

American Legion Auxiliary

NEVADA GIRLS STATE

Counselor Handbook

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Section 1

Important Info for Counselors

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If you need anything
at any time, call or
text:

Daela

(775) 224-0073

Courtenay

(775) 513-4681

Alyssa

(702) 755-0880

What's Expected of a Counselor

During General Assembly

- Station yourselves **around the room** - not everyone needs to be in the front
 - ◊ Make sure delegates are paying attention
 - ◊ No cell phones
 - ◊ Give out slinkies and/or water if needed
- No playing with cell phones
- Take pictures

During Elections

- Make sure delegates are quiet in line
- Make sure delegates are silent in the election room
- Check that all delegates have their **NAME TAG** and **SAMPLE BALLOT**
- No campaign materials visible
- No campaigning in line
- Nice behavior is expected of delegates

During City Meetings

- Let delegates be their own leaders - facilitate only. (You lead on Sunday night, coach the Mayor leads for the rest of week.)
- Coach the Mayor on following the agenda (beforehand)!

During County Meetings

- Facilitate filing for office (see directions)
 - ◊ Use the white boards to write delegates' names
 - ◊ Time campaign speeches (30 seconds to 1 minute each)

During Party Meetings

- Facilitate filing for office (see directions)
 - ◊ Use the white boards to write delegates' names
 - ◊ Time campaign speeches (30 seconds to 1 minute each)
- Help delegates work on legislation
 - ◊ Let delegates talk out their ideas - this can get heated so ensure civility
 - ◊ Answer questions (if there are questions you can't answer, ask Daela and/or Courtenay)

During Meals

- Be on time; make sure your delegates are on time
- Counselors eat first and inside the Education Building
- Counselor meetings take place inside during **Breakfast** and **Dinner**. Listen and ask questions if you have them.

General Responsibilities

- 1. Help delegates** to find their cabins, get situated, and become acquainted with you and each other.
- 2. Advance the Indoor Flag** at the beginning of Sunday's first General Assembly and **Retire the Indoor Flag** at the end of Friday's last General Assembly.
- 3. Monitor General Assemblies.**
- 4. Facilitate** City, County, and Party meetings. *Allow delegates to be their own leaders.* Be there to answer questions, but try to stay in the background.
- 5. Prepare and supervise elections.**
- 6. Supervise all activities** in the chambers and hallways during the legislative session on Friday.
- 7. Set up** for all meals.
- 8. Take trash to the garbage** cans each night (or as frequently as needed).
- 9. Assist** in managing the Snack Shack.
- 10. Ensure** your city's Daily Duty is completed.
- 11. Learn** the **names** of the delegates in your cabin as quickly as possible. Get to know all of them and their interests. Make the delegates feel welcome and part of the group the moment they arrive.
- 12. Go over the handbook** with the delegates. Make sure they understand all of it. (If there is something *you* don't understand or have questions about, ask Daela or Courtenay.)
- 13. Ensure that all delegates understand** what is expected of them during General Assemblies, flag ceremonies, meals, elections, and lights out, as well as at the legislative session on Friday. Attendance is required at all events and appropriate behavior is expected.
- 13. Be prepared** to help facilitate a changing schedule. Have short games, songs, cheers (e.g., "Girls State is What?! DYNAMITE!") ready.
- 14. Watch for signs** of injury or illness, as well as homesickness.
- 15. Lead by example.** Know all procedures. **If you aren't sure about something, ask.**
- 16. Be available and flexible** to assist delegates and other staff members in any way necessary.

Accountability

As a Counselor at Nevada Girls State, a great deal of trust has been placed in you. Therefore, it's extremely important that you act as both an example to all delegates and a leader.

A few things to remember:

Always use the **Buddy System**, and ensure that delegates are using it, too. Sometimes, this will mean you act as a delegate's buddy (particularly during activities or late at night).

As counselors, you should be modeling the behavior we expect from delegates. It is just as important that you be accounted for by someone else as it is for you to account for your delegates. It is a sign of respect to each other and to your delegates to show that you are making an effort to keep each other safe and accounted for. The buddy system is a simple way to help ensure this happens.

A counselor from your city **MUST** make sure delegates attend all activities and are on time for each one, including meals.

In the event of an emergency, a roster check **MUST** be done! Make sure you have one with you at all times.

Things you should have with you:

Roster

Handbook

Pen/Pencil

Phone

Water

Safety First!

Fire Safety

In the Cabins or Meeting Rooms: If for some reason fire should break out in a building, it's the counselor's responsibility to evacuate her assigned individuals to a safe place. Confirm with other counselors that all delegates are accounted for in a safe place, then immediately report the situation to Daela and Courtenay. Never try to extinguish a fire - just evacuate.

On the Campground: If a brush, grass, or car fire should occur on the campus it's the responsibility of the counselors to evacuate all delegates to a safe place. Work with each other to ensure all delegates are accounted for and immediately report the situation to Daela and Courtenay. Don't attempt to extinguish the fire.

In the Event of a Fire Drill: Always be listening for the fire alarm. If you hear it, evacuate your delegates to the designated meeting place.

Bear Safety

We're in the woods and there are bears. Please be alert!

- If you see a bear, contact Daela or Courtenay **IMMEDIATELY!!**
- If you hear Daela or Courtenay yell something unusual (like "Get in the nearest cabin!"), **respond quickly and calmly, without question.** You'll be updated as need.

Water Safety

At the Lake: The lake isn't approved for swimming without the pre-approved presence of lifeguards. For this reason, the lake is gated off from the campus. Only the Director, with permission from the Camp Manager, may approve the use of the lake. Circumventing the fence in any way by any person is in violation of the rules established by our facility and may result in the dismissal of the violator from the program.

Problem Situations at Nevada Girls State

Brace yourself, here come the problems ... It's true that the session is a wonderful world all its own. It is the perfect environment for building strong friendships and indestructible bonds between delegates and counselors alike. There is no place or time in life that can compare with the unique, seemingly perfect environment of the session.

Problems in camp can range from personality conflicts to fights to homesickness and more. **The following section is extremely important.** It deals with some common problems during the session and how you can deal with them. Be sure to familiarize yourself with the following information:

1. *Make sure your actions dealing with problems are sound and that they uphold the Nevada Girls State code of conduct.*
2. *Talk to the other counselors; remember that you have a support system. **DON'T GOSSIP!** And remember that Daela and Courtenay aren't scary - we're actually pretty fun to be around.*
3. *Never make a statement or inform a delegate of consequences that haven't been approved by the Director.* Don't threaten delegates or tell them you're sending them home (such as "one more time and you'll go home). Only the Director can send a delegate home.

Stealing (or unexplainable loss of personal property)

Stealing, like homesickness, has a way of being a part of nearly every session. Whenever a large number of people get together, certain situational elements exist that seem to contribute to this problem, whether at Girls State, a residential hospital, or an Army barracks. In a group-living situation, delegates need to be more careful about keeping their possessions together. Greater care needs to be taken to make sure valuables aren't left unattended and in a way that would tempt another delegate.

If a delegate reports a missing or "stolen" item to you, ask the delegates to do a quick search of the cabin before reporting to Daela or Courtenay. You **MAY NOT** search through the personal possessions of the delegates. Often, the missing/stolen item is under a pile of clothes or still in the delegate's suitcase. The sad and unfortunate fact is that once something has been stolen, very little can be done about it. In fact, two people have suffered - the victim and the victimizer.

If a delegate would like to, she may entrust her valuables to the Director. These will be locked in a fireproof safe to which only Daela and Courtenay have keys.

Homesickness

First impressions are lasting, and what happens during the first few hours of the session is important for the inexperienced delegate. When they get to Girls State, it's like going to a different country. Everyone they know and really depend on is somewhere else, especially Mom and/

or Dad. Despite their age, delegates may still suffer from homesickness.

The homesick delegate generally will behave in one of two ways. The **first** is when they withdraw from their peers and want to be by themselves. They might be a little edgy or sensitive to the others laughing and joking around, especially when others try to include them. If there is a group activity planned they will no doubt want to stay in the cabin or watch from the sidelines. Food will be of little interest. In fact, they may try to convince you that they should stay in the cabin and miss meals. Finally, the homesick delegate will want to talk about good experiences they have had at home or what their families have been doing. While some of this is necessary for the way our program functions, too much of it may indicate homesickness.

The **second** way a homesick delegate may behave is to be overly outgoing, sometimes to the point that they're hardly bearable. They, too, will talk or brag about the great things they can do at home or great successes they've had. They will want to think they are outstanding so they will be accepted in the group and not feel lonely any more. Again, some of this is necessary in campaigning for elections, but too much of it, or doing it at inappropriate times, is a red flag for homesickness.

Homesickness is prone to make its unwanted appearance during our session when any delegate has a chance to think about what they left behind and when the future of the session doesn't look too exciting. One of the best ways to forestall it is to keep individuals excited for all activities.

Stick with the delegates closely for the first few hours and work hard at bonding them together in a feeling of "one-ness," since you're laying the foundation for the success of the whole session. Seize opportunities for informal chats, individually, in small groups, and as a whole group so all of you become old friends and can act perfectly natural with each other. Try particularly hard to draw in the "loners" and spot the mischief-makers and misfits.

If you have a delegate that you think is homesick, please let us know right away.

Daela
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Alyssa
(702) 755-0880

Fatigue

As Thomas Dekker said, "Sleep is the golden chain that ties health and our bodies together." The busy nature of our session makes delegates and counselors breathe a sigh of thankfulness for lights out at the end of the night. However, life at Nevada Girls State is extremely fast-paced and the days are long. Additionally, teenage girls often want to stay awake and chat instead of taking advantage of the time allotted for sleep (college life will teach them better). **Signs of fatigue may include restlessness, irritability, excitable talking, undue noise, and paleness.** When delegates begin to exhibit these signs of fatigue they will require you as a counselor to be more sure of how to contain them as a group. You will need to be stricter in making sure they do what's expected of them, whether it's to listen attentively to a speaker or be on time to a meal.

City Daily Duty Requirement

Ensure that your city completes their Daily Duty outlined below

Bathroom (each county)

- Mop the floors
- Wipe down sinks
- Make sure paper towels are stocked
- Make sure toilet paper is stocked

If you're running out of any supplies, let Daela know.

Education Building

- Sweep the General Assembly area
- Reset the chairs
- Sweep the hallway
- Mop the bathroom
- Make sure bathroom toilet paper is stocked
- Make sure bathroom paper towels are stocked

If you're running out of any supplies, let Daela know.

Outdoor Flag

Morning

- 6 delegates are needed in the Education Building 15 minutes prior to flag
- Make sure all other delegates are circled around the outdoor flag
- Pledge of Allegiance after the flag is raised
- City is also responsible for a fun activity

Outdoor Flag

Evening

- 6 delegates are needed in the Education Building 15 minutes prior to flag
- Make sure all other delegates are circled around the outdoor flag
- After flag is lowered, the 6 delegates walk into the Education Building and everyone else is dismissed for the next activity

Grounds

- Walk the grounds to ensure that all trash, posters, etc. are picked up and everything is generally clean

Meal Clean Up

- Make sure everything is picked up from the outdoor tables
- Check trash cans - if full, tie up trash, set next to can, and replace the trash bag
- Wipe down buffet table cloths

MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!

Monday

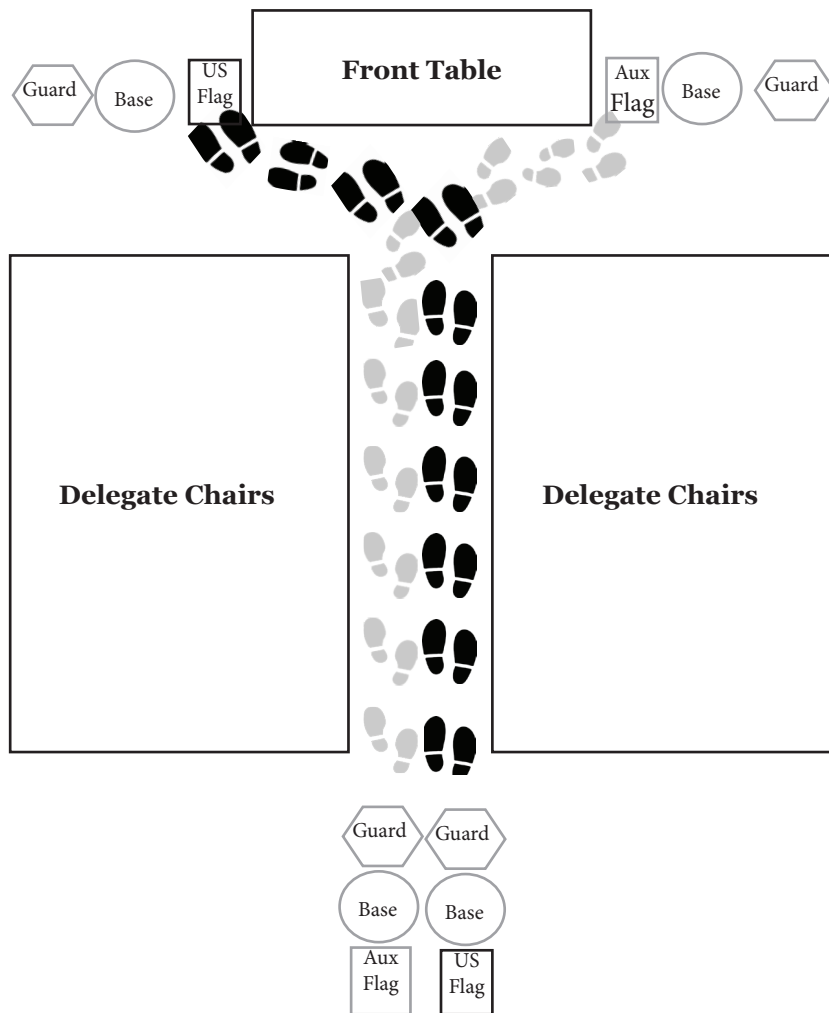
Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

How to Advance an Indoor Flag



US Flag advances a little in front of the Auxiliary flag

US Flag crosses first

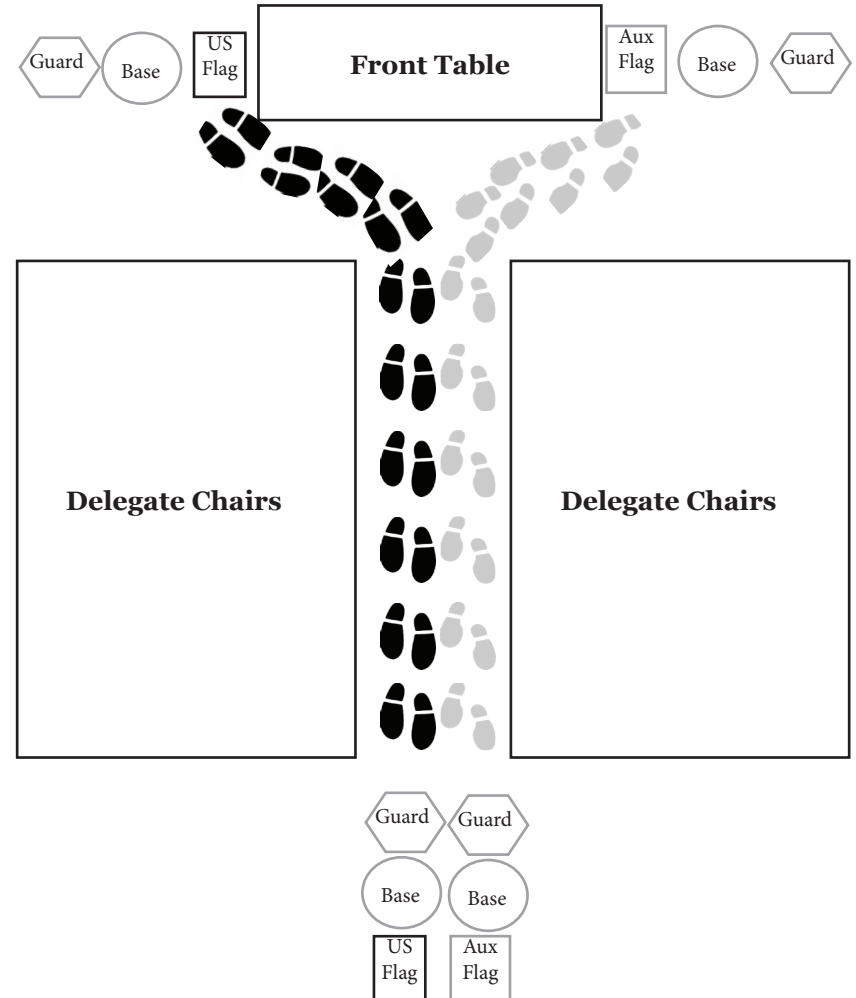
When setting the flags, you'll need to tip the base at an angle, put the flag pole all the way into the base, and then stand the flag up

The US flag should be stood into place first

When the flags are up, the eagles on top should face the delegates in the chairs

Delegates advancing the flags should remain next to the flags for the Pledge of Allegiance

How to Retire an Indoor Flag



US Flag retires a little in front of the Auxiliary flag

When taking the flags down, they must be tipped at an angle for the flag pole to be removed.

When setting the flags, you'll need to tip the base at an angle, put the flag pole all the way into the base, and then stand the flag up

The US flag should be stood into place first

When the flags are up, the eagles on top should face the doors to the kitchen

Flags should wind up next to the entrance/ exit doors



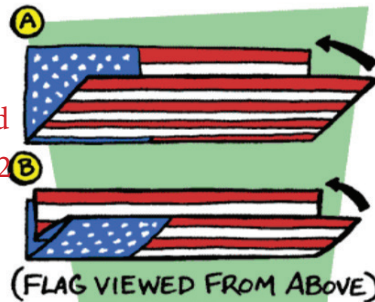
How to Fold an Outdoor Flag

Fold widthwise twice

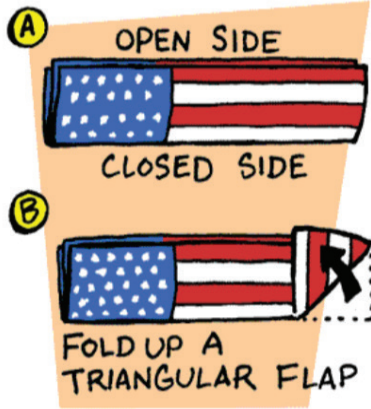
1. Hold flag flat

2. Fold bottom up

PRO TIP: The bottom edge should come to the straight line (the upper 2 corners) of the top row of stars (now you mostly see stripes)



3. Fold bottom up again (this time the edges come together; now you see stars and stripes again)



Corner your flag *person on the Stripes end folds*

4. Start at striped end

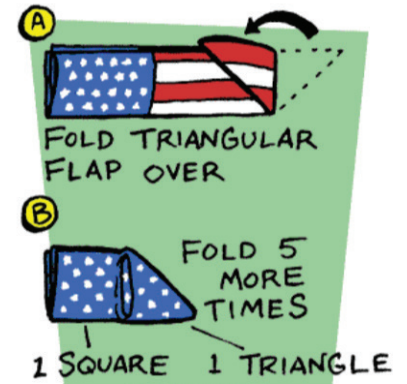
5. Fold bottom corner up to create a triangle

PRO TIP: Folding the flag is easiest if you make sure to hold the flag tight the whole time

Continue cornering

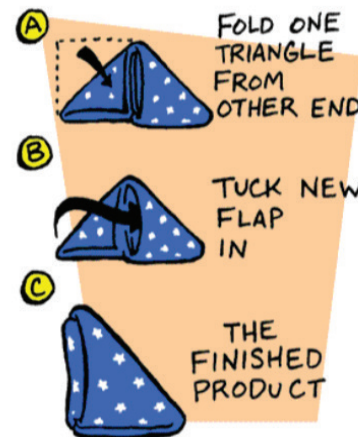
6. Keep making triangles until you have one rectangle (only stars) and one triangle (only stars)

PRO TIP: You should make 9 triangle folds in all



Finish

PRO TIP: The person on the other end should do these folds



7. Fold the white edge in along its long side once.
8. Fold the top corner down (now the whole flag should be one triangle)
9. Tuck the thinner triangle into the thicker triangle
10. Hold the flag to you chest and walk in

Agenda

City Meeting

Sunday 9:00pm

facilitated by Counselor

- Getting to Know You exercises
- Everyone (including Counselors) texts Daela their Name and **GS City**
- Go over Monday's schedule
- Go over Monday's City Duty
- Download QR reader - these will be needed for voting
- Go over the City Offices (**filing** is tomorrow **morning**; **election** is tomorrow **afternoon**); answer any questions
- Explain: Everyone runs in **ALL** elections and "Don't vote for me" **isn't** an option
- Talk about the Talent Show - encourage sign ups
- Any announcements
- Anything else you need to talk about 😊

***Take note of any questions you are unable to answer.**
(You'll need to find out the answers and report back.)*

Agenda

City Meeting

Monday 10:30pm

facilitated by Mayor

- Hand out Girls State shirts
- Go over Tuesday's schedule
- Go over Tuesday's City Duty
- Go over the County Offices (**filing** is tomorrow **morning**; **election** is tomorrow **afternoon**); answer any questions
- Remind everyone about Talent Show sign ups
- Remind everyone about Photos tomorrow - black pants and Girls State shirts
- Work on City Song
- Any announcements
- Anything else you need to talk about 😊

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(You'll need to find out the answers and report back.)*

Agenda

City Meeting

Tuesday 9:00pm

facilitated by Mayor

- Go over Wednesday's schedule
- Go over Wednesday's City Duty
- Go over the State Offices (**filing** is tomorrow **morning**; primary **election** is tomorrow **before lunch**; **general election speeches** are tomorrow **after lunch**); answer any questions
- Last call for Talent Show sign ups
- Any announcements
- Anything else you need to talk about 😊

***Take note of any questions you are unable to answer.**
(You'll need to find out the answers and report back.)*

Agenda

City Meeting

Wednesday 10:30pm

facilitated by Mayor

- Go over Thursday's schedule
- Go over Thursday's City Duty
- Encourage **Lobbying** and **Campaigning**
- Any announcements
- Anything else you need to talk about 😊

***Take note of any questions you are unable to answer.**
(You'll need to find out the answers and report back.)*

Agenda

City Meeting

Thursday 9:00pm

facilitated by Mayor

- Go over Friday's schedule - note the **Early Wake Up** time
- Go over Friday's City Duty
- Discuss expected behavior in the legislature
- Discuss dress code for the legislature - if there are questions/concerns, send them to Courtenay or Daela
 - Skirts need to come to the knee
 - Shoulders should be covered
 - Closed-toed shoes
 - Name tags required
- Answer any questions about Girls Nation
- Encourage **Lobbying**
- Any announcements
- Anything else you need to talk about 😊

***Take note of any questions you are unable to answer.**
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Pod Meetings

Purpose of Pod Meeting:

A Note on Safe Spaces: A safe space allows a small group of people to build community, reflect on the day, and listen to experiences, hardships, and successes being had by all. By “safe space” - it is important to note that this is truly that: safe. Opinions on various activities are encouraged, and we as a group will strive to listen, even when we feel as if we can't agree. It is not appropriate in this space to allow comments to hurt others in any way; it is appropriate to find shared experiences that will allow us to better understand our differences. The week will be long, tiring, wonderful, and sometimes frustrating. We need people to reflect with. We need people that will hear us without judgment, and challenge us to think and dig deeper.

Pod Leader Instructions and Guidelines:

- 1. Start with why.** Share the purpose of the pod meetings, and establish your expectations.
- 2. Icebreakers are good.** Everyone in that room should know each other's names, and actually strive to learn things about each other. Build community. You're stuck with each other all week.
3. From there, you can go in many different directions, and often your pod will take itself where it needs to take itself, but you might **start with one of the discussion topics to the right**, especially on the first day.

Possible Discussion Topics

General Inquiries to make:

- ◇ How did you feel about today?
- ◇ What have you learned?
- ◇ What thoughts/questions/ideas did you have during any activity that you didn't share or didn't have the chance to share? Why?
- ◇ What have you learned/accomplished today?
- ◇ Did you accomplish everything you wanted to accomplish?
- ◇ What goals do you have for tomorrow?
- ◇ How were your interactions with other delegates today?
- ◇ Rose/Bud/Thorn Activity - One thing you appreciated about the day (Rose); One thing you're looking forward to (Bud); One thing that was challenging (Thorn) (not necessarily in that order)

Questions for the last night:

- ◇ How do the things you have learned apply to your life outside of Girls State?
- ◇ Have you seen any changes within yourself over the week? What are they? How can you take it to the outside world?
- ◇ What will you miss most about the week?

Section 2

Counselors' Daily Schedule

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Please Remember

Everyone is doing the best they can.

Not everyone is used to the intense environment of Girls State. Try to be extra patient, kind, and understanding.

Self-Care is Important too!

If you need extra care, please let Daela, Courtenay, and/or Alyssa know. We're always happy to talk, give hugs, and tell you jokes - maybe chocolate can be procured 😊

Sunday, June 24, 2018

- 5:00pm Registration in the Education Building
- 5:30pm Icebreaker at the Outdoor Flag
- 6:00pm Dinner - eat with someone you just met!
- 7:00pm General Assembly, at the outdoor picnic tables
- Welcome - Daela and Courtenay
 - Camp Guidelines
 - Call to Order
 - Staff Introductions
 - Girls State Song
 - Overview of the Week
 - Rules and Guidelines
- 9:00pm Return to Cabins for City Meetings
- Getting-to-Know-You Exercises
 - City Songs
 - Rules and Guidelines
- 11:00pm Lights Out!

Staff Assignments

Bathroom - Michalski:	Mikayla & Nancy
Bathroom - Weigold :	Paige & Tati
Indoor Flag	: Therese & Nik
Outdoor Flag	: Dia & Hanna
Ed Bldg	: Savannah & Tyler
Grounds	: Rachael & Em
Meal Set Up	: Maya & Lauryn
Meal Clean Up	: Sydnie & Oceana

Monday, June 25, 2018

- 6:45am Good Morning!
- 7:30am Breakfast, seated by Cities
- 8:30am Flag Raising & Friendship Circle - Outdoor Flag
- 8:40am City Meetings
 - File for City Offices
 - Campaign Speeches
- 9:45am General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Advancement of Colors
 - Speaker - Yvette Weigold, Commander of the American Legion Dept of NV
 - Speaker - Cindy Trigg, former Douglas County School Board member
- Noon Lunch, seated by Cities
- 1:00pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Speaker - Legislative Council Bureau

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	Co. Bathroom
Buckley B	B. Set Up
Connolly A	Indoor Flag
Connolly B	L. Clean Up
Mathews A	Ed Bldg
Mathews B	D. Set Up
Cafferata A	Co. Bathroom
Cafferata B	B. Clean Up
Del Papa A	Outdoor Flag
Del Papa B	L. Set Up
Wagner A	Grounds
Wagner B	D. Clean Up

For Your Eyes Only!!
Do Not Share this Info with the Delegates!!
Fire Drill: appx. 8:35am
Remember to turn in your DAILY COUNT

General Assembly - 9:45am

General Assembly - 1:00pm

Monday, June 25, 2018

- 2:15pm City Elections**
- 3:00pm Party Meetings
 - Elect Party Chairwoman and Party Secretary
 - Form Legislative Committees
- 6:00pm Dinner, seated by Cities
- 6:55pm Flag Lowering, at the Outdoor Flag
- 7:00pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Results of City Elections!
 - Oaths of Office Administered
 - Speaker - Daela Gibson, Women's Suffrage
- 9:00pm Party Meetings - Continue Committee Work
- 10:30pm City Meetings
- 11:00pm Pod Meetings, then Lights Out!

City Elections - 2:15pm

Party Meetings - 3:00pm

General Assembly - 7:00pm

Party Meetings - 9:00pm

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

- 6:45am Good Morning!
- 7:30am Breakfast, seated by Counties
Must be wearing black skirt/pants and Girls State t-shirt!!
- 8:20am Flag Raising & Friendship Circle - Outdoor Flag
- 8:30am Official Photographs
- 9:45am County Meetings
 - * File for County Offices
 - * Campaign Speeches
- 10:30am Speaker - Allison Gaulden
- Noon Lunch, seated by Counties
- 1:00pm County Elections**
- 1:45pm School Photos

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	D. Clean Up
Buckley B	Co. Bathroom
Connolly A	B. Set Up
Connolly B	Outdoor Flag
Mathews A	L. Set up
Mathews B	Grounds
Cafferata A	D. Set Up
Cafferata B	Co. Bathroom
Del Papa A	B. Clean Up
Del Papa B	Indoor Flag
Wagner A	L. Clean Up
Wagner B	Ed Bldg

General Assembly - 9:45am

General Assembly - 10:30am

County Elections - 1:00pm

General Assembly - 2:30pm

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

- 2:30pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Assemblywoman Amber Joiner
 - Party Meetings
 - * Finalize committee work
 - * Make a list of all party legislation
 - * Vote **AS A PARTY** on priority list
- 6:00pm Dinner, seated by Counties
- 6:45pm Flag Lowering, at the Outdoor Flag
- 6:50pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Results of County Elections!
 - Oaths of Office Administered
 - Speaker - Courtenay Burns, Parties
 - Party Meetings
 - * Finish prioritizing - deliver to Courtenay
- 10:30pm City Meetings
- 11:00pm Pod Meetings
- 11:45pm Lights Out!

Party Meeting - 4:00pm

General Assembly - 6:50pm

Photos are Today!!
Must wear black skirt/pants and GS t-shirt!
Remember to turn in your DAILY COUNT

Party Meeting - 7:30pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

- 6:45am Good Morning!
- 7:30am Breakfast, seated by Parties
- 8:15am Flag Raising & Friendship Circle - Outdoor Flag
- 8:20am Party Meetings
 - File for Primary Election
 - Campaign Speeches
- 10:00am General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Kerry Durmick, Office of Sen Cortez-Masto

11:00am Primary Elections

- Noon Lunch, seated by Parties

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	Ed Bldg
Buckley B	D. Clean Up
Connolly A	Co. Bathroom
Connolly B	B. Set Up
Mathews A	Indoor Flag
Mathews B	L. Clean Up
Cafferata A	Grounds
Cafferata B	D. Set Up
Del Papa A	Co. Bathroom
Del Papa B	B. Clean Up
Wagner A	Outdoor Flag
Wagner B	L. Set Up

Party
Meetings -
8:20am

General
Assembly -
10:00am

Primary
Elections -
11:00am

General
Assembly -
12:50pm

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

- 12:50pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Speaker - Elisa Cafferata, lobbyist
 - Speaker - Senator Julia Ratti
 - Results of Primary Elections
 - 10 Minute Break for Independent Filings
 - Campaign Speeches for General Election
- 6:00pm Dinner (open seating)
- 6:45pm Flag Lowering, at the Outdoor Flag
- 7:00pm Talent Show
- 9:30pm Back to Cabins
- 9:45pm City Meetings
- 10:15pm Pod Meetings
- 11:45pm Lights Out!

Talent Show is Tonight!!
You MUST be back to the cabins by 9:30pm!!

Remember to turn in your DAILY COUNT

Thursday, June 28, 2018

- 6:45am Good Morning!
- 7:30am Breakfast, seated by Parties
- 8:15am Flag Raising & Friendship Circle - Outdoor Flag

8:30am General Election

- 9:15am General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Speaker - Daela Gibson, Net Safety
 - Speaker - Courtenay Burns, Girls Nation
 - Expectations for Friday
 - Thank You Cards, to be turned in to Daela

Noon Lunch

- 12:50pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Election Results
 - * Preparations for Legislative Session
 - * Governor meets with Alyssa
 - * Senators and Assemblywomen meet with Courtenay
 - * Lobbyists meet with Daela

General Election - 8:30am	General Assembly - 9:15am
General Assembly - 12:50pm	General Assembly - 6:50pm

Thursday, June 28, 2018

- 6:00pm Dinner, seated by Friday Roles
- 6:45pm Flag Lowering, at the Outdoor Flag
- 6:50pm General Assembly
 - Speaker - Mitch Roach, Past Commander American Legion Department of Nevada
 - Swearing In of State Elected Officials
 - Lobbying Activity
- 10:30pm City Meetings
- 10:45pm Pod Meetings
- 11:00pm Lights Out!

General Assembly - 10:00am

General Election is Today!!
Remember to turn in your DAILY COUNT

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	L. Set Up
Buckley B	Grounds
Connolly A	D. Clean Up
Connolly B	Co. Bathroom
Mathews A	B. Clean Up
Mathews B	Outdoor Flag
Cafferata A	L. Clean Up
Cafferata B	Ed Bldg
Del Papa A	D. Set Up
Del Papa B	Co. Bathroom
Wagner A	B. Set Up
Wagner B	Indoor Flag

If you would like to eat lunch with Alyssa, Brianna, Courtenay and Daela after the Legislative Session tomorrow, **please let Alyssa know before the City Meetings**

General Assembly - 12:50pm

Primary Elections - 11:00am

Friday, June 29, 2018

- 5:45am Good Morning!
- 7:00am Breakfast
- 7:30am Load the buses**
- 7:45am Buses Depart for Carson City
- 8:45am Arrive at Legislature
- 9:30am Legislative Session
 - Joint Session in the Assembly Chamber
 - * Address by the 2018 Governor
 - * Assemblywomen Remain the Assembly Chamber
 - * Senators Move to Senate Chamber
 - * Lobbyists Choose a Chamber to Begin In

***immediately following the close of the
2018 Nevada Girls State Legislative Session***

 - Everyone Moves Back to the Assembly Chamber
 - Group Photograph in front of the Legislature
 - Lunch in Carson City
- 3:30pm Board Buses for Return, outside Legislature**
- 5:00pm General Assembly, in the Education Building
 - Advancement of Colors
 - Nominations for Girls Nation
 - Speaker while nominations are counted
 - Speeches by Girls Nation Candidates
 - Election of Girls Nation Senators
 - Speaker - Lauryn Weigold, while votes are counted
 - Announcement of Samsung Scholarship
 - Announcement of Girls Nation Senators & Alternates
 - Recognition of Counselors
 - Adjournment of the 2018 Session
 - Retirement of Colors
- Dinner

Friday, June 29, 2018

- 10:00pm Clean up of the Education Building
- 10:30pm Packing and Clean Up of Cabins
- 1:00am Lights Out!

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	Indoor Flag
Buckley B	Co. Cabins
Connolly A	Ed Bldg
Connolly B	B. Set Up
Mathews A	Co. Bathroom
Mathews B	Grounds
Cafferata A	Ed Bldg
Cafferata B	Co. Cabins
Del Papa A	Grounds
Del Papa B	B. Clean Up
Wagner A	Co. Bathroom
Wagner B	Grounds

**Meet Courtenay in the
Assembly Chamber at
1:00pm**

**Buses Load
to return to Camp
at 3:30pm**

**If you're eating
lunch with your
delegates, remember
to text Daela to let
her know where you
are.**

Legislature Today!!
REMEMBER: Skirts must come to the knee!
Everyone must be wearing a name tag!

Remember to turn in your DAILY COUNT

Saturday, June 30, 2018

- 6:45am Good Morning!
- 8:00am Breakfast, seated by Cities
- 8:30am Back to Cabins
 - Pack
 - Clean Cabins for Inspection
 - Clean Bathrooms for Inspection
- 10:30am Load Buses for Las Vegas
- 11:00am Buses Depart

Today's Assignments	
Buckley A	B. Clean Up
Buckley B	Co. Cabins
Connolly A	Co. Bathroom
Connolly B	Grounds
Mathews A	Co. Cabins
Mathews B	Co. Bathroom
Cafferata A	B. Set Up
Cafferata B	Co. Cabins
Del Papa A	Co. Bathroom
Del Papa B	Ed Bldg
Wagner A	Co. Cabins
Wagner B	Co. Bathroom

If you need us
Daela: (775) 224-0073
Courtenay: (775) 513-4681
any time

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**Thank you for all your hard work this week!!
Have a good trip home!!**

Turn in your DAILY COUNT before you leave

Section 3

Government of Nevada Girls State

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GOVERNMENT

Nevada Trivia - Answer Key

- ◇ When did Nevada become a state (day, month, and year)? **10/31/1864**
- ◇ Which number state were we? **36**
- ◇ How old do you have to be to run for the US House of Representatives? **25**
- ◇ How old do you have to be to run for the US Senate? **30**
- ◇ How many counties are in Nevada? **17**
- ◇ Who is the current head of the Executive Branch of Nevada's government?
Governor Brian Sandoval
- ◇ Who is the current President of the Nevada Senate? **Mark Hutchinson**
- ◇ Who was Nevada's first female Lt. Governor? **Sue Wagner**
- ◇ Who was Nevada's first female Secretary of State? **Frankie Sue Del Papa**
- ◇ Who was Nevada's first female Treasurer? **Patty Cafferata**
- ◇ Who was Nevada's first female Attorney General? **Frankie Sue Del Papa**
- ◇ What was Nevada's first female Speaker of the Assembly? **Barbara Buckley**
- ◇ At Girls State, who is the mascot of the Federalist Party? **Feddy Teddy**
- ◇ At Girls State, who is the mascot of the Nationalist Party? **Nattie Raccoon**
- ◇ At Girls State, who do the Party mascots sit with during General Assemblies?
Kim
- ◇ Who was the first woman elected to the US Senate from Nevada? **Catherine Cortez-Masto** (first Latina ever elected to the US Senate)
- ◇ What organization sponsors Girls State and Girls Nation? **American Legion Auxiliary**

Vocabulary Fill-in-the-Blank - Answer Key

suffrage: the "right to vote"

citizen: one who, as a member of a nation, owes allegiance to, and may claim reciprocal protection from, its government

party platform: a formal set of principal goals which are supported by a political party or individual candidate, in order to appeal to the general public, for the ultimate purpose of garnering the general public's support and votes about complicated topics or issues

unaffiliated/non-partisan: a person who registers to vote without selecting either a major or minor political party with which to be affiliated

lobbyist: someone who tries to persuade legislators to support their position, usually hired by a business or a cause

governor: the chief executive officer of the State. In Nevada, this person is limited to serving a maximum to two four-year terms

appellate: typically of a court, concerned with or dealing with applications for decisions to be reversed

commissioner: an elected official who has legislative, administrative, and supervisory powers within a county

mayor: the chief executive officer of a city government

treasurer: an elected official who receives and keeps money, supplies the Controller with receipts for money received, and disburses money

biennial: taking place every other year, like the legislature of the State of Nevada

secretary of state: an elected official who maintains the archives of the State, attests all official acts, and certifies election results

constitutional officers: as a group, the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Controller

city council: the legislative body of a city government. They enact ordinances, adopt resolutions, and approve the city budget

attorney general: an elected official who serves as the chief legal advisor of the State, prosecutes and defends cases in the State Supreme Court, exercises supervisory power over District Attorneys, and may represent the interest of the State before high courts

bicameral: of a legislative body, having two branches or chambers

political party: a group of people who come together to contest elections and hold power in the government. They agree on some policies and programs for the society with a view to promote the collective good or to further their supporters' interests

controller: an elected official who is the chief fiscal officer of the State and is responsible for administering the State's accounting system; settling all claims against the State; collecting debts owed to the State; and ensuring compliance with our Constitution, federal laws, and State statutes

Government of the State of Nevada

FUN FACTS! - Answer key

- ◇ How many years can the following Constitutional Officers serve?
 - Governor: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - Lieutenant Governor: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - Attorney General: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - Secretary of State: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - State Treasurer: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - State Controller: 8 (2 4-year terms)
 - ◇ How frequently does the Nevada Legislature meet?: every other year (odd years)
 - ◇ How long does the Nevada Legislature meet for? 120 calendar days
 - ◇ For what reason(s) can the Legislature be called into Special Session? to address the budget; may call itself into special session to impeach the governor
 - ◇ How many Assemblypersons does Nevada have? 42
 - ◇ What is the term of office for the Assembly? 2 years (limited to 6 terms)
 - ◇ Who presides over the Assembly? Speaker of the Assembly
 - ◇ How many State Senators does Nevada have? 21
 - ◇ What is the term of office for the Senate? 4 years (limited to 3 terms)
 - ◇ Who presides over the Senate? President of the Senate - Lt. Governor
 - ◇ How are Assembly Districts and Senate Districts determined? drawn based on population, after each census by an impartial committee
- * Each body of our Legislature selects its leaders, usually from within their own party.
 - * In the Assembly, the Speaker is selected by the whole body, but is usually a member of the majority party.
 - * There are just 19 fully incorporated cities in Nevada.
 - * The longest Morse code telegram ever sent was the Constitution of the State of Nevada.
 - * Carson City is one of only two state capitals that borders another state.
 - * Even though Goldfield was once the largest city in Nevada, it's now the second-smallest county seat in the United States.
 - * It's illegal to drive a camel on any highway in Nevada.
 - * The Federal Government owns approximately 87% of Nevada's land.

Government of Nevada Girls State

ELECTIONS

(tentative - see the Daily Schedule)

CITY ELECTION	COUNTY ELECTION	PRIMARY ELECTION	GENERAL ELECTION
Filing Due: Monday, June 25th at 10am	Filing Due: Tuesday, June 26th at 10:30am	Filing Due: Wednesday, June 27th at 9:45am	Filing Due: Wednesday, June 27th at 1:15pm (for non-partisan candidates ONLY)
Election Held: Monday, June 25th at 2:15pm	Election Held: Tuesday, June 26th at 1:00pm	Election Held: Wednesday, June 27th at 11:00am	Election Held: Thursday, June 28th at 8:30am

POLITICAL PARTY OFFICIALS

PARTY CHAIR: Each of the two parties has a Party Chair. The chair is elected at the first meeting of the political party. It will be her duty to preside at all meetings of the party. The Party Chair will run the party meetings and keep track of the committees formed within the party. The goal for each party is to have more people elected from their party than the other party. The Party Chair will also encourage members of her party to run for elections as well as help with resolutions. Finally, the Party Chair will work as a team with the Party Secretary and will work closely with Courtenay Burns.

PARTY SECRETARY: Each of the two parties has a Party Secretary. The Party Secretary will help run the party meetings and keep the notes for those meetings. She will be available to assist any of the committees with drafting bills and will keep a record of the bills written.

The Party Secretary will help with resolutions and will see that the party has written resolutions. She will help members of her party type resolutions and submit them to Courtenay Burns. She will also keep a record of the resolutions of her party and a list of the committee memberships for her party. The party secretary will work as a team with the Party Chair and will work closely with Courtenay Burns.

The Party Chair and Party Secretary are also free to write their own resolutions and/or serve on committees within the Party.

ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR (1): Each city has a Mayor who is the chief executive officer of City government. She presides at all City meetings. She is also responsible for the performance of City functions, such as creating the City song and ensuring that all citizens of her City help with assigned chores and duties and those chores and duties are successfully completed. The Mayor, like all City officials, has the special function of encouraging City unity and enthusiasm and promoting happiness in her City. The Mayor will also ensure that all citizens of her city are present at all functions and that all citizens of her city have voted. Furthermore, the Mayor will facilitate discussion within her City about all resolutions.

CITY COUNCILWOMEN (4): The Councilwomen form the legislative body of City government. They enact ordinances and adopt resolutions, which may be presented by any citizen. The City Council approves the budget of the city. The City Councilwomen will be helping the Mayor and the Deputy Mayor in their duties as city leaders.

CITY ATTORNEY (1): The City Attorney or her assistant represents the City in legal matters in which the City is involved. She acts as legal advisor to all City officials and acts as their counsel if suit is brought by or against them.

DISTRICT JUDGE (1): The District Court is a trial court of general civil and criminal jurisdiction and has broad powers in relation to the persons, subject matter, and disposition of the cases referred to it. Most civil and criminal cases have jury trials, with notable exceptions being the Family Court and the Juvenile Justice Court.

APPOINTED CITY OFFICIALS

(made by the Mayor)

Deputy Mayor: The Deputy Mayor will be appointed from the other city cabin and is responsible for supporting the Mayor in her duties.

Fire Chief: The Fire Chief is responsible for the management and supervision of the Fire Department. She enforces the City's fire and safety laws. At Girls State, she should ensure the city observes the smoking rules and knows the fire drill procedures.

Deputy Fire Chief: The Deputy Fire Chief will be appointed from the opposite cabin of the Fire Chief and is responsible for supporting the Fire Chief in her duties.

Commission on Public Safety: The members of the Commission on Public Safety will be responsible for ensuring that all safety regulations are enforced (such as ensuring cabin doors are closed and no food is brought into the cabins). The members of the Commission will also serve as the first contacts should an emergency situation occur.

ELECTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS (9): The powers of the County Commissioners are legislative, administrative, and supervisory in character. They include the levying of county taxes, the making and executing of the county budget, supervising the deposit and safekeeping of county funds, the managing of all properties of the county where there is no provision made by law, supervising the construction and maintenance of county roads, and supervising the carrying out of State laws within the county.

COUNTY CLERK (1): This official maintains a record of all deeds, mortgages, and other legal papers, and keeps these records open for public inspection. The Clerk issues marriage licenses and records certificates of marriage ceremonies. The Clerk will sign all county election forms.

COUNTY TREASURER (1): The Treasurer is the chief financial officer of the county. The chief duties are to collect the taxes levied on all property by the Assessor and to pay the bills of the county.

COUNTY SHERIFF (1): The Sheriff is the chief law enforcement official of the county, enforcing State laws within her jurisdiction and protecting life and property of the residents of the county.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY (1): The District Attorney or her assistant represents the State in legal matters in which the county is involved. She acts as legal advisor to all county and precinct officers and acts as their counsel if suit is brought by or against such office.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE (1 PER DEPARTMENT): This judge presides in the Magistrate Court, which is mostly a tribunal for the trial of small cases and grievances. There is no jury system associated with the Justice of the Peace courts.

DISTRICT JUDGE (1 PER DISTRICT): The District Court is a trial court of general civil and criminal jurisdiction and has broad powers in relation to the persons, subject matter, and disposition of the cases referred to it. Most civil and criminal cases have jury trials, with notable exceptions being the Family Court and the Juvenile Justice Court.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE (3 PER DISTRICT): The School Board determines public school policy in conformity with the State Board of Education, hires all personnel, and budgets and expends all monies reserved for education in each district.

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS - PARTISAN

GOVERNOR (1): The Governor makes appointments, gives an inaugural address, addresses the joint session of the legislature, signs or vetoes bills, and represents Nevada Girls State for the ensuing year. THE GOVERNOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR GIRLS NATION.

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (1): In case of death, impeachment, resignation, removal, or other disability of the Governor, the powers and duties of that office shall become vested in the Lieutenant Governor. Additionally, the Lieutenant Governor is tasked with bringing businesses into the State. The Lieutenant Governor shall be the President of the Senate, but shall vote only when the Senate is equally divided.

SECRETARY OF STATE (1): The Secretary of State maintains the State archives, attests all official acts of the Governor, and supplies written information on any subject when required to do so by the Governor. The Secretary also maintains records of corporations and organizations licensed to do business in the State. Additionally, the Secretary of State oversees and certifies all elections in the State.

STATE TREASURER (1): The State Treasurer receives and keeps State money, supplies the controller with receipts for money received, disburses money upon warrants drawn by the controller, and acts as the State's disbursing officer to the Federal government.

STATE CONTROLLER (1): The State Controller is the chief fiscal officer of the State and is responsible for administering the State's accounting system; settling all claims against the State; collecting debts owed to the State; and ensuring compliance with our Constitution, federal laws, and State statutes.

ATTORNEY GENERAL (1): The Attorney General serves as legal advisor on all State matters arising in the Executive Department, prosecutes or defends State cases in the Nevada Supreme Court, supplies written opinions at the request of other State executive officers or State institutions, and exercises supervisory power over District Attorneys. The Attorney General may also represent the interests of the State before higher Federal courts.

STATE SENATORS (11): The Senators form the smaller of the two legislative bodies of the State. At Nevada Girls State, they will debate and enact the legislation of the session in coordination with the Assembly.

ASSEMBLYWOMEN (22): The Assemblywomen form the larger of the two bodies of the legislature. At Nevada Girls State, they will debate and enact the legislation of the session in coordination with the Senate.

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING STATE ELECTIONS

Assemblywomen and Senators

There will be 22 Assemblywomen and 11 Senators. The Assemblywomen and Senators will be familiar with every resolution and will know the opinions of their constituents. On Thursday, they will make appointments, review resolutions, and practice for the Legislative Session. They will debate the resolutions and vote on them at the legislative session in Carson City on Friday. They will work very closely with Courtenay Burns.

Governor

The governor holds the highest elected office at Nevada Girls State. She should know her constituents and their opinions. She will make many political appointments. She will be familiar with every resolution. On Friday, she will address the Joint Session at the Legislative Session in Carson City. During the session, she will sit in the Assembly Chamber and observe the process. When both Houses pass a resolution, she will decide whether to sign it or to veto it. She will work closely with Courtenay Burns.

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS - NON-PARTISAN

JUSTICES OF THE SUPREME COURT (5): The chief responsibilities of the Supreme Court are: interpreting the State Constitution, determining intergovernmental relations, and determining limits of executive and legislative action.

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION (5): The State Board of Education enacts educational policy and requirements for the entire State. This does not include budgetary powers.

BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY (5): This board prepares the budget for the entire University system, includes community colleges, makes policy concerning and sets goals and standards for both the faculty and the students.

APPOINTED STATE OFFICIALS

(made by the Governor – Special Note: Not all positions will necessarily be filled)

- Adjutant General of the Nevada National Guard
- Chair, Colorado River Commission
- Chair, Commission on Mental Health and Developmental Services
- Chair, Fish and Game Commission
- Chair, Nevada Commission on Women
- Chair, Nevada Industrial Commission
- Chair, Nevada Medicaid Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee
- Chair, Public Service Commission
- Chair, State Board of Nurses
- Chair, State Textbook Committee
- Chief Deputy Attorney General
- Deputy Chief of Staff
- Director, Athletic Commission
- Director, Budget of the State of Nevada
- Director, Bureau of Vital Statistics
- Director, Consumer Affairs Commission
- Director, Department of Administration
- Director, Department of Agriculture
- Director, Department of Business and Industry
- Director, Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
- Director, Department of Corrections
- Director, Department of Cultural Affairs
- Director, Department of Employment, Training, and Rehabilitation
- Director, Department of Health and Human Services
- Director, Department of Motor Vehicles
- Director, Department of Personnel
- Director, Department of Public Safety
- Director, Department of Taxation
- Director, Department of Transportation
- Director, Department of Veterans' Services
- Director, Department of Wildlife
- Director, Division of Forestry
- Director, Legislative Council Bureau
- Director, Nevada National Guard
- Director, Nevada State Office of Energy
- Director, Nevada Statute Revision Commission
- Director, State Gaming Commission
- Director, State Printing Office
- Editor, Nevada Magazine
- Executive Director to the Governor
- Executive Director, Nevada Agency for Nuclear Projects
- Executive Secretary, Public Employees Retirement Board
- Executive Secretary, State Contractors Board
- Fire Marshal of the State of Nevada
- Librarian of the State of Nevada
- Research Director, Legislative Council Bureau
- Secretary of the Press
- Secretary-Manager, State Planning Board
- Senior Advisor to the Governor
- Superintendent of Banks
- Superintendent of Public Instruction, Department of Education

Sample Party Platform

Introduction

The members of our party generally have a positive view of government as a vehicle through which we continuously reformulate national, state, and local goals for our society and establish policies through which we achieve these goals. We strongly urge our elected officials to continue to promote the ideals, principles, and philosophy of the Party even in the face of opposition.

The members of the _____ Party have resolved to support the following ideals and thus improve our great Nevada Girls State.

1. We support efforts to expand recycling.
2. We support the establishment of a State-run lottery to further fund education.
3. We support further efforts to protect Nevada's wildlife.
4. We support efforts to limit class sizes in Nevada's public schools.
5. We support increased funding for mental health facilities.

ATTEST: _____
Party Chairwoman

ATTEST: _____
Party Secretary

(The planks used in this example come from resolutions passed by previous Nevada Girls State legislatures and signed by their respective Nevada Girls State Governors.)

How to Write a Resolution

The whole week of programming at Nevada Girls State is set up to take us to a mock legislative session. Throughout the week, we'll work together to craft legislation about issues that are important to you. In order to make this process move along as smoothly as possible, we ask all our delegate to come prepared with a resolution.

DON'T PANIC! This document will help you get started and the staff will help you refine your resolution during the session.

We want your experience to be as close to how things really work as possible. In order to make this happen, there are a few rules on what topics can be addressed at Nevada Girls State:

- **Only issues that can be addressed at the state level.**
Because this is NEVADA Girls State, all topics must be at the state level. What does this mean? Some topics can't be legislated by the State because they are outside of its jurisdiction, notably those that are strictly local issues (such as zoning) and those that are strictly federal issues (such as Yucca Mountain).
- **All resolutions must abide by the Nevada Constitution and the Constitution of the United States.**
The Nevada Constitution and the Constitution of the United States are the governing documents for our legislature and so we abide by them as well. This means that legislation can't seek to do such things as establish a religion for Nevada or limit freedom of the press (because freedom of religion and freedom of the press are protected by the U.S. Constitution). For this reason, we don't allow resolutions that seek to regulate abortion, because this is protected by the Nevada Constitution.
- **Resolutions can't duplicate existing laws.**

If your resolution doesn't comply with one or more of these rules, don't worry – the staff WILL help you to work out the kinks.

Let's get started!

Features of a Girls State Resolution

- A **PREAMBLE**, which states the purpose of the resolution
- **WHEREAS** clauses, which each give one (1) reason why this resolution is needed. (You may include as many WHEREAS clauses as you need to give the reasons for supporting your resolutions, as long as they're relevant.)
- A **RESOLVED** clause, which states the final objective.

Formatting

The following shows you how to format each element of your resolution. You'll need to use this **exact** wording and punctuation. Portions in italics will be what you write.

- **Your first and last name at the top of the page**
- **Single-spaced**
- **The first line of each resolution will start with:**
Memorializes the 2017 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will... (This is then followed by your PREAMBLE.)
- **Each WHEREAS clause (except the last one) will be formatted like this:**
WHEREAS, (one reason for why this legislation is need); and
- **The final WHEREAS clause will be formatted like this:**
WHEREAS, (your final reason for why this legislation is need); therefore, be it
- **The RESOLVED clause will be formatted like this:**
RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA, assembled in Carson City on (Date), 2015, that the 2017 Session of the Nevada Legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation that will... (Restate the purpose of your resolution.)

An Example Resolution

(The following Resolution was written and passed during the 2014 session.)

Memorializes the 2015 session of the Nevada Legislature to enact legislation that will mandate vision and hearing tests for elementary school children to ensure that parents are aware of problems that affect their child's hearing.

WHEREAS, Children and their parents often do not realize that the child has these problems; and

WHEREAS, Students who start to heavily focus on reading in third and fourth grade will have many problems comprehending the text if they cannot see properly; and

WHEREAS, Elementary students who have hearing problems and cannot hear directions or warnings well can be in danger; and

WHEREAS, Children who have visual and/or hearing difficulties may feel alienated from children without difficulties; and

WHEREAS, If the problem is identified, children will prosper and have a higher self esteem; and

WHEREAS, School nurses shall be trained in identifying and testing for vision and hearing problems; and

WHEREAS, Students who receive hearing aids and/or glasses can then get help, which can bring these students who are behind back up to grade-level standards; therefore be it

RESOLVED BY THE GIRLS STATE OF NEVADA assembled in Carson City on July 3, 2014 that the 2015 session of the Nevada legislature is hereby memorialized to enact legislation to mandate vision and hearing tests for elementary school children.

EXAMPLE

Forms for delegates to fill in are available from Courtenay or Daela.

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Section 4

Elections

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Checklist for Filing for City Elections

1. Post the **Notice of Election** on the inside main door of each cabin and fill in for City.
2. Appoint 1 Acting Clerk - they should sign ALL Declaration of Candidacy forms.
3. Appoint 1 Notary Public - they should sign ALL Declaration of Candidacy forms, too.
4. Have **everyone** (including the Acting Clerk and Notary) fill out their Declaration of Candidacy form (in their handbooks) and turn it in to you.
5. Have the Clerk and Notary sign all the forms and alphabetize them by office.
6. Make the 2 Official Sample Ballots (see below)
 - **Print clearly**
 - Keep 1 Official Sample Ballot
 - Send 1 Official Sample Ballot and the Declaration of Candidacy forms to Daela
7. Have delegates give speeches for the offices.
 - Speeches should be in alphabetical order by office (follow your Official Sample Ballot)
 - No “don’t vote for me” speeches allowed
 - **REMEMBER: Voting happens LATER!**

Checklist for Creating the Official Sample Ballot

1. Candidates should be listed in alphabetical order by **last name** for each office.
2. Everyone has to run for something in every election.
3. Note the minimum number of candidates for each position.

City Election Sample Ballot

City Name: _____

Mayor

(1 candidate minimum)

Jones, Jessica
Rosenburg, Willow
Summers, Buffy
Washburne, Zoe

City Attorney

(1 candidate minimum)

Angelou, Maya
Hooks, Bell

City Councilwomen

(5 candidates minimum)

Chase, Cordelia
Frye, Kaylee
Schuyler, Eliza
Sera, Inara
Tam, River

District Judge

(1 candidate minimum)

Prince, Diana

EXAMPLE

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

City: _____

Mayor (1 candidate minimum)

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City Councilwomen (5 candidates minimum)

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City Attorney (1 candidate minimum)

District Judge (1 candidate minimum)

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Checklist for Filing for County Elections

1. Post the **Notice of Election** on the inside main door of each cabin and fill in for County.
2. City Clerks becoming the 2 Acting County Clerks and 1 Acting Notary. Make sure there is at least 1 Clerk from each district - if note, appoint 1 Acting Clerk from that district.
3. Have **everyone** (including the Acting Clerks) fill out their Declaration of Candidacy form (in their handbooks) and turn it in to you.
4. Have the Clerks and Notary sign all the forms and alphabetize them by office.
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County Election Sample Ballot

County Name: _____

County Commissioners **Treasurer**
(11 candidates minimum) **(1 candidate minimum)**

Hirose, Ruby
Jackson, Mary
Jackson, Shirley Ann
Jemison, Mae
Johnson, Catherine
Ocampo, Adriana
Ochoa, Ellen
Organa, Leia
Vaughan, Dorothy
Williams, Sunita
Wong-Stall, Flossie

Ball, Alice

Sheriff
(1 candidate minimum)

Easley, Annie
Phippsclark, Mamie

County Clerk
(1 candidate minimum)

Carter, Linda
Gadot, Gal

EXAMPLE

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

County: _____

County Commissioners (11 candidates minimum)

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City Councilwomen (5 candidates minimum)

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Treasurer (1 candidate minimum)

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COUNTY NAME: _____

Sheriff (1 candidate minimum)

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District Attorney (1 candidates minimum)

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Justice of the Peace - First District (1 candidate minimum)

_____	_____
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Justice of the Peace - Second District (1 candidate minimum)

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COUNTY NAME: _____

District Judge - First District (1 candidate minimum)

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District Judge - Second District (1 candidates minimum)

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County School Board Trustee - First District

(1 candidate minimum)

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County School Board Trustee - Second District

(1 candidate minimum)

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Checklist for Filing for Primary Elections

1. Post the **Notice of Election** on the inside main door of each cabin and fill in for Primary.
2. County Clerks becoming the 1 Acting Party Clerk and 1 Acting Notary. If you don't have any or only have 1, appoint a Clerk and/or Notary so that both positions are filled.
3. Have **everyone** (including the Acting Clerks) fill out their Declaration of Candidacy form (in their handbooks) and turn it in to you.
4. Have the Clerk and Notary sign all the forms and alphabetize them by office.
5. Make the 2 Official Sample Ballots (see below)
 - **Print clearly**
 - Keep 1 Official Sample Ballot
 - Send 1 Official Sample Ballot and the Declaration of Candidacy forms to Daela
6. Have delegates give speeches for the offices.
 - Speeches should be in alphabetical order by office (follow your Official Sample Ballot)
 - No "don't vote for me" speeches allowed
 - **REMEMBER: Voting happens LATER!**

Checklist for Creating the Official Sample Ballot

1. Candidates should be listed in alphabetical order by **last name** for each office.
2. Everyone has to run for something in every election.
3. Note the minimum number of candidates for each position.

Primary Election Sample Ballot

Party Name: _____

Partisan Offices

Governor

(1 candidate minimum)

Blount-Griffin, Bessie
Curie, Marie
Daly, Marie
Mahlock, Lorna

Non-Partisan Offices

Justices of the Supreme Court

(4 candidates minimum)

Carson, Rachel
Hodgkin, Dorothy
Lamarr, Hedy
McClintock, Barbara

Senators

(7 candidates minimum)

Franklin, Rosalind
Johansson, Scarlett
Maximoff, wanda
Meitner, Lise
Romanov, Natasha
Spurlock, Jeanne
Thomas, valerie
wright, Jane

State Board of Education

(4 candidates minimum)

Brewer, Margaret
Carter, Samantha
Hopper, Grace
Ryde, Sally

EXAMPLE

OFFICIAL SAMPLE BALLOT

Party: _____

PARTISAN OFFICES

Governor (1 candidate minimum)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Lieutenant Governor (1 candidates minimum)

_____	_____
_____	_____
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Secretary of State (1 candidate minimum)

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
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State Treasurer (1 candidate minimum)

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PARTISAN OFFICES (CONTINUED)

Party: _____

State Controller (1 candidate minimum)

_____	_____
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Attorney General (1 candidate minimum)

_____	_____
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Senators (7 candidates minimum)

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PARTISAN OFFICES (CONTINUED)

Party: _____

Assemblywomen (11 candidates minimum)

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NON-PARTISAN OFFICES

Party: _____

Justices of the Supreme Court (4 candidates minimum)

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_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

State Board of Education (4 candidates minimum)

_____	_____
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Board of Regents of the University (4 candidates minimum)

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Section 5

Resources

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Music

The Star-Spangled Banner

Oh say, can you see, by the dawn's early light
What so proudly we hail'd
At the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's Red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
Oh, say does that Star- Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!!

Federalist Song

(TUNE: My Darling Clementine)
We are Federalist, We are Federalists.
We are Federalist 'till we die.
And we are out to beat the Nationalists
For each office we will try.
We are out for lower taxes,
Better movies, better news,
If you want to know our platform,
Fall right in and hear our views.

Nationalist Song

(TUNE My Darling Clementine)
We are Nationalists, We are Nationalists
We are Nationalists, is our cry
And we're out to beat the Federalists
All you voters pass them by.
Better schools, and better homes,
Balanced budgets all along,
If you stick right with the party,
You will find you're never wrong.

Music

America, the Beautiful

O beautiful for spacious skies
For amber waves of grain
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!!

CHORUS

America! America!!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood,
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years,
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!!

CHORUS

You're A Grand Old Flag

You're A grand Old Flag — You're a high flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true under red, white, and blue
Where there's never a boast or brag.
But should auld acquaintance be forgot
Keep you eye on the GRAND OLD FLAG...

This is My Country

This is my country!! Land of my birth
This is my country! Grandest on earth!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold.
For this is my country to have and to hold!!

Music

Home Means Nevada

VERSE

Way out in the land of the setting sun,
Where the wind blows wild and free,
There's a lovely spot, just the only one,
That means home, sweet home to me.
If you follow the old Kit Carson trail,
Until desert meets the hills,
Oh, you certainly will agree with me,
It's the place of a thousand thrills.

CHORUS

Home means Nevada,
Home means the hills,
Home means the sage and the pines.
Out by the Truckee's silvery rills,
Out where the sun always shines.
There is the land that I love the best,
Fairer than all I can see.
Deep in heart of the Golden West
Home means Nevada to me!!!

VERSE

Whenever the sun at the close of day
Colors all the western sky,
Oh my heart returns to the desert grey
And the mountains tow'ring high
Where the moonbeams play in shadowed glen
With the spotted fawn and doe
All the live-long night until morning light
It's the loveliest place I know.

CHORUS

Music

Girls State Song

VERSE

Raise your voices, raise them high
Sing to Girls State, and here's why
Look to Girls State, and you'll find
Tomorrow's leaders of mankind.

CHORUS

We are the future builders, builders in a band—
And we come to Girls State,
The best State in the land. NE-VA-DA!
We are up and coming,
Progressive, kind, and strong—
And to our Girls State we proudly sing our song.

VERSE

From our leaders we will learn
For someday will come our turn
To fulfill their utmost plan
A lasting peace for every man

CHORUS

God Bless America

God bless America
Land that I love
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above,
From the mountain to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam,
God bless America my home sweet home!!
God bless America my home sweet home!!

Music

This Land Is Your Land

This land is your land,
This land is my land,
From California
To the New York island,
From the redwood forests
To the Gulf Stream waters,
This land was made for you and me.

As I was walking
That ribbon of highway,
I saw above me
That endless skyway,
I saw below me
That golden valley
This land was made for you and me.

I've roamed and rambled
And followed my footsteps,
To the sparking sands
Of her diamond deserts,
And all around me
A voice was chanting,
"This land was made for you and me."

As I was strolling
And the sun was shining,
And the wheat fields waving
And the dust clouds rolling,
As the fog was lifting
A voice was sounding,
"This land was made for you and me..."

Music

America

My country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, land of the Pilgrim's pride,
From every mountain side, Let freedom ring.

The Army Goes Rolling Along

March along, sing our song, with the Army of the free
Count the brave, count the true, who have fought to victory
We're the Army and proud of our name
We're the Army and proudly proclaim

First to fight for the right,
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Marines' Hymn

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the Shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles
In the air, on land and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
of United States Marine.

~City Song~

Oath of Office

I, _____, (*state your name*),

do solemnly affirm

that I will support and defend

the Constitution of the United States

and the Constitution of the State of Nevada

and that I will discharge the office of

(*state your office*)

with fidelity,

to bring dignity and honor

to Nevada Girls State.

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Daily Count Sheets

(remove and turn in to Courtenay by breakfast each day)

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Date	_____
City	_____
# of Delegates	_____
# of Counselors	_____
Total	_____

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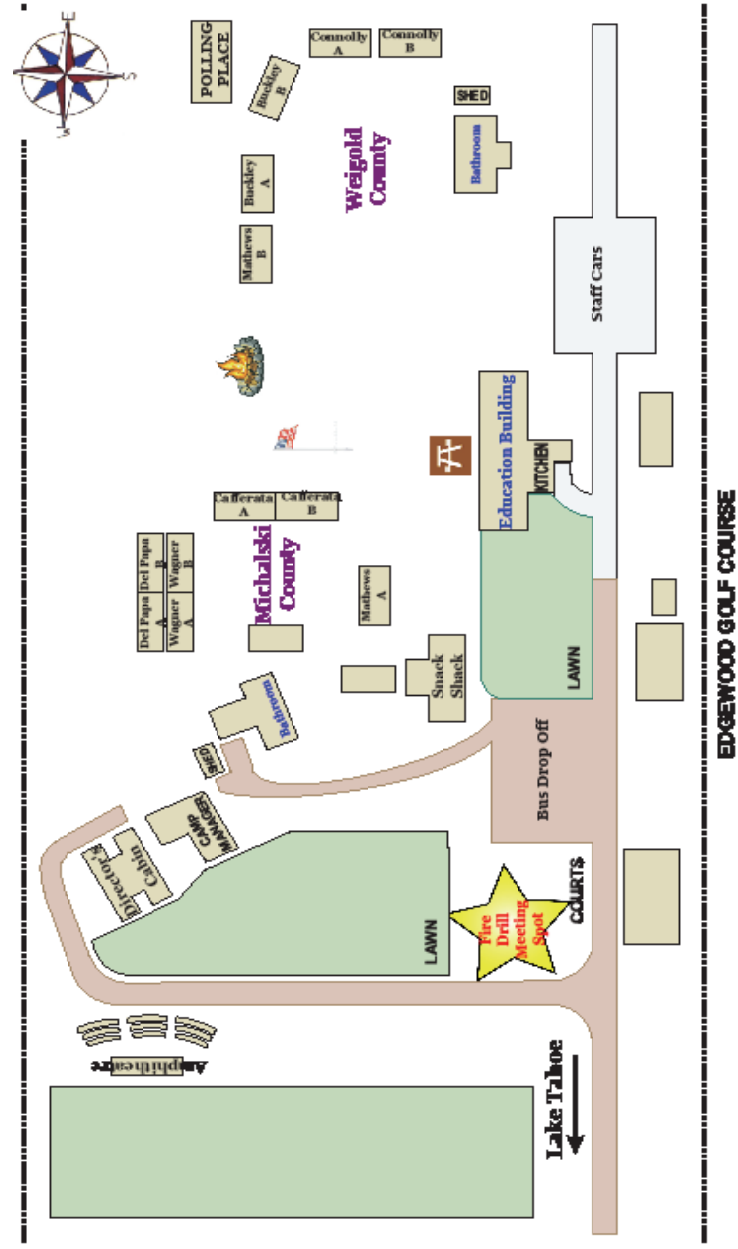
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