has been moved and seconded to amend the motion by *deleting* the words **to represent Nebraska** from the main motion. The motion, if amended, would read: **that Cornhusker Girls State send Senators to Girls Nation**. Is there any discussion on the amendment?”

3. Amendment by Striking Out and Inserting.

Proposer: “I move to amend the motion by *striking out* the word **Senators** and *inserting* in its place the words **its Executive Committee**.”

Presiding Officer (after hearing a second): “It has been moved and seconded to amend the motion by *striking out* the word **Senators** and *inserting* the words **its Executive Committee** in its place. The motion, if amended, would read: **that Cornhusker Girls State send the Executive Committee to Girls Nation**. Is there any discussion on the amendment?”

4. Amendment by Substitution.

Proposer: “I move to amend the motion by *substituting* for it the following motion: **I move that Cornhusker Girls State send two Senators to Girls Nation in order to represent the issues presented at the Girls State session in Nebraska**.”

Presiding Officer (after hearing a second): “It has been moved and seconded to *substitute* the motion at hand with the motion: **that Cornhusker Girls State send two Senators to Girls Nation in order to represent the issues presented at the Girls State session in Nebraska**. Is there any discussion on the amendment?”

B. PROCEDURE FOR MOTION TO AMEND

1. Member rises and addresses the Chair. *“Madame Chairperson.”*
2. Chair recognizes member. *“The Chair recognizes (name/title).”*
3. Member states motion to amend. *“I move to amend the main motion by (inserting) (adding) (striking out and inserting) (substituting)...”*

NOTE: See specific examples of how to word amendments. All amendments should be stated clearly and written out for the Secretary on the forms available.

4. Member seconds the motion to amend. “I second the motion.”
5. Chair restates the amendment and motion as amended. *“It has been moved and seconded to amend the motion by... The motion, if amended, would read...”*
6. Chair calls for discussion on the amendment. *“Is there any discussion on the amendment?”*

NOTE: At this time, the decorum for debate is followed. Amendments may be amended at this time, but no amendment may be amended to a third degree. Keep in mind, though, that “amendments to an amendment” are very time-consuming and should be avoided if possible.

7. Chair or member terminates the debate on the amendment.
 - a. CHAIR: *“Is the membership prepared to vote on the amendment?”*
 - b. MEMBER: *“I move the previous question.”*
8. Chair puts the amendment to a vote. *“All those in favor of the amendment to (state change) say ‘aye’; all those opposed say ‘nay’.*



The American Legion.....**SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP - 2024**

Contact: Haley Teten, Education Director – kinghaley90@gmail.com

Samsung Scholarships will be awarded to students who have participated in Boys and Girls State programs in 2024. The award structure for The Samsung American Legion Scholarship Fund is as follows: 10 Scholars (2 from each region) will be awarded **\$10,000 each** and 10 Runners-Up (2 from each region) will be awarded **\$5,000 each**. Cornhusker Girls State will select one scholarship application to be forwarded on to the National competition. Scholarships will be judged during Girls State and announced during the Girls State Awards Ceremony. If the state applicant winner is not a National Scholarship winner, she will receive a \$1,250 scholarship.

* To qualify for the scholarship, you must participate in, and complete, the 2024 session of Cornhusker Girls State, and be a direct descendant (i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild, etc.) of a U.S. wartime veteran, or have a parent/grandparent currently on active duty. If you are applying for the scholarship under a parent/grandparent on active duty, check the war period corresponding to the Persian Gulf War – August 2, 1990 – Until Cessation of Hostilities. This includes Operation Enduring Freedom, Operation Iraqi Freedom and War on Terrorism. Veterans do not have to have served, or currently serve, ‘in combat’ for dependents to be eligible for the scholarship. The veteran must have served honorably during one of the designated periods of war.

* When completing the veteran’s information section, you will be asked to **upload** “Proof of Service” documentation for the veteran of whom you are a direct descendent. Documentation may include, but is not limited to, copies of Department of Defense documents, Department of the Army documents, Department of the Navy documents, Department of the Air Force documents, Department of Veterans Affairs documents (federal or state), and The American Legion documents. Information and help locating these documents is given in detail in the application.

* The application is on The American Legion website at www.legion.org . Look under *Programs* and then *Scholarships* in the drop-down box. Then choose *Samsung American Legion Scholarship*. Read and scroll down, then click on *Access the Online Samsung Scholarship Application here*. From here you must register a username and password to access the application. **The application must be completed and submitted online**. Scholarships will also be judged and given points for grammar: complete sentences, syntax, appropriate and correct punctuation. Other judging points will include presentation: depth of topic, exploration, and writer’s engagement with the reader.

* Students applying for the Samsung Scholarship need to be sure to include an official transcript of grades with an Official Signature.

* There is no printing off a blank copy. You can save the application in stages and check it as you go. If you are unsure how to proceed, please contact Education Director Haley King.

NOTE: A printed copy of the submitted application must be brought with you to Girls State in a manila envelope, with your name and floor number on the outside, and turned in at the time of registration. Late applications cannot be accepted.