

2012 DELEGATE'S PACKET

Registration will be held in the South Residential Village, Nutmeg Hall, from 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. for those whose last names begin with A-L, and from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. for those with last names beginning with M-Z. At that time you will be assigned to a Town/City, party, and room. The first meal will be a light supper on Thursday evening. You must be in your LGS town/city by 4:00 p.m. for the beginning of the program. There is **NO EXCUSE FOR BEING LATE**. If you are driving yourself, you must turn your car keys in at registration.

At registration you will be given a keycard for identification and meals. You are responsible for it. The badge is the only means of going through the dining room. **A refundable room damage deposit of \$25 should be mailed in by June 12th to:**

**ALALGS
350 Deming St
South Windsor, CT 06074**

At departure, the deposit will be returned after a staff member has reviewed your room.

YOU ARE REMINDED TO BRING ALL MEDICATIONS PRESCRIBED BY YOUR PHYSICIAN. MEDICATIONS MUST BE CHECKED IN WITH OUR MEDICAL STAFF WHEN YOU ARRIVE AT LGS ON REGISTRATION DAY. MEDICAL PERSONNEL ARE IN ATTENDANCE AT ALL TIMES. EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY IS ONLY MINUTES AWAY FROM WINDHAM HOSPITAL IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES. EVERY EFFORT IS MADE TO SAFEGUARD OUR CITIZENS.

IT IS NOT ADVISABLE TO BRING A LARGE SUM OF MONEY. WE DO HAVE A STORE FOR ANY INCIDENTALS YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN. THE STORE WILL HAVE POSTED HOURS TO PURCHASE SNACKS, DRINKS AND LOGO CLOTHING ITEMS. PICTURES OF YOUR TOWN/CITY WILL BE TAKEN ON MONDAY. FOR \$10.00, YOU WILL RECEIVE A DVD OF THE WEEK IN PICTURES ALONG WITH THE TOWN PICTURE.

Because safety is a primary concern to the American Legion Auxiliary and its LGS Commission, citizens are not allowed to leave the ECSU campus. You are not allowed visitors. Parents are allowed to be spectators but are not allowed to take their daughters away from the program. The doors to the dorm will be locked at all times. The outer door to each suite will be locked but the individual bedroom doors will be unlocked. Once you see the dorm set up you will understand which doors are locked and which ones are unlocked.

Cell phones must be turned off during the sessions. There is more than ample time to make calls during the day and evening hours. If you are texting during sessions your phone will be taken and held by the senior counselor until the end of the session. These rules are very similar to the ones you follow at your high school.

sweater, jacket
rain gear
notebooks, pens and pencils
reading lamp
flashlight

robe
trash bags
pillow/pillow case
comfortable shoes
linens, blankets

THE DORM IS AIR CONDITIONED .

IF YOU INTEND TO BRING JEWELRY, PLEASE WEAR IT AT ALL TIMES. WE CANNOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VALUABLES LOST OR LEFT BEHIND.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS, IPADS, ETC. ARE NOT RECOMMENDED FOR THE SAME REASON AS VALUABLE JEWELRY. THEY ARE EXPENSIVE ITEMS AND WE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THEM. A computer room will be available with internet access.

EASTERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY IS A SMOKE FREE CAMPUS.

If you realize something is missing after the session is over, please call the American Legion Auxiliary Department Office in Rocky Hill at 860-616-2343. Every year we find fans, bedding, CDs and lots of other stuff. Give us a call. There's a good chance we found it.

The possession and/or use of drugs or alcohol will result in immediate dismissal. Any delegate found off campus will also be **REQUIRED** to leave. Harassment of any kind will not be tolerated. Rules will be explained at the first session in your town/city. The rules are not so intolerable that you cannot follow them for one week. Parents and your high school officials will be notified if there are any problems.

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LEGISLATIVE BILL WRITING

Below is a copy of a bill form. We are requesting all delegates come to Laurel Girls State with a preliminary bill. We do not expect a completed form since we will have speakers and staff available to help you put it into a final draft. However, we expect each delegate to come prepared with an idea and the necessary research in order to debate the bill.

The bills should be state topics and not federal topics. For example, if you are interested in health care, your bill could relate to the Husky plan which is a state plan but not to medicare which is a federal plan. Education topics within the state is appropriate but altering NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND is a federal plan.

The basic sections of a bill are the following:

- 1) Title - The title should be short so that it will be remembered. Avoid using a date to prevent confusion.
- 2) Write a bill that is within the authority of the legislative body. For example, a bill that prohibits trucking throughout Connecticut. While this looks like a state issue, it is interstate commerce and a federal issue. Keep the bills to a state level.
- 3) Use vocabulary as defined in the dictionary. If that is not possible or creates a problem, the word must be defined in the statute.
- 4) Include in the bill, the scope, the enforcement measures, any financial implications, and who is responsible.

This is not a difficult task, or at least it should not be. Have fun with an issue that is dear to your heart! We look forward to listening to the debates in the committees and on the floor of the House and Senate.

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LAUREL GIRLS STATE

BILL # _____

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY _____

REF. TO COMMITTEE ON _____

AN ACT CONCERNING _____

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED:

SECTION I:

SECTION II:

SECTION III:

SECTION IV:

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

SIGNED: _____
GOVERNOR, LAUREL GIRLS STATE

SAMPLE BILL FROM A PREVIOUS YEAR

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED:

SECTION I:

THERE IS TO BE NO SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES.

SECTION II:

THERE WILL BE A FINE OF \$150 FOR EACH OFFENSE.

SECTION III:

THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING A BEACH PATROL TO ENFORCE THE PROHIBITION OF SMOKING ON PUBLIC BEACHES.

SECTION IV:

THE ABOVE WILL BE ENACTED ON MAY 1, 2006.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE:

THIS BILL IS MEANT TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM SECOND HAND SMOKE AND BEAUTIFY PUBLIC BEACHES.

SIGNED _____
GOVERNOR, LAUREL GIRLS STATE