

ALA Arkansas Girls State Session 2019

Dear Future Girls State Delegate:

Congratulations on being chosen as a delegate of The American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State program for the 2019 Session! Girls State is an equal opportunity program and the fee of \$225.00 has been paid for you to attend. The American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State will be held on the campus of Harding University in Searcy the week of May 26 thru May 31, 2019. It is an honor to be one of the approximately 1,000 girls from the state of Arkansas to be selected to attend, and it carries with it a responsibility to your community, your school, and the contributor or sponsor who make this possible.

While at Girls State, you will be given information and instructions in the process of local, county, and state government to increase your usefulness as a future leader. You will live in mythical cities and counties and participate in the activities of government in that city and county. This will include meetings, elections, and guest speakers.

In the following Delegate Packet, please be sure to read and follow all instructions carefully.

The only form that needs to be signed and uploaded to your account on Register State is the Universal/Permission form that was given to you. The Pledge Form in this packet will not need to be uploaded, just brought with you to Girls State registration.

You will find a Medical Certificate in this packet. Please fill out all important medical information with your parents and have them sign the form. Bring this form with you to hand in at Girls State registration. Girls State is a long and strenuous week with lots of walking and it is important that you are in your best health while attending. Do not mail or upload the Medical Certificate, you should bring the form with you to Harding.

You will receive your city, county, political party assignment, and dormitory by email.

You may be interested in either band or choir. If you plan to be in the band, you will need to bring your own instrument, if possible, and be responsible for it during the week. We can only supply larger instruments such as bass clarinets, tubas, keyboard, timpani, etc.

We have a Girls State Variety Show on Thursday night. The response for participants in our Girls State Variety Show has been so great in the past; we now hold auditions for positions in the show. If you plan to audition for the Variety Show and use any props, costumes, or music, you will need to bring all such items with you.

We will follow the dress code specified by Harding. Modest and neat clothes must be worn. Athletic clothing is allowed, but NOT during general sessions. You should not wear short shorts, torn jeans, or miniskirts. You will need comfortable shoes for daily wear and a modest dress or skirt to wear Wednesday night at Inauguration and Thursday during our visit to the Capitol.

You should be aware of current events. Come prepared to learn, participate, make new friends, and live a week with girls your age. We look forward to meeting you, and we hope to make this a memorable week for you.

Sincerely,

Charlotte Wilson, Director
The American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State

INFORMATION TO AID YOU IN YOUR PREPARATION FOR GIRLS STATE

ARRIVAL: You should plan to arrive at the Ganus Activities Complex at your designated check in time on Sunday based on the following schedule.

11:30 Cities: Harrod, Hutchinson, Land, Milligan, Murray, and Sample

12:00 Cities: Boozman, Griffin, Kemp, Lea, Lewellen, and Teague

12:30 Cities: Berry, Cotton, Elliott, Holliday, Rutledge, Thurston

Refer to the "Items to bring with you to Girls State" checklist to be prepared for what will be collected during the registration process. Upon entering the Ganus Activities Complex look for the table with your city name. Do not bring your luggage into the Ganus Activities Complex. You will move into your dorm after you've completed registration.

****Delegates who drive to Girls State MAY NOT drive at any time during the session. Delegates are not allowed to leave campus under any circumstances without the express permission of Girls State Staff.****

DEPARTURE: The last session of Girls State concludes at 9:30 A.M. All delegates may begin checking out following the session at the dorms. All delegates must be picked up by 11:00 A.M. on Friday, May 31, 2019.

ATTENDANCE: Please do not ask to leave early or arrive late. If you fail to attend the entire session for any reason, you will not receive a Girls State pin or certificate. Delegates are not allowed to "check out" for any portion of the program. If you are not able to attend for the ENTIRE session, please notify your school or sponsoring Auxiliary Unit so that another student may attend in your place and give this entire packet to your school counselor. If, due to illness, you must leave Girls State early, your parents must pick you up themselves and you are not allowed to return. You will not be released from Girls State to anyone other than your Parents (or Legal Guardian) if you leave early for any reason.

SELECTION OF DELEGATES: You were selected by a committee from your high school faculty with the final approval given by the American Legion Auxiliary and in cooperation with your high school principal. Therefore, if you find you cannot attend, take this entire packet to your school counselor or principal immediately notifying them so they have an opportunity to select an alternate. You will not select your alternate. The American Legion Auxiliary and/or principal make the selection. They will notify the Auxiliary Department Office.

CANTEEN: Delegates will be able to buy all kinds of toiletry items, pens, notebooks, material for campaigning, water, food items, and an assortment of Girls State clothing and accessories.

GIRLS STATE T-SHIRTS: Each delegate will be given one Arkansas Girls State t-shirt. There will be at least two occasions that you will be expected to wear your t-shirt: the Opening Session and city pictures. Extra t-shirts will be sold at our Canteen for approximately \$10.00. Your T-Shirt Size was provided to us on your enrollment application.

MAIL: Mail may be sent to: Your Name, c/o Arkansas Girls State, Harding University, Box 10762, Searcy, AR 72149-0001.

CORRECT CHANGE YOU WILL NEED UPON ARRIVAL: Please have the **correct change** for the following items. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

\$2.00 for your room key deposit. This is refundable upon return of the room key.

\$5.00 On-site Registration Fee.

\$3.00 for a city picture (optional). Group photographs of each city will be available for purchase.

\$10.00 for a photo CD (optional). This photo CD includes every photo taken during the week.

DRESS CODE: Bring a modest dress or skirt for Inauguration on Wednesday night and our visit to the Capitol on Thursday. You may wear shorts or jeans the remainder of the week, but athletic clothing during general sessions will NOT be allowed. Please dress in good taste at all times. Inappropriate slogans on t-shirts will NOT be allowed. You may also want to bring a lightweight jacket (it is cool in the auditorium) and an umbrella. You will be issued a visor to wear the whole week for identification purposes. If you are a Federalist, your visor will be red, if you are a Nationalist, your visor will be blue. You may also want to bring clothing to match your party's color to wear Tuesday during Rally Night. If you plan to run for a State office, please bring a pair of jeans for the rally.

OTHER ITEMS YOU WILL NEED: You will also need to bring twin sheets, a blanket, pillow, towels, washcloths, toiletries, clothes hangers, and other necessary items. The only items in the dorm rooms are furniture, shower curtain, toilet paper, and trash bag.

PLEASE REMEMBER: Girls State is NOT a federal, state, county, or city government sponsored program. It is a private educational experience sponsored nationwide by the American Legion Auxiliary. We do NOT receive any federal or state funds. The motto of the American Legion Auxiliary is "FOR GOD AND COUNTRY" and this motto will be followed in all programs of Girls State. Throughout the session, there may be reference in song or prayer to Christ, daily saluting of the American flag, and singing the national anthem. Anyone who does not feel comfortable with this or who cannot be tolerant of it should not attend.

SERVICE PROJECT: Arkansas Girls State will be collecting change all week in a Nationalist vs. Federalist competition. Our goal is to collect \$1,000. Some fun incentive may be provided throughout the week. The funds collected will be sent with the Girls Nation Senators to Walter Reed National Military Medical Center in Washington D.C., to help with the continued care of American soldiers.

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP: American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State delegates who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans are eligible to compete in the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Program. Applications can be accessed through the Arkansas Girls State website, <https://arkansasgirlsstate.com/samsung-scholarship> and must be submitted by 11:59 P.M. Sunday, May 26. One application will be selected based on the criteria provided, and will be awarded the local scholarship. That application will then be forwarded to compete for one of the scholarships to be awarded in the national competition.

GIRLS NATION: Girls Nation is a program of the American Legion Auxiliary that instructs delegates on the workings of our national government. During the week of Girls State two delegates will be chosen to represent Arkansas as Senators at Girls Nation which is held in Washington D.C. in July. Throughout the week city counselors, senior counselors, and staff members identify possible delegates based on standout participation in the various activities of the Girls State program. The Girls State Director, Committee, and Staff members will choose two delegates and one alternate following interviews at the

end of the week, this decision is final. Having knowledge of current events will be very helpful for the interview.

ALA ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE CHECKLIST

Items to be uploaded to your profile at registerstate.com by May 3, 2019:

- Universal/Permission form

Items to bring with you to Girls State, May 26, 2019:

- Girl State Pledge form
- Dorm assignment information received by email
- Medical Certificate
- Harding University campus map
- Correct change as follows:
 - \$2.00 room key deposit (refundable)
 - \$5.00 on-site registration fee
 - \$3.00 for a city picture (optional)
 - \$10.00 for a photo CD (optional)
- Important packing items:
 - Required-
 - Bring a modest dress or skirt for Inauguration on Wednesday night and our visit to the Capitol on Thursday. You may wear shorts or jeans the remainder of the week, but remember that athletic clothing during general sessions will NOT be allowed.
 - If you plan to run for a State office, please bring a pair of jeans for the rally.
 - Twin sheets, a blanket, pillow, towels, washcloths, toiletries, clothes hangers, and other necessary items.
 - Optional-
 - A lightweight jacket (it is cool in the auditorium) and an umbrella
 - Clothing to match your party's color to wear Tuesday during Rally Night. Red for Federalists, blue for Nationalists.

** If you forget something, our Girls State Canteen will have items for sale that you may purchase.

Other important reminders:

- Please report to the Ganus Activities Complex upon arrival to check in. Refer to attached campus map.
- **You may not bring campaign materials of any kind with you** – if you bring any pre printed campaign materials you will be disqualified from running for office for the entire week.
- You must stay for ENTIRE session – you will not be allowed to miss any portion of the program.
- Cell phones are allowed, but may not be used in any session or meeting.
- Girls State is a very strenuous program – please be sure to be well rested before you arrive.
- A nurse will be on staff and available during the entire session. Please note any physical conditions on the Medical Certificate that will be given to the nurse.
- You will be given a visor to wear for the entire week. If you are a Federalist your visor will be red, if you are a Nationalist your visor will be blue.

ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE PLEDGE

As a citizen of American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State, I voluntarily make the following pledge:

- I have read and studied the material sent to me.
- I will observe all the rules and requirements of Girls State.
- I will not damage or destroy any property while at Girls State.
- I will be present for every portion of the Girls State session and I will remain for the ENTIRE session.
- I will remain within the Girls State authorized areas of campus for the duration of the program.
- I will fulfill all obligations of a patriotic American citizen.
- If elected to office, I will serve that office to the best of my ability.
- I will be respectful of and obey the Girls State officials and counselors responsible for the week's program.
- I will be considerate and respectful of all Girls State delegates.
- I will share my Girls State experience as I continue to further my education.
- I will take an active part in the affairs of the party in the city and county to which I am assigned.
- I will not smoke, drink, use illegal drugs, use profanity, use cell phones during general sessions and city meetings, be a bully, or wear inappropriate clothing during my week at Girls State.
- I will wear my assigned visor and name tag when outside my dorm room.
- I will not misuse cell phones and social media rules.

You and a parent or guardian must sign this pledge acknowledging that you have read and agree with EACH statement in this pledge. Failure to comply with any part of the Arkansas Girls State Pledge is cause for dismissal from the Arkansas Girls State Program.

ARKANSAS GIRLS STATE PLEDGE - **PLEASE BRING THIS PAGE WITH YOU TO GIRLS STATE**

Delegate Name (print)

Delegate Signature

Parent (or Guardian) Signature



The American Legion Auxiliary Arkansas Girls State

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This form is to be completed by the parent or guardian of the ALA Arkansas Girls State delegate. The information provided will be kept in strict confidentiality and used by the program nurse for appropriate care and decision making only when necessary. This form must be brought to Harding University, and will be collected during registration on Sunday, May 26, 2019.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____
Home Address: _____
Parent/Guardian Names: _____
Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____ Phone #3: _____

Emergency Contact if Parent/Guardian Cannot be Reached:

Name: _____ Phone: _____
Physician's Name _____ Phone _____

PAST/CURRENT ILLNESSES (circle):

Seizures Diabetes Syncope/Fainting Asthma/Lung Condition
Heart Condition Head Injury Migraine Headaches Measles/Mumps

Explain any circles above, or include any conditions not listed above: _____

List all severe or anaphylaxis allergies or food allergies: _____

Describe any disabilities, doctor prescribed accommodations, or doctor prescribed dietary restrictions: _____

All medications brought to ALA Arkansas Girls State must remain in their original and labeled bottle. Please list these medications on the back of this form.

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

ALA Arkansas Girls State is strenuous, both physically and emotionally; therefore, ability to cope adequately should be seriously considered when deciding to send your daughter to participate in this program. If your daughter becomes sick while attending ALA Arkansas Girls State, she will be withdrawn from the program and dismissed to a parent/guardian and will not be allowed to return.

This medical history/medication consent form is correct as far as I know. I understand that the form must be filled out COMPLETELY and signed by parent/guardian in order for my child to receive treatment while at ALA Arkansas Girls State. I understand that in the case of an emergency, every effort will be made to contact a parent/guardian prior to treatment. If a parent or guardian cannot be reached, however, and the situation requires immediate emergency attention as determined by camp staff, I hereby authorize representatives of the camp to obtain emergency treatment for my child as deemed necessary. I give permission to arrange necessary related transportation for my child. I agree to the release of any records necessary for treatment or referral of the minor child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

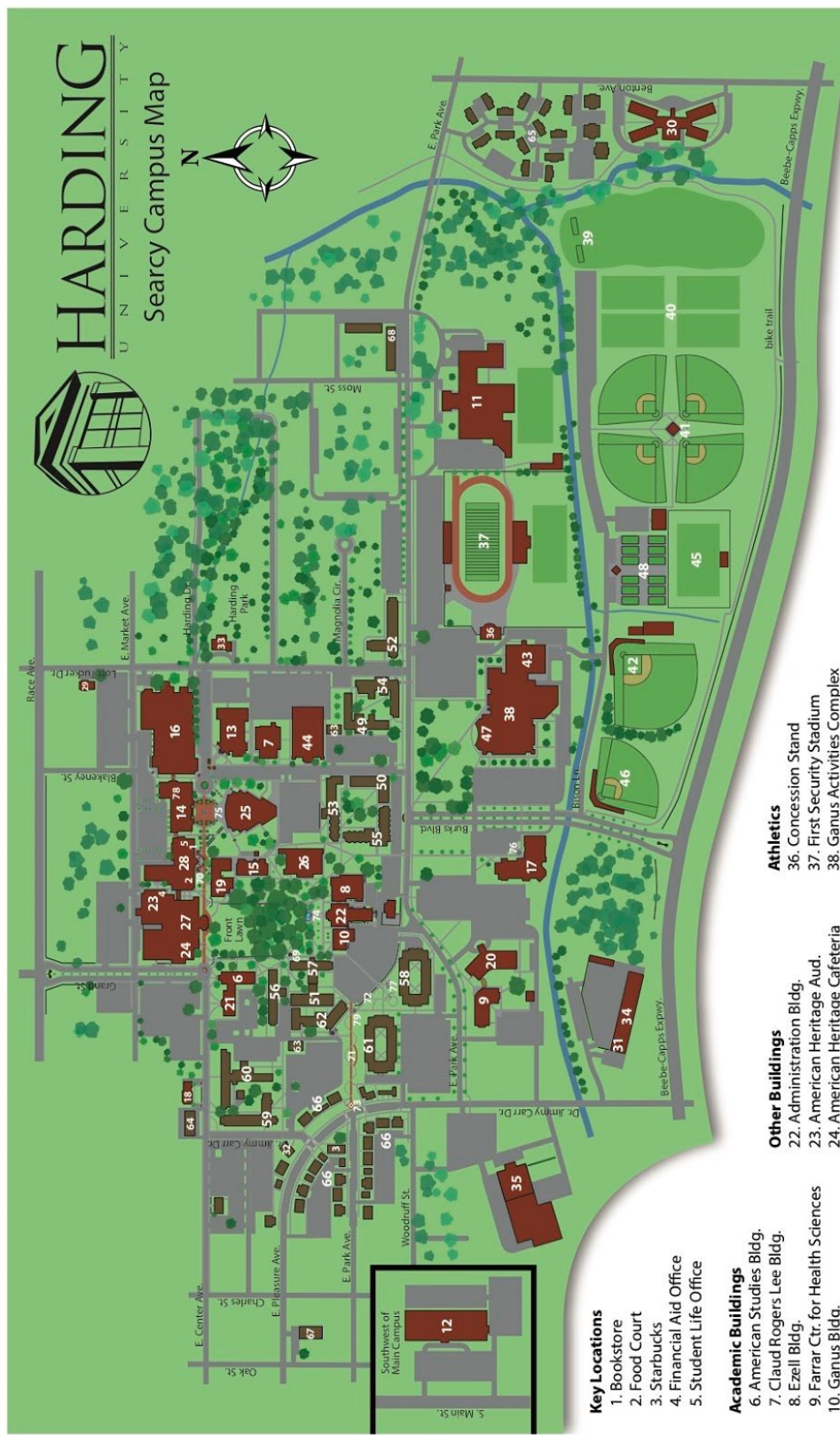
INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Insurance Company: _____ Policy#/Group#: _____
Name of Insured: _____ Relationship to Delegate: _____

HARDING

UNIVERSITY

Searcy Campus Map



Key Locations

1. Bookstore
2. Food Court
3. Starbucks
4. Financial Aid Office
5. Student Life Office

Academic Buildings

6. American Studies Bldg.
7. Claud Rogers Lee Bldg.
8. Ezell Bldg.
9. Farrar Ctr. for Health Sciences
10. Ganus Bldg.
11. Harding Academy
12. Harding South Campus
13. Mabee Business Bldg.
14. McInteer Bible & World Missions
15. Olen Hendrix Bldg.
16. Pryor-England Science Ctr.
17. Reynolds Music & Comm.
18. Sears Honors College
19. Stevens Art & Design Ctr.
20. Swaid Ctr. for Health Sciences
21. Thornton Education Ctr.

Other Buildings

22. Administration Bldg.
23. American Heritage Aud.
24. American Heritage Cafeteria
25. Benson Aud.
26. Brackett Library
27. Burks American Heritage Bldg.
28. Hammon Student Ctr.
29. Harding History House
30. Harding Place Retirement Ctr.
31. Harding Press
32. Health Services
33. President's House
34. Tucker Physical Resource Bldg.
35. Ulrey Performing Arts Ctr.

Athletics

36. Concession Stand
37. First Security Stadium
38. Ganus Activities Complex
39. Golf Range
40. Intramural Football Fields
41. Intramural Softball Fields
42. Jerry Moore Baseball Complex
43. Jim City Football Complex
44. Rhodes-Reaves Field House
45. Soccer Complex
46. Softball Complex
47. Suzanne & Rodney Waller Recreation Center
48. Tennis Complex

Residential Living

49. Allen Hall
50. Armstrong Hall
51. Cathcart Hall
52. Cone Hall
53. Graduate Hall
54. Harbin Hall
55. Keller Hall
56. Kendall Hall
57. Pattie Cobb Hall
58. Pryor Hall
59. Searcy Hall
60. Sears Hall
61. Shores Hall
62. Stephens Hall
63. Laundromats
64. Center Place
65. Harding Village
66. Legacy Park
67. Pleasure Oak
68. Stafford

Campus Features

69. Bell Tower
70. C.L. Kay Plaza
71. First Ladies Garden
72. Legacy Walls of Honor
73. Legacy Tower
74. Lily Pool & Uncle Bud Statue
75. McInteer Fountain
76. Moore Fountain
77. Outdoor Classroom
78. Smith Museum of Biblical Archaeology
79. Women for Harding Fountain