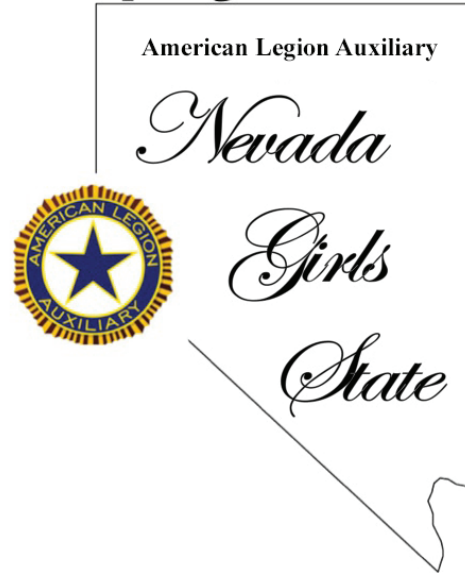


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Nevada Girls State

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INTRODUCTION

Nevada Girls State Traditions

When at Girls State, you will notice a few things sitting at the front of the room. They are:

- **Kim** - a doll named for Kim Campbell, one of the first Directors of Nevada Girls State. Kim was originally passed from Governor to Governor, however, the original was lost some time ago. These days the new Kim spends the portion of the year not at Girls State relaxing in the house of Girls State Chairwoman, Courtenay Burns.
- **Feddie Teddy** - the Federalist Party mascot
- **Nattie Raccoon** - the Nationalist Party Mascot
- **Wolfie** - Nevada Wolf Pack mascot
- **Artemisia** - the desert tortoise, our state reptile
- **Bristlecone** - the big horned sheep, our state mammal

HOW THE CITIES AND PARTIES GET THEIR NAMES

We have named our **CITIES** for some of the inspirational women in the American Legion Auxiliary and for some of our Nevada women who were, or are, active in politics and are role models for all.

BERNICE MATHEWS CITY is named for the first African-American woman elected to the Nevada Senate. She served in the State Senate from 1995 to 2010. During that time, she served as Assistant Minority Floor Leader. Additionally, she served as a member of the Reno City Council. Bernice Mathews holds a Bachelor of Science - Nursing and a Masters of Education from UNR.



SUSANA MARTINEZ CITY is named for the first female governor and the first Hispanic female governor in the history of the United States. Prior to being elected governor, she was a prosecutor for 25 years along the nation's southern border and served as Doña Ana County's elected district attorney for over half that time.

SARAH WINNEMUCCA CITY is named for a Paiute leader who spent her adult life working for the rights of her people, twice meeting with the President of the United States. She also served as a guide and interpreter for those exploring the American West.



The Political **PARTIES** at Nevada Girls State are the same as almost every other Girls State in our nation: the Nationalist Party and the Federalist Party. Here, you will find our parties with equal membership. The party mascots are Feddie Teddy, representing the Federalist Party and Nattie Raccoon, representing the Nationalist Party



Poppy



In Flanders Fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.
We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders Fields.
Take up our quarrel with the foe
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields.

~ John McCrae 1915

This most recent and enduring tradition began in WWI when John McCrae wrote the poem that appears above. McCrae was a Canadian who enlisted to help the allies in the war. He was made Medical Officer upon landing in Europe. During a lull in the battle with the nub of a pencil he scratched on a page from his dispatch book. The poem found its way into the pages of Punch magazine. By 1918, the poem was well known throughout the allied world. Moina Michael, an American woman, wrote these lines in reply:

We cherish too, the Poppy red
That grows on fields where valor led,
It seems to signal to the skies
That blood of heroes never dies

She then adopted the custom of wearing a red poppy in memory of the sacrifices of war and also as a symbol of keeping the faith.

A French woman, Madam Guerin, visiting the United States, learned of the custom and took it one step further. When she returned to France she decided to hand-make the red poppies and sell them to raise money for the benefit of the orphaned and destitute women and children in war-torn areas of France. This tradition spread to Canada, the United States, and Australia and is still followed today.

Blue Star Banner

The Blue Star Service Banner was designed and patented in 1917 by World War I Army Capt. Robert L. Queisser of the 5th Ohio Infantry. Queisser's two sons served on the front line. His banner quickly became the unofficial symbol for parents with a child in active military service.

On Sept. 24, 1917, an Ohio congressman read the following into the Congressional Record: "The mayor of Cleveland, the Chamber of Commerce and the governor of Ohio have adopted this service flag. The world should know of those who give so much for liberty. The dearest thing in all the world to a father and mother: their children." Blue Star Mothers and Gold Star Mothers organizations were established during World War I and remain active today.

The Blue Star Service Banner is an 8.5-by-14-inch white field with one or more blue stars sewn onto a red banner. The size varies but should be in proportion to the U.S. flag. Today, families display these banners when they have a loved one serving in the U.S. Armed Forces. The blue star represents one family member serving, and a banner can have up to five stars. If the individual is killed or dies, a smaller golden star is placed over it. Gold stars are placed above the blue stars or to the top right of the flag, in the event a flag represents multiple service members.

Blue Star Service Banners were widely used during both world wars, but were not embraced during the Korean or Vietnam wars with the same enthusiasm. The American Legion rekindled that spirit of pride in our military men and women following the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks by providing banners to military families across the nation.

(from: <http://www.legion.org/troops/bluestar>)



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NEVADA GIRLS STATE

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Dear Delegate to Nevada Girls State,

I know this is where I am supposed to tell you “welcome to the program” and “I hope you have a great time” and, while I’ll get to that, I want to start off by telling you that I’ve been sitting in your chair. Maybe it wasn’t your literal chair, but I know what it’s like to attend Nevada Girls State as a delegate. This means that I can tell you truthfully that it may not always be the most comfortable chair, yet there are people who wish they could be the one sitting in it. Your participation in this program is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This week is going to be challenging, and as someone who has been through the program, I am advising you to make the most of it, even when perhaps you would rather be anywhere else.

I remember quite clearly how I was selected, as a student leaders at my high school, to attend a program that would take up a week of my time during my precious summer break. I remember how tough the week was and how, at first, I wanted to just go home (my mom wouldn’t come get me!). Resigned to my fate of a week at a leadership camp with a bunch of other teenage girls, I slowly became more active as the week wore on. Speakers, voting, elections, legislation, and new friends filled my time and then the week was over. Or so I thought...

From voting for the first time to running for election in my community, Nevada Girls State has been with me. The friends I made here are still some of the best friends I have in my life. The lessons and advice I experienced during my week are never far from me. Whenever I wear my Girls State shirt I am still surprised when I get stopped by someone who says, “I went to Girls State!” I had no idea the impact that that one week would have, and continues to have, on my life.

My hope, for all of you, is that, as you start to forge your own paths in the world, you realize you are now part of a massive network of people, the vast majority of whom you will never meet. When you put down on a resume or application that you attended Nevada Girls State, you are stating that you were recognized as one of the best and brightest leaders and that you were given the tools to be an active leader in your community. Your connection with this program, and the achievements you make during this week, will never truly fade away.

On a personal note, I want you to know you are part of a family of friends that are here for you. Myself, the people on our team, we are here for you. If you need letters of recommendation or are looking for someone to contact about applying for summer internships or maybe you just need someone to talk to, we are here.

So, welcome to Nevada Girls State. I hope you enjoy the program and have a wonderful time with us!

And remember, “Do all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can.” ~Hillary Clinton

Oh, and please don’t call me Mrs. Gibson.

Thank you!

Daela, Nevada Girls State Director

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Dear Delegates,

I'm so excited that you're able to join us this year at Nevada Girls State! This is set to be a fast-paced, action-packed week! You'll be running for office. You'll be working hard on legislation that you're passionate about.

Of course, I can't guarantee that things will always go the way you want them to go. You may not win every office you run for; your party may not choose to take your bill to the legislature. What I truly hope for, though, is that, if you participate in everything with your whole heart and work hard, you learn and you have fun. You'll also likely make life-long friendships and you may even find something you weren't looking for.

That's what happened to me. I found a passion for government and political science that I didn't know I had. In fact, my time at Nevada Girls State inspired me to major in Political Science in college and to ultimately get a Ph.D. in it. And my participation in Nevada Girls State as a delegate and a staff member introduced me to the best friends I've ever had.

This can be a defining experience in your life, if you let it. Thank you for joining us and welcome to Nevada Girls State!

Yours,

Courtenay, Nevada Girls State Program Chair

NOTICE

Nominations For and Election of Representatives to Girls Nation Will Take Place Friday, June 18th

Girls Nation will be held
in Washington, D.C.
July 24th to July 31st, 2021

all expenses, including transportation, are covered by the American Legion Auxiliary

Note

Those seeking to attend Girls Nation should demonstrate that they will represent Nevada well. They should particularly demonstrate a passion about and willingness to speak on various issues, as they'll be asked to so frequently. They must also be willing to work with Courtenay and Daela to finalize the national-level piece of legislation they will submit.

The Nevada Girls State Governor is not eligible to attend Girls Nation.

How Nominations Will Work

- Each Delegate will be given a piece paper on which to write the names of their nominees
- Each Delegate may nominate up to 2 people
- You may nominate the same person twice
- Nominations will be tallied by the staff
- Nominees for Girls Nation will be announced

How Election Will Work

- Nominees will be removed from the Education Building
- Nominees will return individually to deliver a speech
- All nominees will be read the same speech topic when they re-enter the Education Building
- The nominee will have 1 minute to think about topic and 2 minutes to deliver their speech
- After all nominees have spoken, delegates will be given a piece of paper on which to write their votes
- Each delegate may vote for up to 2 people
- You may vote for the same person twice
- Staff will tally the votes

The top 2 vote-getters will be our 2021 Girls Nation Senators
The next 2 vote-getters will be our 2021 Girls Nation Alternates
All will be announced during the Graduation Ceremony

MUSIC

Home Means Nevada

VERSE 1

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!!!

O Fair New Mexico

VERSE 1

Under a sky of azure,
Where balmy breezes blow,
Kissed by the golden sunshine,
Is Nuevo México.
Land of the Montezuma,
With fiery hearts aglow,
Land of the deeds historic,
Is Nuevo México.

CHORUS

O, Fair New Mexico,
We love, we love you so,
Our hearts with pride o'reflow,
No matter where we go.
O, Fair New Mexico,
We love, we love you so,
The grandest state to know
New Mexico.

Girls State Song

VERSE 1

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 ba-a-and—
And we come to Girls State,
The best State in the land.
(NE-VA-DA!/NEW MEX-ICO)
We are up and coming,
Progressive, kind, and strong—
And to our Girls State
We proudly sing our song.

VERSE 2

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

CHORUS

Government of Nevada Girls State

ELECTED CITY OFFICIALS

MAYOR: 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 COUNCIL: The Council forms 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 Council will be helping the Mayor in their duties as city leader.

CITY ATTORNEY: 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: 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.

ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS - PARTISAN

GOVERNOR: 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: 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.

STATE SENATORS: 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.

EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL 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

Oath of Office

I, _____, 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 _____ with fidelity, to bring dignity and honor to Nevada Girls State.

Vocabulary Fill-in-the-Blank

WORD BANK

annual	city council	political party
auditor/controller	constitutional officers	secretary of state
appellate	governor	suffrage
attorney general	lieutenant governor	treasurer
bicameral	lobbyist	unaffiliated/non-
biennial	mayor	partisan voter
citizen	party platform	

_____ : the “right to vote”

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

_____ : 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

_____ : a person who registers to vote without selecting either a major or minor political party with which to be affiliated

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

_____ : the chief executive officer of the State. In Nevada and New Mexico, this person is limited to serving two consecutive four-year terms.

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

_____ : taking place every year, like the legislature of the State of New Mexico

_____ : the chief executive officer of a city government

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

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

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

_____ : offices in this group may include Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer

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

_____ : 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

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

_____ : 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

_____ : 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

CONSTITUTION OF NEVADA GIRLS STATE

We, the citizens of Nevada Girls State, in order to express gratitude for the civil and religious liberties we enjoy, endeavor to continue to transmit the same to succeeding generations, promote better citizenship, develop the spirit of democratic government, encourage all citizens to intelligent participation in government, and develop within the individual a love of Home and Country, do ordain and establish this Constitution for Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE I

The mission of Nevada Girls State shall be to provide an outstanding, unique, and coveted educational opportunity for the young women of our state that instills the basic ideals and principles of Nevada and American government.

ARTICLE II

Section 1

- (a) Nevada Girls State shall be composed of outstanding girls representing various high schools in Nevada, meeting annually at a designated area under the stewardship of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada.
- (b) The boundaries of Nevada Girls State shall encompass the State of Nevada.

Section 2

- (a) Citizens of Nevada Girls State shall be chosen on the basis of Leadership, Character, Courage, Honesty, Scholarship, and interest in government and policies.
- (b) Application shall be open to all female students in the State of Nevada who, on or before the first day of the annual session, will have completed their Junior year, or Junior year equivalent, of high school.
- (c) Recommendation of delegates representing the individual high schools shall be made by the administrators, faculty, and/or counselors of the various high schools, with the approval of the various units of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada, if such units are participating in the process.

Section 3

- (a) The Girls State pledge shall be:
“As a citizen of Nevada Girls State of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada, I voluntarily make the following pledge: I will obey the rules of Girls State; I will be present for every portion of the Girls State session, and will remain for its entirety; I will take a serious and conscientious interest in discharging my duties as a citizen of Girls State; I understand that this is an Americanism program and that it is a study of City, County, and State governments; I will show proper respect to the American flag whenever it is presented; if elected to office, I will serve in that office to the best of my ability; I will abide by the judgment of those responsible for this Americanism program; I will live in residence as a citizen of Girls State; insofar as possible, I will take an active part in the affairs of the party to which I belong, and the city and county in which I live; I will be fair and honest in all my dealings with all my fellow citizens.”
- (b) The oath of office shall be:
“I, _____, do solemnly affirm that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Nevada and I will discharge the duties of the office of _____ with fidelity, to bring dignity and honor to Nevada Girls State.”

Section 4

- (a) The Nevada Girls State insignia shall be the outline of the State of Nevada, with the American Legion Auxiliary emblem placed above the State capitol, with space made so that the State outline does not touch the emblem of the American Legion Auxiliary. The words "Nevada Girls State" shall be within the outline of the State of Nevada. The words "Empowering Women, Inspiring Communities" (sic) shall be above the outline of the State of Nevada.
- (b) The Nevada Girls State banner shall be the outline the State of Nevada with "Nevada" above and "Girls State" below in silver on a blue field, fringed in silver.

Section 5

- (a) Blue, silver, and white shall be the colors of Nevada Girls State.

Section 6

- (a) The official Nevada Girls State song shall be "Here's to Girls State," words and music by Haroldene Anne Heeren of Hemingford, Nebraska, as printed in the manual issued upon registration to Nevada Girls State.
- (b) Every citizen shall be required to learn this song.

ARTICLE III

Section 1

- (a) Organization and procedures of Nevada Girls State shall be patterned after the actual government in Nevada and every effort shall be made to follow processes and procedures, varying upon the discretion of the Director of Nevada Girls State.

Section 2

- (a) The citizens of Nevada Girls State shall be divided into separate cities, as numbers require.
 - (1) The cities shall be classified as Cities of the Second Class, in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Nevada, and shall be governed by a Mayor-Council form of government.
 - (2) The cities shall be composed of approximately equal numbers of citizens.
 - (3) The cities shall be named for important Nevada women who are examples of leadership and service to Nevada Girls State.
- (b) The citizens of Nevada Girls State shall be divided into two (2) counties.
 - (1) County government shall be based upon county government in the State of Nevada and shall function accordingly.
 - (2) The counties shall exist geographically, encompassing whole cities, as allowed by the campus on which the session takes place.
 - (3) The counties shall be composed of approximately equal numbers of citizens.
 - (4) The counties shall be named for Past Department Presidents of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada; other significant women in the American Legion Family, Department of Nevada; and/or women significant to the history of the State of Nevada.
- (c) The citizens of Nevada Girls State shall be divided into two (2) parties.
 - (1) The parties shall be severally designated as "Federalist" and "Nationalist".
 - (2) The parties shall be composed of approximately equal numbers of citizens.

Section 3

- (a) The entire body of citizens of Nevada Girls State shall organize a State government according to the Constitution and laws of the State of Nevada.

ARTICLE IV

It shall be the duty of each citizen of Nevada Girls State to carry the ideals and spirit of Nevada Girls State back into her school and community for the benefit of her possible successors and other citizens.

ARTICLE V

Section 1

- (a) Responsibility and authority for Nevada Girls State rests with the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada.

Section 2

- (a) Operational responsibility and authority for Nevada Girls State shall be delegated to a Board of Directors, appointed by the President of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada as provided by the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada.
 - (1) The Board of Directors of Nevada Girls State shall consist of a Director, Program Chair, and three (3) members.
 - (2) The members of the Board of Directors of Nevada Girls State shall include a minimum of three (3) former delegates to Nevada Girls State.
 - (3) The Director of Nevada Girls State shall be a former delegate to Nevada Girls State.
 - (4) All members of the Board of Directors of Nevada Girls State shall be members in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada.
 - (a) If any person on the Board of Directors of Nevada Girls State shall fail to remain a member in good standing of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada, the current Department Executive Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada shall appoint a new member to serve out the term of the vacated seat.

ARTICLE VI

Section 1

- (a) Amendments to this Constitution shall be by a two-thirds vote of the Legislature of Nevada Girls State or by initiative proposal adopted by a majority vote of the electorate of Nevada Girls State.

Section 2

- (a) An initiative petition may be made by:
 - (1) the body of citizens of Nevada Girls State with the signatures of twenty-five percent (25%) of the citizens; or
 - (2) the recommendation of the Board of Directors of Nevada Girls State; or
 - (3) the recommendation of the Director of Nevada Girls State.

Section 3

- (a) In order to maintain the program standards set forth by the national American Legion Auxiliary organization and by the state-wide American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada, all proposed amendments to this Constitution must be approved by the Director of Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE VII

This Constitution shall be effective immediately after its adoption by a two-thirds vote of the membership of the Legislature of Nevada Girls State and its subsequent approval by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Nevada.

BY-LAWS OF NEVADA GIRLS STATE

ARTICLE I

(amended)

No citizen shall be permitted to leave the campus after she has been admitted, except as follows:

- (a) On organized group trips under the leadership of a counselor;
- (b) In case of emergency or upon State business, and then only upon permission of the Director of Nevada Girls State;
- (c) Into the custody of a parent or guardian, and then only with prior written permission of the parent(s)/guardian(s) and permission of the Director of Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE II

Section 1

- (a) Each citizen will observe all campus rules and will take good care of all equipment and property.

Section 2

- (a) Nothing shall be pinned, pasted, or nailed on walls or woodwork of sleeping quarters, classrooms, bathrooms, other rooms used during the program, and hallways.
 - (1) Only masking tape may be used to display posters.
 - (2) The use of glitter is not permitted.

ARTICLE III

If a delegate does not have materials for making posters, handbills, and/or other electioneering materials, these may be obtained from the staff.

ARTICLE IV

All citizens will be on time to all sessions and ceremonies, including meals.

ARTICLE V

Nevada Girls State will not be responsible for telephone calls or bills of any kind contracted by counselors, staff, or citizens of Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE VI

Any citizen who is ill or injured must report to the infirmary at once.

ARTICLE VII

Section 1

- (a) No citizen may drive a vehicle during her attendance at Nevada Girls State.

Section 2

- (a) Any citizen who drives her personal vehicle to Nevada Girls State will surrender her keys to the Director for the duration of the session.
 - (1) Surrendered keys will be kept in a secure location.

ARTICLE VIII

Section 1

(a) All citizens are advised to deposit funds, bus tickets, airplane tickets, and other valuables with the Director at the time of registration.

(1) A citizen who deposits her valuables with the Director will be given a receipt.

(2) All deposited valuables will be kept in a secure location.

ARTICLE IX

(amended)

Girls wishing to visit after adjournment of the Nevada Girls State session must present written permission from parents/guardians to the Director of Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE X

(amended)

Every citizen must write home at least once during Nevada Girls State.

ARTICLE XI

On the last day, each girl will be responsible to clean her room.

ARTICLE XII

(amended)

Room inspection will be each morning. Penalties will be levied to individual cities in case of violation of this law.

ARTICLE XIII

Section 1

(a) Citizens must wear official name badges at all times.

(1) No citizen will be allowed to vote without a name badge.

ARTICLE XIV

(amended)

Any girl who violates any law of Nevada Girls State may be dismissed without refund of any registration or materials fees.

ARTICLE XV

No part of this Constitution or By-Laws may be suspended during the Nevada Girls State session.

ARTICLE XVI

Section 1

(a) Parliamentary procedure shall be used in all Nevada Girls State sessions.

(1) Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the official guide for parliamentary procedure.

Section 2

(a) Robert's Rules of Order, Revised may be augmented in order to meet the needs of Nevada Girls State.

(1) Decisions regarding augmentation of Robert's Rules of Order, Revised may only be made by the Director, Program Chair, Director of Legislation, and/or Legislative Council Bureau of the State of Nevada

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS NEVADA GIRLS STATE

AMENDMENT I

Section 1

- (a) Delegates may not remain on campus after the close of session. All delegates must depart promptly with the bus, in their personal vehicle, or with a pre-approved parent or guardian.

Section 2

- (a) Delegates wishing to visit elsewhere after adjournment of Nevada Girls State must present written permission from parents/guardians to the Director of Nevada Girls State upon arrival at the session and verbal communication between the delegate's parents/guardians and the Director of Nevada Girls State prior to the opening of the session. *(Amends Article IX of the Nevada Girls State By-Laws.)*

AMENDMENT II

Citizens will not be required to write home during the Nevada Girls State session. They will, instead, be required to write to their sponsor at least one (1) time during the Nevada Girls State session. *(Amends Article X of the Nevada Girls State By-Laws.)*

AMENDMENT III

All citizens are responsible for the cleanliness of their living quarters and for the campus in general. The buses will not depart at the end of the session, nor will any delegate be released to parents/guardians before the campus shall be inspected for cleanliness by the staff. *(Amends Article XII of the Nevada Girls State By-Laws.)*

AMENDMENT IV

Any citizen who leaves Nevada Girls State for any reason other than those provided for in Article I Section 1 of the By-Laws of Nevada Girls State will not be readmitted. *(Amends Article I of the Nevada Girls State By-Laws.)*

AMENDMENT V

If a citizen is dismissed from Nevada Girls State for any reason, her parents/guardians shall be liable for any and all transportation costs for her return home. *(Amends Article XIV of the Nevada Girls State By-Laws.)*

AMENDMENT VI

No delegate or alternate will be admitted to Nevada Girls State without presenting completed and original copies of a Waivers Packet. This packet shall include a Liability Waiver, Media Waiver, Consent to Medical Treatment form, Medical History and Insurance Coverage form, Transportation Policy form, and the Code of Conduct.

AMENDMENT VII

No visitors other than members of immediate family are allowed on site without permission of the Director of Nevada Girls State.

Girls State in Review

Session	Governor	Girls Nation Senators
1947	Rene O'Doan (Vesco), Carlin	<i>Alice Brady, Las Vegas</i> Rene O'Doan (Vesco), Carlin
1948	Kihuho Yokomize, Ely	Jennie Gibson, Las Vegas <i>Lois Kattenhorn (Kurtz), Battle Mountain</i>
1949	Elaine Little, Carson City	Andrea Anchart, Reno Alice Melendy (Bradshaw), Sparks
1950	Pat Turner, Elko	Diana Perry, Las Vegas Pat Turner, Elko
1951	Dixie Sturgis, Elko	Barbara Huntington (White), Las Vegas Carol Tollefson (Cippola), Sparks
1952	Jackie Pfeiffer, Reno	Shirley Amodei (Janey), Carson City Donna Fisher, Reno
1953	Ramona Church, Henderson	Myram Borders, Las Vegas Jean Peer, Fallon
1954	Kay Reid, Las Vegas	Judy Dukes (Benedetti), Reno Carol Gardenswartz (de Priest), Sparks
1955	Carma Baker (Watts), Sparks	Versiellen Eberle, Las Vegas Glenda Muchow, Boulder City
1956	Kay Gadda, Reno	<i>Olynnda Franklin (Palmer), Boulder City</i> <i>Margaret Eddelman (O'Donnell), Reno</i>
1957	Barbara Bates, Las Vegas	Margaret Hatfield, Winnemucca Judy Oama, Reno
1958	Sandra Detomasi, Henderson	Ann Madden (Smith), Yerington Ellen Murphy (Fockler), Reno
1959	Betty Jo Vance (McKinleay), Sparks	Roxanna Jensen, Elko Joyce Marks, Carson City
1960	Edith Baker, Henderson	Michaela Luane, Boulder City Phyllis Nelson, Las Vegas
1961	Bonnie Tilghmon, Fallon	Joanne Freeman, Sparks Marilyn Kelch (Gubler), Las Vegas

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1962	Marie Freeman, Sparks	Lorie Belknap, Boulder City Linda Jurtz, Reno
1963	Mary McCormick, Fallon	Mary Bellentyne, Boulder City Jacqueline Darrigrand, Carson City
1964	Kim Lohse, Reno	Kim Lohse, Reno Laura Tiberti, Las Vegas
1965	Linda Menzel, Sparks	<i>Ann Doty, Logandale</i> Marcia Smitn, Las Vegas
1966	Michael Snow, Sparks	Diana Titlow, Tonopah Valerie Wiener, Las Vegas
1967	Ann McCourt, North Las Vegas	Patricia Dailey, Sparks Kathy McCance, Las Vegas
1968	Judy Smith, Sparks	Arlene Hirschman, Fallon <i>Wilma Prudhomme, Las Vegas</i>
1969	JoAnn Foreman, Carson City	Jan Christian, Boulder City Wendy Darling, Las Vegas
1970	Julie Mastroianni, Carson City	Ann Humphreys, Reno Melinda Torvinen, Reno
1971	Lisa Landing, Carson City	Marti Ashcroft, Las Vegas Peggy Powell, Sparks
1972	Marybel Batjer, Carson City	Joanie Franks, Las Vegas Vicki Marshall, Las Vegas
1973	Kathy Kelley, Sparks	Lisa Larson, Las Vegas Mary Shannon, Las Vegas
1974	Loree Quismorio, Reno	Paula Duncan, Reno Carla Ford, Las Vegas

Members of the National Girls State Chorus

	Linda Dobrusky, Las Vegas	
	Susan Newbry (Haynie), Las Vegas	
1975	Cyndi Wong, Reno	Mary Coleman, Las Vegas Kathy Roberts, Reno

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1976	Camile Ascuaga (Bressler), Gardnerville	Renae Derringer, Las Vegas Lisa Krutz, Las Vegas
	Member of the Bi-Centennial House of Representatives Susan Voorvart (Baker), Las Vegas	
1977	Lorri Smith, Henderson	Kim Jackson, Las Vegas Ann Scott, Las Vegas
1978	Robyn Cook, Reno	Mary Crane, Las Vegas Bridget Hughes, Las Vegas
1979	Michelle Maravich, Las Vegas	Tami Bass, North Las Vegas Marcie Hunter, Owyhee
1980	Dawn Nuckels (Welch), Las Vegas	Pam Coon, Las Vegas Chris Kelley, Sparks
1981	Shelley Garrett (Peterson), Deeth	Rachelle Deveaux, Las Vegas Amy Peel, Sparks
1982	Gina Solari, Carson City	Sandra Barnes, Las Vegas Stacy McCart, Las Vegas
1983	Gina Pistone, Fallon	Carolyn Sue Brady, Las Vegas Elisa Fernandez, Las Vegas
1984	Betty Jo (BJ) Whaley, Reno	Jody Conn, Reno Karen Dorf, Gardnerville
1985	Elizabeth Ririe, Las Vegas	Laryn Dunn, Las Vegas Andrea Henderson, Las Vegas
1986	Tayna Africa, Reno	Robin Sakahara, Las Vegas Kim Vasconi, Las Vegas
1987	Amberlea Davis, North Las Vegas	Michele Hardy, Las Vegas Nuri Lindberg, Las Vegas
1988	Marty Ratzlaff, Reno	Jennifer Johnson, Overton Mercy Malick, Las Vegas
1989	Becky Fletcher, Las Vegas	Camille Ariotti, Boulder City Christy Tice, Las Vegas

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1990	Marla Griffith, North Las Vegas	Bella Bakrania, Las Vegas Heidi Portenstein, Las Vegas
1991	Malaika Williams, Las Vegas	Melanie Edwards, Las Vegas Amy Greco, Las Vegas
1992	Melissa Dougherty, Las Vegas	Rachel Payne, North Las Vegas Stacie Somers, Henderson
1993	Ashley Burgess, Reno	Jennifer Beatty, Las Vegas Shaela Offord, Las Vegas
1994	Liana Dardashti, Henderson	Hillary Aisenstein, Henderson Erica Etienne, Las Vegas
1995	Shantel Pleasants, Sparks	Rosemarie McMorris, Las Vegas Annmarie Schneider, Henderson
1996	Cathy Kabadian, Las Vegas	Amber Devos, Incline Village Puong Vuong, Las Vegas
1997	Natalie Ward, Wellington	Joy Powers, Reno Randi van Drimmelen, Las Vegas
1998	Shannon Scow, Las Vegas	Katie Mollart, Yerington Janis van Alstine, Carlin
1999	Britany Flore, Las Vegas	Jody Hangawatte, Henderson Shavawn Smith, Winnemucca
2000	Elena Isbell, Las Vegas	Amy Northrup, Henderson Shweta Shrivastava, North Las Vegas
2001	Jessica Merchant, Las Vegas	Brook Buerkle, Elko Natasha Motwani, Henderson
2002	Sarah Hobgood, Gardnerville	Kadee Jo Carpenter, Elko Bridget Kelleher, Henderson
2003	Brittany Kreigmeyer, Las Vegas	Casey Hogle, Elko Caroline Vincent, Henderson
2004	Christina Arana, Stateline	May Beth Accac, North Las Vegas Samantha Steelman, Las Vegas

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2005	Seretta Fast, Las Vegas	Mallory Cyr, Las Vegas Wen Hui Tan, Henderson
2006	Jennifer Rajchel, Las Vegas	Laura Redfern, Henderson Salley Wilkerson, Spring Creek
2007	Justine McQuary, Ruby Valley	Dharti Bhakta, Elko Melanie Mathis, Las Vegas
2008	Megan Phillips, Las Vegas	Brittney Regal, Henderson Clara Ritger, Genoa
2009	Caitlin Kemper, Reno	Katilin Babbitt, Douglas Natasha (Julian) Lejbman, Las Vegas
2010	Cassie Fastabend, Minden	Sarah Teferi, Henderson Marcela Rodriguez (Jones), Henderson
2011	Audrey Meng, Henderson	Stefania Cotei, Las Vegas Miu Suzuki, Henderson
2012	Sabrina Schersei, Las Vegas	Caolinn Mejza, Henderson Aquilla Ossian, Las Vegas
2013	Kristy Davis, Las Vegas	Julia Espero, Henderson Yujin Seo, Henderson
2014	Amelia Lamp, Elko	Khadija Bhatti, Henderson Greer Sullivan, Reno
2015	Cathy Choi, Henderson	Aife Mejza, Henderson Sarah Osborne, Reno
2016	Maya Gupta, Reno	Sam Ross, Henderson Alysson Snelling, Las Vegas
2017	Macy Hendrix, Henderson	Payton Walker, Las Vegas Kaitlyn Willoughby, Las Vegas
2018	Bethany Girma, Las Vegas	Morgan Heath-Powers, Reno Aisha Sanwal, Las Vegas

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AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Summer 2021

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen,

Congratulations on your selection to attend 2021 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. Attending ALA Girls State is an opportunity afforded you because of your accomplishments at school and in your community. ALA Girls State presents, not only a learning experience, but a chance to meet other students with the same high expectations for their future. The American Legion Auxiliary unit that sponsored you has the greatest confidence in your ability to excel at ALA Girls State.

The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a fast-paced immersion into experiencing government; city, county and state. Your participation, in every aspect this program offers, is imperative for you to meet the highest expectations for yourself. Others who have gone before you and excelled in life include a Secretary of Homeland Security, governors, a Wing Commander for the U. S. Air Force; an NBC broadcast journalist, lawyers and even Miss America. Since this is a once in a lifetime opportunity, I encourage you to embrace this experience to learn and grow.

The American Legion Auxiliary is an organization of volunteers eligible due to the military service of our family members. America's veterans, and those serving currently in the military, are our true American heroes; the sacrifices they and their families have given continue to allow us to live free. Your week at ALA Girls State will change the course of your life; it has the possibility to open doors for scholarships, entrance into military academies and colleges across the country. Make the most of your week and embrace the opportunities, and you will leave with memories and friendships to cherish.

Have a wonderful week and remember to take pride in our country and its form of government and, most importantly, in yourself.

Congratulations, ALA Girls State Citizen!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nicole Clapp". The signature is written over a faint, circular background that appears to be a watermark or a seal.

Nicole Clapp
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



Summer 2021

Dear American Legion Auxiliary Girls State Citizen:

Congratulations on your selection to attend the 2021 American Legion Auxiliary Girls State session. Your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Units have worked very hard to select you to attend this prestigious program and they will be excited to hear how your week went. Only a select number of young women are chosen for this program each year and you join more than one million young women who have experienced this program since its inception in 1937. These women have gone on to be respected community leaders, successful businesswomen, and many have sought and achieved careers in politics and government.

You are representing your school, hometown and community so do not take that responsibility lightly. You were specifically chosen because each of you possesses the qualities that the American Legion Auxiliary looks for, your interest in government, your leadership ability, honesty and good character. At American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, these skills and others will be put to good use. This once in a lifetime opportunity is your chance to experience many things so do not waste a minute of it. Even during these pandemic times, there are many ways to make the most of your week. Participate, run for office, make a new friend either in person or virtually, step out of your comfort zone and do something you would normally not do and I promise, you will not be disappointed that you did. You will gain so much with just a small amount of effort. On top of that, you will have so much more fun being involved than just sitting on the sidelines, watching.

Make the most of your week and at the end of it, one of the best things you will have is lasting memories of a week you could never have imaged and some of you may gain some valued friendships. The American Legion Auxiliary is proud to be the sponsor of this outstanding program, excited to have you participate in the 2021 session in whatever form that is, and we hope you will go home and tell everyone that this was the best week of your 2021 summer.

For those of you that have the opportunity, this may be a virtual experience. Be interactive with your virtual program and make the most of it! Participate, speak out, campaign if you can and enjoy your experience, in whatever form it is. The last thing that I will ask is that when you are done with the program please share your experiences with your family, friends, schools and your sponsoring American Legion Auxiliary Unit, even if it is just a letter to your sponsoring ALA Unit thanking them for this unique opportunity.

Welcome to ALA Girls State!

Wendy Riggle
American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation Chairman