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Dear High School Principal/Counselor,

The American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State session will be held at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh campus, Oshkosh, WI beginning Sunday, June 16th and ending Friday, June 21st, 2019. This will be our 76th session of promoting this Americanism program and we sincerely hope that your school plans to participate again this year.

Our 75th session ended last year with 700 young ladies completing our citizenship-training program. We hope your school's delegates benefited and will be available to encourage others from your school to participate.

Your school's sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit or Post has been sent the 2019 ALA Badger Girls State Reservation and Informational packet. A representative from that Auxiliary Unit or Post should be contacting you regarding your schools plans to participate. They will then complete and submit a reservation form (with the sponsorship fee) to Department Headquarters in Portage by the deadline date of January 28, 2019. **IF YOUR SPONSORING UNIT HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU BY HOLIDAY BREAK - OR IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO SPONSORS YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER LISTED BELOW FOR ASSISTANCE.**

To help you promote the program with ALL YOUR 11th GRADE GIRLS INCLUDING THOSE WHO ARE HOME-SCHOOLED, we've enclosed the ALA Badger Girls State brochure and a publicity poster for you to display. The poster is intended to plant the seed and peak student interest in the program while providing them with contact information and the brochure will give them the opportunity to read about the program, discuss it with their parents and decide whether they would like an opportunity to represent your school. Please feel free to make copies.

We also ask that the delegates attend the ENTIRE week of the session. If they arrive late or leave early, they will not be marked as having completed the session and will be ineligible for both scholarships for delegates and will be unable to put they attended ALABGS on college applications.

In February, a Registration packet containing full instructions and materials your delegate(s) **as well as alternate(s)** will need to register will be sent to **sponsored** high schools. Please help us update our database, by emailing Carrie Thrasher at bgsadmin@badgergirlsstate.org, as to who receives registration information for your school.

NOTE: SCHOOLS SHOULD MAKE SURE THEY ARE BEING SPONSORED BY AN AUXILIARY UNIT OR AMERICAN LEGION POST BEFORE STARTING THE SELECTION PROCESS.

It is most important to include your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit in on the choice of your delegate, so they too have contact information for these delegates and alternates should something happen after the school closes for the summer and before the ALA Badger Girls State Session begins. If you have any questions about registration contact Carrie (at Dept. Headquarters) at 608-745-0124 ext. 114.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have questions. If I'm unavailable, direct your call or e-mail to one of the following committee members:

- Danyelle Thompson, Chairman- Ph: 920-379-6489 ♦ email: alabgs.chairman@gmail.com
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Sincerely,

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY BADGER



JUNE 16-21, 2019

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN OSHKOSH



- *Open To All Eligible Junior High School Girls
- *Learn About State Government & Put It Into Practice
- *Strengthen Your Leadership Skills
- *A Unique Educational & Scholarship Opportunity
- *A Chance To Meet Awesome Girls From Around Wisconsin

Contact your Guidance Counselor or
Visit the Badger Girls State website: www.badgergirlsstate.org



Timetable

ALABGS has its own website: www.badgergirlsstate.org & email: bgsadmin@badgergirlsstate.org

October: Promotional materials: Principal/Counselor letter, Brochure, Promotional Poster, Prospective Delegate form. This mailing gives the school the date of the session and promotional material for their 11th grade girls.

January 28: Deadline for the reservation form along with (\$350) Sponsorship fee.

February/March: Registration material is sent to (**SPONSORED**) high schools. This mailing includes everything the school needs to register their Delegates & Alternates.

April 1: Delegate/Alternate Registration Deadline.

2019 Session Information for Delegates: Available online at the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State website (February/March 2019). This online material provides complete session details and all required forms. All forms must be filled out completely, signed by parents if required and presented at registration in Oshkosh.

Delegates **WILL NOT** get packets mailed to their homes – if they don't have internet access at home, they should ask their counselors to print it for them. If they have questions or problems, they should contact headquarters (608-745-0124 x114) for assistance.

April/May/June: Orientations will be held in almost every county. Delegate(s), alternate(s) and parents are encouraged to attend an orientation. If your delegate is unable to attend the orientation in her county, she is welcome to attend a neighboring one. Orientation schedules are posted and updated online at: www.badgergirlsstate.org.

June: **CONTACT YOUR DELEGATE(S) WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF SESSION** – remind her of the session dates, verify she's still planning on attending and ask her if she has any questions regarding the program. This is the best way to make sure your delegate(s) is still your delegate. Forfeiture of delegate fees and most cancellations happen in the two weeks prior to session.

June: Transportation by bus will be arranged in some areas. Northwestern regions - contact Sherry Brasda 715-533-6125 (h), 715-538-4303 (w). For the Oconto Falls area, contact Loretta Shellman (920-846-2701). For other possible locations, call an American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State committee member. In all other areas transportation is the responsibility of the Delegate.

**Delegates and Alternates are encouraged to check the
American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State website for updates:
www.badgergirlsstate.org**



Students: Complete and return this form to your **school** American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State representative by: _____. The School/Unit will notify you of the time & date they've set for delegate selection.

Student Name: _____ **Birth Date:** _____ **Age:** _____

School Name & Location: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Is an immediate family member of the student currently serving in the Armed Forces? ___ Yes ___ No

Girls interested in attending ALABGS must meet all the following eligibility requirements:

- Be enrolled in the junior year of a Wisconsin public, parochial or private high school or home school whether she resides in Wisconsin or a neighboring state.
- **Imperative that she have an interest in government and citizenship.**
- Have outstanding qualities of leadership, good moral character, cooperativeness, dependability and participation in extra-curricular activities
- Have a scholastic rating in the upper half of her class.

Please write or type a short statement on "How will attending Girls State help me to make a difference in my Community"?

List all Social Studies classes you have had or are now taking, Scholastic and Honorary Awards and all Extracurricular Activities in which you have participated. Be sure to indicate all offices held.

Grade 9

Grade 10

Grade 11

I talked to the girl(s) that attended the session last year.

_____ Yes _____ No

At the end of my fifth semester, my grade point average is _____ which puts me in the upper half of my class.

High School Counselor's Signature: _____

Selection Committee: Following is the point system, which we encourage you to use.

Point System:

Interest, Leadership, Character, Fitness.....50%

1. Candidate is a **Junior member of the American Legion Auxiliary**, the sponsoring organization of ALA Badger Girls State (automatic 10% of the 50%)
2. Interest (Social Studies classes should indicate interest in government)
3. Leadership (Class/Club Offices, etc.)
4. Character... High standard of conduct (cooperative, considerate, courteous); good reputation; dependable; truthful; fine ideals; punctual; interest in family and school; willingness to follow rigid rules.
5. Good health and physical fitness.

Scholastic (not the prime point)....upper half of class.....30%

Extra-Curricular Activities.....20%

(Athletics, Clubs, Speech, Music, Knowledge of Parliamentary Procedure/Roberts Rules)