



AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY
DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON
EVERGREEN GIRLS STATE



January 2010

Dear Evergreen Girls State Unit Chairman,

Thank you, for your interest in the Evergreen Girls State program! We could not do this without you! You, the Unit, are responsible for the selection and sponsorship of each future citizen to Evergreen Girls State. The Girls State committee is depending on you to find tip-notch quality young ladies to send to Evergreen Girls State!

In this packet you will find helpful information on the essentials of the American Legion Auxiliary Evergreen Girls State program. **Please give this information to your Girls State Unit Chairman!** By sending this to each Unit, we (the Girls State Committee) are hoping each Unit Girls State Chairman will have this essential 2010 information!

Please examine the Unit Chairman handbook where you will find a useful brief explanation about each aspect of the program. This will provide answers to many questions you may be asked by both parents and their daughters. You will also find a copy of the information that will be sent to schools in January, along with a timeline and a list of essential facts for your use. Please look through this information! Feel free to copy any of the information for use in the schools!

If you have new schools in your area or schools that have not received Girls State information or if you have a contact name at your local high school, please contact me or contact Patty Griffith at dogwalker@clearwire.net or at (509) 839-3901 and we will get that information out to them. I have found that if you have a contact name on the information it is more likely to arrive where it needs too!

We have also put together a 5-minute video showing the aspects of the Girls State program that would be great to show candidates for Evergreen Girls State. We will sell these DVDs at Mid-Winter for \$5 or if you would like to have one sent to you, please send \$6 and your address to me!

Thank-you for the hard work you are about to take on and please, don't hesitate to ask the Girls State committee any questions you might have. We are here to help!

Sincerely,

Andy Dobson, Director
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Here is a quick reference guide to Evergreen Girls State facts! We hope you will find these useful!

Dates

- Dates—June 13th through June 19th, 2010
- Registration cards must be purchased through Department by May 14th!
- Refunds—must be made through Department by 5 pm on May 21, 2010.
- Registration cards must be sent to Patty and postmarked by May 23rd.
- Deadline for the Samsung Scholarship is June 13, 2010.

Cost

- Cost per citizen---\$250
- Registration fee---\$85 (paid by the citizen at the time of registration)

Place and Time

- Place—Central Washington University, Ellensburg
- Registration times—June 13th from 12-2 pm.

Addresses

- Department: Box 5867, Lacey, WA 98509-5867
- Andy Dobson, PMB 183, 1726 Gregory Ave., Sunnyside, WA 98944
- Patty Griffith, 797 Dayton Dr., Sunnyside, WA 98944

Website addresses

- www.walegion-aux.org
- www.boysandgirlsstate.org (from National)

College tuition website and information

- www.leadershipcredit.org
- 4 credits at \$65 per credit through the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs

Contact information

- Andy Dobson adobson@quicktel.com or at dobsonac@hotmail.com
- Patty Griffith dogwalker@clearwire.net
- Barb Rutherford barblovesfrogs@nwi.net
- Nicole Ross, Department Secretary secretary@walegion-aux.org

**American Legion Auxiliary
Evergreen Girls State
Unit Chairman Timeline**

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Greetings! Preparations for another Girls State session are in full swing. Please start promoting our Evergreen Girls State program to your local high schools. This program relies heavily on your support and your efforts! The Girls State Committee thanks you for your support and dedication! Together, we will keep this "workshop of democracy" a program of high excellence and something we are proud of!

I would like to facilitate the lines of communication between the Girls State Committee, Girls State Unit Chairman, and the membership. I feel the future citizens will only benefit from our open lines of communication. Please give this information to your Girls State Unit Chairman.

General Information:

Dates: June 13th through June 19th

Place: CWU, Ellensburg, WA

Price: \$250 per girl (*attendance fee*)
\$85 registration fee

Numbers: Open--*first come!*

The following information is a suggested timeline to guide you in your preparations for citizen selection to Evergreen Girls State.

January

Schools should be receiving information from the ALA that includes; application forms, informational letters and a letter to the principal. (*If you would like a school packet, please contact me and I will be glad to send you one!*)

February

Fees for candidates your Unit is sponsoring should be sent to Department along with the Evergreen Girls State Reservation form (*received in Department mailing*). Please include the number of candidates and the schools they are representing.

Department requires your Unit to pay the sponsorship fee before you will receive the green reservation card. You will receive one card per one reservation. Address:

**Nicole Ross, Department Secretary
American Legion Auxiliary
P. O. Box 5867
Lacey, WA 98509-5867
(360) 456-5995**

Make sure schools have received our information. You may also want to make an appointment with school officials to accommodate both your schedule and that of the school's. A positive first encounter is essential for us to work together smoothly.

Arrange to meet with school Principals, Counselors and/or the Junior Class Advisors. As you meet with school personnel, reinforce the idea that our program is open to any Junior girl who wants to apply. Ask the school for help in advertising the program in a school bulletin or school wide