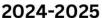


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GIRLS STATE PROGRAM





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Last Bulletin for the SCOTUS Interns from Ruth Bader Ginsberg!

Next Zoom: Monday, June 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

Time: Jun 2, 2025 07:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

 $\underline{https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7142722021?pwd=TERIN2pxd3VDeVNIQytSSStWTWw2Zz09\&omn=8465395}$

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Meeting ID: 714 272 2021 Passcode: GZv6QD

Unit ALA Girls State Chairperson to do list:

- Check the Website 2025 Reservation List for applications and fees submitted and received.
- Check Reservation and Application Report from Deana for any OVERDUE paperwork.
- Notify Allyn Kau, <u>alacagsdirector@gmail.com</u>, immediately if there are any changes in your Unit's Reservation.
 - If a Delegate drops and a 1st Alternate has already submitted an application, please notify the 1st Alternate and then email Allyn. She will move the Alternate's application to the Delegate's list.

Transportation:

- Delegates will receive an email with their specific bus drop-off and pick-up locations and times.
 If you want to know a delegate's transportation information, please ask your Delegate to forward their May 23 email to you. This will ensure that the Delegate has received the correct information specific to them. If you are sponsoring multiple schools, each Delegate may have different transportation information.
- When the parents drop off their daughter, there will be 2 bus chaperones there who have been background screened to accept their Delegate and then check them in and take their Arrival Medical Form. If the parents arrive early before the chaperones have arrived, they cannot leave until their daughter has been checked in by the chaperone. It would not be right for anyone but a chaperone to accept responsibility for the Delegate.
- When the buses arrive home, the parents have been called, and the girls are only released to an authorized parent or guardian with ID. If the parent has not yet arrived the bus waits (and makes the next stop late). A girl will NEVER be alone at a bus stop waiting for her parent/guardian.
- All chaperones are ALA Girls State staff. While some may be parents, they all go through the same vetting process with background screens before they become ALA Girls State staff with a specific job.

Other information

- Please check the <u>Website Reservation Form</u> to make sure you completed the mailing address form (Column E) and parents completed the pickup and travel consent form (Column L).
- Some of you may have access to handbooks or materials from previous years. Please do not share these with delegates as examples. Earlier handbooks will have outdated language and events. Any information about what happens at the session, should be distributed only by the Chief Counselor at <u>alacagschief@gmail.com</u>.

Samsung Scholarship

• Remind eligible students to submit the Samsung Scholarship application. The application must be received before the end of the first day of the Girls State session.

2025-2026 District and Unit Girls State Chairs

- If you will serve as 2025-2026 District and/or Unit ALA GS Chairs or if you know your replacement, please enter your contact information on the 2025-2026 District and Unit GS Chairs Sheet.
- o Information for 2024-2025 is in red text. When you enter information, or if the information is the same, please change the text color to black.
- o If you know people who want to receive our emails, please use the "Other Interested Volunteers" tab at the bottom of the page to enter their information.

Awards and Certificates for Delegates:

- This year we want all the Citizens to receive Recognition Certificates. We will discuss the
 different Certificates and Awards that are available to you for your Citizens. (Legislative
 Assembly/Senate, Auxiliary Certificate from Unit, Civic Engagement, City/County
- o If your Unit provides stoles for your Citizens, tell the girls not to buy one at the Girls State Store.

Display of Girls State Scrapbooks:

This year at Convention, I would like to present a display of Girls State Scrapbooks, old pictures, and memorabilia of the past sessions. Please check your archives for any old pictures, pictures of your first group of Delegates, etc. and label them with your Unit name and year if you know it. I do need to register our display at the Convention on June 25th, and I would like to know what you have ahead of time so I can plan the display. My email is alacagschair@gmail.com. Pictures can be emailed to me, and I will label and frame them. Please bring scrapbooks to the Convention so that you can take them home with you. Let me know if you will be bringing a scrapbook and the Year of the Session so I can plan.

Thank you in advance! I think our fellow Auxiliary members need to see how our program has progressed through the past 82 years!

First Zoom for 2025-2026:

- Monday, August 25th 6:00pm for new chairs, 7:00 pm for returning. We will discuss the best time to schedule our monthly Zoom meetings. With Clovis being the middle of August it will make it difficult to attend and plan to have our meeting before the end of the month.
- o I will send out the link for the August meeting in mid-August.

2025 GS Link List