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American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State Nov/Dec 2017

American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State is an amazing week of learning focused on responsible citizenship, leadership and love for God and Country. Participants are assigned to mock cities and to fictional political parties. They are immersed in learning about the political process by electing officials for all levels of state government and allowing them to actively run a mock government. Assistance from dedicated American Legion Auxiliary volunteers ensures the program's nonpartisan governmental, patriotic and civic objectives are carried out through interactive learning.

Though the week is filled with many learning opportunities, there is always time for fun and the formation of long-term friendships, which are an integral part of the experience.

The 72nd Annual Session of American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State will be held on the campus of Bethel University, Arden Hills, MN on **June 10-16, 2018**. The fee for each participant is \$300.00.

If you are able, please consider increasing the number of participants your Unit sponsors this year, or join with another Unit to sponsor an additional participant. We would love to see an increase in the number of girls attending the 2018 session! We have capacity we would love to fill! Charitable gambling funds may be used for ALA MN Girls State. Reach out to your American Legion, S.A.L., ALR and other community organizations (VFW, ELKS, Rotary, Lions Club, etc...) for a donation to your Unit so you can sponsor one or more participants. Ask to speak with them about the American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State program and explain the difference we make in the lives of young women. Contact businesses in your community as well. Some of them are looking for organizations to donate to for tax purposes. Give them the chance to donate to the ALA and sponsor a girl to ALA MN Girls State. If you need help, contact a member of our ALA MN Girls State Committee. We are here to help you, your Unit, and your community, to give more young women this wonderful educational opportunity.

ALA MN Girls State can only be successful with the help of many American Legion Auxiliary volunteers who dedicate a week of their time to serve as City Counselors and our supporting staff services that are necessary for the week to be executed effectively. We know that time is valuable and are very grateful for those who are willing to serve as counselors/staff for the entire week. If you enjoy working with kids, can physically endure very long days (sometimes nights too!) and this opportunity interests you, please contact a member of the ALA MN Girls State Committee. We need more American Legion Auxiliary volunteers!

Follow and “Like” American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State on Facebook. Watch for us on Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat! We are moving in the direction of our young people and

the availability of immediate information. We need to make the general public aware of American Legion Auxiliary Minnesota Girls State, what we do and why it matters for the future leaders of our great country. Join us, share our posts & help us get the word out!

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