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Dear Palmetto Girls State Delegate:

Welcome to Palmetto Girls State! We, the members of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of South Carolina, are excited that you will attend this exceptional program known as Palmetto Girls State. We believe that you are about to partake in one of the greatest opportunities available to young ladies in high school, and we hope that your time at Palmetto Girls State will be a truly remarkable experience. Your selection to attend Palmetto Girls State is an honor and is a result of who you are. For you to have been nominated and selected to attend Palmetto Girls State, someone believes that you are a special individual and that you are a leader in your school and community. Your attendance at Palmetto Girls State offers you the opportunity to participate in mock political activities on the city, county, and state levels of government and to develop relationships with other young leaders from across the State of South Carolina.

Girls State is a program developed and sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. The South Carolina version of the Girls State program is Palmetto Girls State, which is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of South Carolina. Palmetto Girls State, like similar Girls State programs being conducted across the nation, is a program in government, Americanism, and citizenship. As a program of the American Legion Auxiliary, Palmetto Girls State operates under the tenets and principles of the American Legion Auxiliary. At Palmetto Girls State, we respect the Constitution of the United States, as well as the Constitution of South Carolina, and we respect and salute the flags of the United States of America and South Carolina. Girls State also recognizes the history and importance of "God and Country," and morning invocations and evening vesper services (sessions of devotion and reflection) are held daily at Palmetto Girls State. All in attendance at Palmetto Girls State are expected to participate in these daily activities and observances.

To achieve all that Palmetto Girls State has to offer requires only desire and enthusiasm on your part. Palmetto Girls State is not a summer camp designed solely for your entertainment and relaxation. To reap all that Palmetto Girls State has to offer, you must make a commitment to being involved and to participating in the activities of the week. As you give of your best while participating in the activities and mock governmental campaigns and elections in the mythical state of "Palmetto," you will learn not only of our government and the political process, but you will learn much of yourself, will make new friends, and will have an enjoyable experience. Palmetto Girls State has the potential to be an unforgettable and rewarding experience, as well as an inspiration for years to come, but only if you want it to be.

This year's session of Palmetto Girls State will take place from **June 12 – 18, 2011**, and will be held on the campus of Presbyterian College in Clinton, South Carolina. The address of Presbyterian College is 503 South Broad Street, Clinton, South Carolina. Directions to the campus and a campus map are included with this information packet. We look forward to June 12 and your arrival at Presbyterian College. **Registration for Palmetto Girls State will be held between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. (noon) on Sunday, June 12. Plan to arrive at Presbyterian College during this registration period.**

Upon arrival at Palmetto Girls State and Presbyterian College, there will be luggage-drop areas near each dorm. Please make sure that all luggage, bags, cosmetic cases, etc. are clearly marked with the delegate's name. Each delegate should proceed to her assigned dorm to unload luggage and then proceed to the registration area for her dorm. (NOTE: Room assignments will be mailed to all delegates on or about June 1.) A campus map and directions to Presbyterian College are available in this information packet. Cars will be allowed to stop and unload luggage near each dorm, but parking near the dorms is limited. If for some reason, extended parking is needed, cars may be moved to areas away from the immediate area of unloading and registration. Staff members will be available near the dorms to direct you to the appropriate parking areas. After unloading luggage, delegates will proceed to the registration area assigned for their dorm. **At registration, delegates will need to present (1) the \$30.00 registration fee, (2) the \$40.00 room key/dorm access card deposit (These fees are separate; therefore, please have the exact amount in cash for each of these fees. No checks or credit cards are accepted for these fees.), (3) the completed medical record and consent form, (4) the completed waiver of claim form, (5) the completed insurance information/permission to travel form, (6) a signed Girls State pledge, (7) completed "Bio/Media Information" sheet, (8) completed Release of name and address sheet, and (9) (if applicable) the completed Samsung scholarship application.** If you elect to register for optional college credit, you should register for the class prior to arrival at Palmetto Girls State by using the on-line registration at www.ed190.com.

After completing the registration process, each delegate may move her belongings into her assigned room. Each delegate is responsible for carrying her luggage to her room. Please be aware that only Girls State delegates and Girls State Staff are permitted in the living areas of the dorms. Neither parents nor friends are allowed into the living areas of the dorms. Let me repeat for emphasis: each delegate is responsible for transporting her luggage and belongings to her room. Therefore, each delegate should pack knowing that she alone is responsible for carrying all luggage and belongings to her room.

We expect approximately 550 delegates for this year's session of Palmetto Girls State, and moving that many people with luggage takes time. Overcrowding and congestion are inevitable. Please be patient. You can assist in avoiding congestion by arriving early, by limiting good-byes with family, and most importantly by being prepared for registration with all forms completed and the exact money needed to register. Also, when packing, you should consider the fact that you are responsible for moving your own luggage to your room and limit the amount of luggage you have.

After check-in, you may use any free time to unpack, get your room straight, and to eat lunch in the Presbyterian College cafeteria. You may also use the time to meet others on your floor and help others as they arrive. Lunch will be available for Girls State participants only on Sunday, June 12, 2011. If you do not plan on eating lunch at Palmetto Girls State, then please eat prior to arrival. (But note the 12:00

P.M. (noon) arrival deadline.) Once you check-in at Palmetto Girls State, you are not to leave, even to go out to eat with family members. Meetings within each city and then the first assembly are scheduled to begin after lunch on June 12, and all delegates are expected to be present.

DO NOT BRING VALUABLE OR IRREPLACEABLE JEWELRY OR LARGE AMOUNTS OF MONEY. YOU WILL BE ISSUED A ROOM KEY WITH WHICH YOU MAY LOCK YOUR ROOM, BUT NEITHER PALMETTO GIRLS STATE NOR PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE ASSUMES RESPONSIBILITY OR LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE TO PERSONAL EFFECTS OR PROPERTY. During your stay at Palmetto Girls State, you are asked to lock your room, but even though you may secure your room, you still should not bring valuable belongings or large sums of money. There is an ATM located on campus should additional cash be needed.

A non-refundable registration fee of \$30.00 is required from each participant. Also, a deposit of \$40.00 for your room key and dorm access card is required. This room key/dorm access card deposit will be refunded on Saturday morning after a room check and after you return the room key and dorm access card at checkout. Should you fail to return the room key and/or the dorm access card, you will not receive your deposit, and you will be charged any additional costs associated with replacing the dorm access card and/or replacing the lock on the room. NOTE: Charges for missing keys and dorm access cards are assessed to Girls State when the Girls State office checks out on Saturday, June 18. Therefore, delegates cannot return the dorm key or dorm access card by mail. Missing keys and dorm access cards must be paid for before delegates depart campus.

DELEGATES MAY NOT HAVE PERSONAL CARS AT PALMETTO GIRLS STATE. Delegates are responsible for arranging transportation to and from Palmetto Girls State. Please observe the registration times of 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 12. On Saturday, June 18, we will dismiss at approximately 11:00 a.m.; please make arrangements to depart campus no later than 12:30 p.m. on June 18. There is no lunch service on campus on Saturday, June 18.

Each delegate and her parents should carefully review this letter and the enclosures accompanying this letter. Attendance at Palmetto Girls State is a privilege. Every delegate is expected and required to abide by the rules of the program, including adherence to the dress code that is prescribed for Palmetto Girls State. The dress code is explained in detail on page 7, paragraph 21, which follows, and in the "What to Bring With You" section on pages 8 – 9.

We look forward to meeting you and having you in attendance at the 65th Palmetto Girls State.

Sincerely,



Florence P. Belser
Director, Palmetto Girls State

INFORMATION FOR DELEGATES TO PALMETTO GIRLS STATE

1. **Arrival time is 9:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. (noon) on Sunday, June 12, 2011.** Please observe these arrival times.
2. **Delegates are not allowed to have personal cars at Palmetto Girls State.** Delegates and their families are responsible for arranging transportation to and from Presbyterian College. Please observe the times for registration on Sunday, June 12, and the time to depart campus on Saturday, June 18. (See paragraphs 1 above and 5 below.)
3. Room assignments will be mailed to all delegates approximately one (1) week prior to June 12. Delegates will be advised of their room assignments, assigned registration places for each dorm, and given directions to the registration locations. Directions to Presbyterian College and a campus map are included in this information packet.
4. On arrival day, parking will be monitored in the areas near the dorms. Cars may only park in these areas in order to unload luggage at designated areas. After dropping off luggage, each delegate should proceed to the registration area for her assigned dorm to register. If parents must park and leave cars for any reason, cars must be moved away from the luggage drop-off areas. There is no extended parking in the luggage drop area as we are trying to have an accessible area for arrivals to drop-off luggage. Once family members have ascertained that the delegate has registered or has all necessary registration materials, fees, and belongings, then family members should make their goodbyes and allow the delegate to begin her Girls State experience. Good-byes with family should be made quickly, and then family should leave to clear the way for other arrivals.
5. On Saturday, June 18, 2011, delegates will be dismissed to leave after the assembly and ceremony. This should be at approximately 11:00 A.M. Please arrange to depart campus no later than 12:30 P.M. There will be no lunch service on campus for Palmetto Girls State on Saturday, June 18.
6. Delegates are expected to remain in attendance at PGS for the entire week. However, each year some delegates seek permission to leave early. Permission to leave early should be requested and obtained prior to arrival at Girls State on Sunday, June 12. Any delegate requesting to leave the program early should contact the Unit sponsoring the delegate and ask the Unit to contact Girls State personnel. Girls State personnel will not approve early departure without the sponsoring Unit requesting such permission. Further, early departures must be arranged and scheduled to fit within the Girls State schedule. Please be advised, however, that the Constitution of Palmetto Girls State provides in Article VIII that “Each citizen **completing the course of study and activities** of Palmetto Girls State shall receive a Certificate of Merit and a charm.” Therefore, charms and certificates are awarded at the end of the program to those delegates who are present to receive them at the graduation ceremony.
7. **Please clearly mark all bags, suitcases, cosmetic cases, etc. with name and address.** Luggage will be deposited at the luggage-drop areas near each dorm. After registration, each delegate is responsible for moving her luggage to her room. Many bags and packages look alike and could be picked up by mistake. If items are not marked with a delegate’s name, it may be impossible to determine the correct owner or items.

8. **Visitors are not allowed at Palmetto Girls State.** We follow a tight schedule at Palmetto Girls State. We have neither the time nor the space for visitors (this pertains to both family and any other persons who may want to visit). Please do not “drop by” to see your daughter or encourage others to do so. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this regard.
9. Should someone need to deliver a package to a delegate, the package or delivery should be delivered to the Palmetto Girls State office located on the first floor of Senior Hall. Please make sure that the delivery is clearly marked with the delegate’s name, and if known, her room assignment. The office personnel will contact the delegate to let her know she has a package. Please DO NOT make deliveries directly to the delegate’s dorm, and please do not try to arrange to meet with the delegate.
10. **Only participants of Palmetto Girls State (delegates, counselors, and staff members), designated staff or officials of Presbyterian College, or a person or persons with the permission of the Director are allowed in the dorms during the time Palmetto Girls State is in session.** Violation of this policy may result in dismissal from Palmetto Girls State.
11. Phone jacks are available in each dorm room. Delegates must provide the telephone in order to use the landline in the dorm room. Delegates may make local, collect, or credit card calls from their rooms. Delegates can request the telephone number to her assigned room after arrival. Please inform potential callers not to leave messages on any voice mail service which may be activated on the phone, as we will not have access codes to retrieve messages from the voice mail system.
12. Delegates may use cell phones in the dorms and after dismissal from scheduled activities for the day. Cell phone use (including calls, texting, emails, games, or any other use or application) is not allowed during assemblies, meetings, or other scheduled activities. Palmetto Girls State is an educational program and should be respected as an educational program. Use of cell phones, smart phones, PDAs, and other electronic devices during meetings and/or assemblies may result in dismissal from Palmetto Girls State. Further, delegates are expected to attend to Palmetto Girls State activities before responding to phone calls, texts, emails, etc. Cell phone use should not disrupt the activities of Palmetto Girls State, and cell phone use should not be loud, annoying, inconvenient, or otherwise bothersome of others. Delegates are expected to restrict cell phone usage (talking, texting, gaming, etc.) to free times and to not allow cell phone use to be disruptive.
13. Meals will be provided in the dining hall. In addition, snacks are available from vending machines and the Girls State canteen. You may want also want to bring snacks for nightly sessions with friends. However, take out food deliveries are not allowed. This applies to deliveries from take-out places or from friends or family. Parents, please respect our position in this regard.
14. **Do not bring valuable or irreplaceable items such as jewelry, large sums of cash, computers, etc. Neither Palmetto Girls State nor Presbyterian College assumes responsibility or liability for lost or missing items.** Please exercise discretion with any sentimental items. If in doubt, leave the item at home. While we urge everyone to keep their rooms locked, there may be times when you leave your room open. The best safeguard is to leave valuables at home.

15. **REMEMBER THE \$30.00 REGISTRATION FEE AND \$40.00 ROOM KEY/DORM ACCESS CARD DEPOSIT.** Please bring the exact amounts in cash– i.e. three (3) twenty dollar bills and one (1) ten dollar bills or any combination where you have exactly \$40.00 and \$30.00. These fees are accounted for separately and are maintained separately. **Cash is required – NO checks, money orders, credit cards, or debit cards are accepted for payment of these fees at registration.** The Room Key/Dorm Access Card deposit will be returned on Saturday, June 18 provided the room key and dorm access card are returned. If the room key or dorm access card or both are not returned prior to leaving on Saturday, June 18, then the delegate not returning these items is responsible for paying the charges levied by Presbyterian College to cover the costs of replacing the dorm access card or of changing the lock to the room. If the deposit does not cover the replacement charges levied by Presbyterian College, the delegate is responsible for any additional amount that Presbyterian College requires to replace the room key and the dorm access card.
16. Each delegate will be provided two (2) Palmetto Girls State T-shirts (white with blue lettering) and one T-shirt designating her party affiliation for the week (either yellow or blue). Delegates are expected to wear a Palmetto Girls State T-shirt daily. Additionally, extra T-shirts and other souvenirs will be available for purchase in the PGS Store. T-shirts range in price from \$10.00 – \$25.00. Other souvenir items are also available in the Palmetto Girls State store. Credit cards or debit cards may be used for purchases in the PGS Store; however, checks are not accepted in the store.
17. Please read the Palmetto Girls State Pledge before signing. Each delegate is expected to abide by the pledge as it is written. **PLEASE REALIZE THAT VIOLATION OF THE PLEDGE OR OF THE RULES OF PALMETTO GIRLS STATE MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM PALMETTO GIRLS STATE. ADDITIONALLY, VIOLATION OF THE RULES OF PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE OR DAMAGES TO PROPERTY OR ANOTHER PERSON'S BELONGINGS MAY RESULT IN DISMISSAL FROM PALMETTO GIRLS STATE.**
18. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE AND/OR PALMETTO GIRLS STATE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO ENTER ROOMS AT ANY TIME FOR PURPOSES OF MANAGEMENT, SAFETY, HEALTH, AND MAINTENANCE, OR TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE RULES, REGULATIONS, AND STATE LAW. Please be further advised that Palmetto Girls State supports Presbyterian College in this regard and will assist Presbyterian College as needed. **Possession of (1) fireworks, firearms, air guns, other weapons (knives, daggers, etc.) or (2) illegal drugs or alcohol are prohibited and will result in immediate dismissal from Palmetto Girls State.** Presbyterian College has a non-smoking policy and violation of that policy will result in immediate dismissal from Palmetto Girls State. ALL dorms and dorm rooms at Presbyterian College are non-smoking buildings and rooms. **Smoking in the dorms or the dorm rooms will result in immediate dismissal from the program.** Also, no candles, incense, or other flame producing or flammable materials are to be used in the dorm rooms. Violation of this provision will result in dismissal from the program.
19. Each person in attendance at Palmetto Girls State is responsible for her own actions. Any damages caused to Presbyterian College property, or Palmetto Girls State property, will be assessed to the party(ies) causing such damage. Intentional acts causing damages to property could result in dismissal from the program.
20. Palmetto Girls State will have a staff member available for simple “nursing” duties, such as band-aids, aspirin, and Pepto-Bismol. We will also rely on “doctor’s care” facilities or a local hospital’s emergency

room. All costs and charges incurred for medical care or medical treatment are the responsibility of the delegate's parent(s) or guardian(s).

21. DRESS CODE: Throughout the week we have numerous dignitaries who visit Palmetto Girls State. All participants are expected to adhere to proper dress and to the dress code. The dress code for Palmetto Girls State is as follows:

- For normal daily activities at Palmetto Girls State, delegates are expected to wear a white Girls State T-shirt with appropriate skirt, slacks, skorts, or shorts. (**IMPORTANT: Shorts may not be worn on our trip to Columbia. Also, blue jeans (pants or Capris) may not be worn on the trip to Columbia. Delegates should bring a skirt or slacks (not blue jeans) to wear for the trip to Columbia.)
- Appropriate skirt, slacks, skorts, or shorts means neat clothing (with no words or lettering and not tattered or containing holes) of the length specified in this dress code.
 - Skirts – The hem of skirts must be at least one (1) inch below the fingertips when standing naturally with the arms by the side and fingertips extended. (This length also applies for dresses when dresses may be worn.)
 - Shorts – Shorts must be knee-length. This means that for shorts to be of acceptable length, the shorts must be to the knee, and accordingly, the hem is well below the fingertips. Bermuda shorts which reach the knee are acceptable. Shorts above the fingertips, at the fingertips, or just below the fingertips are not acceptable. Short shorts, cut-offs, ragged or “holey” clothing, bike shorts, athletic shorts, nylons, shorts with writing/slogans, team apparel are not acceptable.
 - Slacks/pants – Slacks may be ankle length or Capri length. (Note: Capri length is well below the knee.)
- Some activities (such as the Tea and Banquet) will require a dress, suit, skirt outfit, or nice pant suit. Please refer to the “Checklist of Needed Items” for specifics on what to bring.
- Dresses (when appropriate), slacks, skirts, skorts, and shorts must be neat and of the length stated herein. The hem of dresses and skirts must be at least one (1) inch below the fingertips when standing naturally with the arms by the side and fingertips extended.
- Clothing with obscene or suggestive slogans, words, writings, etc are not appropriate at Palmetto Girls State and should be worn at any time.
- Athletic shorts and clothing are not permitted during normal daily activities but may be worn during city competitions and for lounging after hours in the dorms.
- Tattered or torn shoes and rubber flip flops are not acceptable footwear. Additionally, please do not wear shoes with “spike” heels. We do not want to mar the floors of the areas we use for meetings.
- PALMETTO GIRLS STATE IS A VOLUNTARY ACTIVITY AND ATTENDANCE AT THE PROGRAM INDICATES ACQUIESCENCE WITH THE RULES. FURTHER, ATTENDANCE IS A PRIVILEGE, NOT A RIGHT, AND ANYONE WANTING TO ATTEND THE PROGRAM MUST ABIDE BY THE RULES – INCLUDING THE DRESS CODE. The dress code will not be debated. This is the dress code, and we require that all delegates will abide by this dress code.

22. Mail may be sent to delegates attending Palmetto Girls State. Mail should be addressed as follows: NAME OF DELEGATE, Palmetto Girls State, c/o Presbyterian College, 503 South Broad Street, Clinton, SC 29325. DO NOT HAVE MAIL SENT TO THE ADDRESS ON THE LETTERHEAD. Because mail coming into Palmetto

Girls State is routed through Presbyterian College's mail room, please advise anyone who may send you mail not to send anything after Wednesday, or you may not receive it.

WHAT TO BRING WITH YOU

1. Appropriate clothes that meet the dress code. For normal activities, Sunday through Saturday, each delegate will wear a Girls State shirt. Each delegate will be supplied with two (2) white Girls State T-shirts and one (1) blue or yellow T-shirt depending on party assignment. (These are the only approved T-shirts that may be worn for assemblies.) (Extra delegate shirts may be purchased in the PGS store.) Keep in mind that you will wear the Girls State shirt everyday. Slacks (including Capri pants), skirts, skorts, and shorts may be worn with the Girls State shirts for on campus activities. (NOTE: Shorts must be knee-length, and skirts, skorts, and dresses when appropriate must be at least an inch below the fingertips.) Please refer to the dress code in paragraph 21 of the "Information for Delegates" page (7 of 9) for a description of what constitutes acceptable clothing.
 - A light sweater or jacket. Meeting rooms are sometimes cool.
 - Raincoat and/or umbrella. We walk – rain or shine.
 - A dress, suit, or skirt outfit (church-type attire) for the tea on Thursday afternoon. Appropriate shoes are also needed to wear with the dress. The Tea is held at the President's House at Presbyterian College. Rubber flip flops, reef shoes, rainbows, or tattered/torn shoes are not appropriate footwear to wear to the Tea.
 - A dressy outfit and appropriate shoes for the farewell banquet on Friday night. A church-type dress, suit, skirt outfit, or dressy pant suit is appropriate. Prom dresses or formal dresses are **NOT** needed for this event. Rubber flip flops, reef shoes, rainbows, or tattered/torn shoes are not appropriate footwear to wear to the banquet.
 - Comfortable shoes for daily wear. We walk a lot. This is not the time to break in a new pair of shoes. We also suggest delegates bring a pair of athletic or thick soled shoes to wear in the parade on Friday. Athletic shoes will also be needed for city competitions. Please no spike heels for daily wear. We do want spike heels to mar the floor of meeting rooms with wooden floors.
 - Appropriate length skirt or slacks for the parade in Columbia -- On Friday for the parade and joint inauguration with Palmetto Boys State, it is requested that each delegate have a navy blue (or black or other dark colored) skirt or slacks. Navy or dark color is only requested, and if you do not have an acceptable length skirt or slacks, any color is acceptable. Shorts (of any type or material) and blue jeans (regardless of the length – i.e. pants, Capri length, or shorts) are not permitted for our off campus visit to Columbia for the parade, inauguration with Boys State, and visit to the State House. Skirts must be of appropriate length as described in the dress code. Be advised that delegates will be sitting on the steps of the State House during the inauguration ceremony. Seating is crowded. Past experience has proven that tight skirts and short skirts will result in a very uncomfortable time. (Navy skirts, while not required, are available through many mail order clothing stores such as LL Bean, Eddie Bauer, and Lands End and may also be found at school uniform supply stores.)
RECAP: Shorts and blue jeans are not acceptable attire for our trip to Columbia for the parade, inauguration, and visit to the State House. Therefore, every delegate should bring at least one skirt or pair of slacks which meets the dress code. A skort of appropriate length is acceptable for the trip to Columbia, provided the skort has flaps on the front and back and looks like a skirt.
 - Undergarments, socks, hose, etc.

- Casual clothing –jeans, shorts, and shirts – for after hours. (These items may be worn after the daily activities are concluded.) Please do not bring clothing with offensive or obscene slogans or words; clothes with offensive or obscene words are not acceptable at any time.
2. Cosmetics, toiletries and personal items – toothbrush, toothpaste, brush, soap, shampoo, any personal items which you regularly use, and those items needed for monthly period. Also any prescription or regular medication.
 3. Linens for a bed (sheets and pillow case), blanket, and pillow. Also towels and washcloths. NOTE: The beds in some dorms are regular single beds, and the beds in other dorms are single extra long. A list of the type beds in each dorm will be included in the letter providing the room assignment.
 4. Shower shoes – Some dorms have hall/community baths. Shower shoes will be needed for trips to the shower. For those assigned to the dorms with the hall/community baths, girls may want to bring a small pail or plastic tote to carry soap, shampoo, toothbrush, etc. to and from the bath.
 5. Alarm clock, camera, film, radio, change for canteen and vending machines, some spending money. (A large amount of money is not needed. We will have extra T-shirts and souvenirs in the PGS store, and drinks and snacks in the PGS canteen. Also, be advised there is an ATM on campus.) Please label cameras with name; every year, we have lost cameras.
 6. If there has been any publicity in your local paper or school paper about your selection as a delegate to PGS, please bring that article for inclusion in the 2011 PGS scrapbook.
 7. Registration materials –
 - completed forms – (1) medical record and consent form; (2) waiver of claim; (3) insurance information/permission to travel form; (4) PGS Citizen Pledge; (5) bio/media info sheet; (6) name and address release; and (7) Samsung scholarship – if applicable. If interested in participating in the class for college credit hours, please register for that class before arriving at Palmetto Girls State.
 - \$30.00 PGS registration fee; and
 - \$40.00 room key/dorm access card deposit. (Exact amounts for these two fees are required. No credit cards and no checks are accepted for these two fees.)

DO NOT BRING:

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| 1. Alcohol | 4. Weapons (including pocket knives) or fireworks |
| 2. Tobacco | 5. Campaign materials |
| 3. Illegal drugs | 6. Candles, incense, or other items requiring burning. |

Although most people realize these above-listed 6 items are inappropriate at Palmetto Girls State, we just want to make sure that everyone understands that these items are not allowed.

THIS CHECKLIST IS NOT INTENDED TO BE ALL INCLUSIVE. IT IS INTENDED TO AID YOU IN PREPARING FOR PALMETTO GIRLS STATE. IF YOU HAVE A SPECIAL NEED, THEN PLEASE REMEMBER TO INCLUDE IT!



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INFORMATION ON SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

May 2011

Dear Girls State Delegate:

In 1996, Samsung Corporation of South Korea, a worldwide leader in electronics, endowed a scholarship fund to provide scholarships to descendants of U.S. wartime veterans. This endowment was made to show appreciation to U.S. veterans who came to the aid of Korea during its struggle against communist forces during the Korean War.

Samsung has asked The American Legion to administer this scholarship program. Palmetto Girls State is working with The American Legion National Headquarters to provide information on the Samsung American Legion Scholarship Applications to those individuals participating in Palmetto Girls State. The scholarship may be used for undergraduate study only at an accredited U.S. college or university. To date, the Samsung American Legion Scholarship program has awarded more than \$4 million to nearly 1,400 applicants. In 2010, ten (10) students nationally each received a \$20,000 scholarship.

Eligibility for these scholarships is limited to high school juniors who participate in and complete either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and who are direct descendants of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. (For purposes of the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, direct descendant is defined as direct lineage, i.e. child, grandchild, or great-grandchild, or legally adopted children. Step-children are not eligible for this scholarship.)

Only participants in Girls State and Boys State programs who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans are eligible to compete for these scholarships. Each Girls State and Boys State program will select one application to submit to the national level for judging. **Of the applications submitted at Palmetto Girls State, one (1) application will be selected to compete on the national level for one of the scholarships to be awarded.**

IMPORTANT: The Samsung American Legion Scholarship is seven (7) pages in length. Some thought and work are required to complete the application. In addition to the applicant's work on the application, school personnel must complete a section of the application and documentation showing a relative's military service must be attached. Begin work on the application as soon as possible.

If you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, download the application from either The American Legion website or the Palmetto Girls State website, complete the application, attach the required veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty, and submit the completed application with documentation of the veteran's service upon registration at Palmetto Girls State on June 12, 2011. If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, contact your local Veterans Service Officer (a Veterans Service Officer is located in each county in South Carolina). Begin work on locating these documents immediately as it may take some time to receive the required documentation.

For applications to be considered, completed applications with all required documents, signatures, and information must be submitted at registration at Palmetto Girls State on Sunday, June 12, 2011. (Please note that this deadline will be strictly enforced.) Applications must be typed. FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE APPLICATION. If you are interested in applying for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship, begin work on the application at once. The required documentation, signatures, and certifications may take some time to acquire.

The application is available on the Palmetto Girls State website at www.palmettogirlsstate.net . In addition, the application file may be found at the website of The American Legion at www.legion.org . On The American Legion's website, look under "How We Serve" just to the right of the Legion Emblem and then "Scholarships" in the drop down box. That will download a page describing various scholarships; scroll down the page to "Samsung American Legion Scholarship." The application is available in a PDF file in Adobe Acrobat in a version which allows the student to save her work.

Good luck.



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TO: Palmetto Girls State Delegates

RE: College Credit

How would you like to get a head start on your collegiate career while maximizing your experience at Girls/Boys State? Clemson University has partnered with **The ACE Network** and the Palmetto Girls State program to offer you college credit in conjunction with your participation this year. The course, titled *Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service (ED 190)*, is a three credit hour course which can be transferred as elective credit to any university that you choose to attend. Understandably, accepted credit is a decision ultimately made by each specific institution. The ACE Network was founded by Girls State and Boys State programs throughout the nation simply to accomplish its namesake purpose to “*Advance Citizenship Experiences*” of Girls and Boys State participants in every state. This affordable and quality college course is one of the key proud accomplishments for this organization. Over 1200 rising high school seniors just like you have taken advantage of this opportunity in the last four years. It is solely offered to Girls and Boys State “citizens.”

Clemson University has continued its climb among the nation’s best public institutions by placing 23rd in the annual ranking by U.S.NEWS & WORLD REPORT. As part of this partnership, Clemson University is offering the **3 credit course for only \$270**. This rate was negotiated down to less than one fifth of the current rate for South Carolina resident students for a 3-hour undergraduate class (\$1,404). In order to meet the requirements of this course, you must fully participate in the Palmetto Girls State Program as well as participate in the online course procedures. Some of the course expectations and assignments will be completed by you during the session while other requirements and assignments will be completed via distance education after you return home. Participation in the course will not detract from nor remove you from participation in any part of the program during the week. A course syllabus and other information can be found at the following link: www.ed190.com. **Please download a copy of the syllabus and review the requirements for the course.**

In order to register for the course, simply access the external website listed above. You may pay on-line using the secured **PayPal** feature. Or, you may complete the application form on the back of this letter and submit your payment via check to:

**The ACE Network
PO BOX 2243
Greenville, SC 29602**

To participate in the college course, you should complete course registration and payment before or during Girls/Boys State registration. All coursework must be completed by July 29th and grades will be posted at the conclusion of the Summer II session (August 12, 2011).

If you or your parents have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact The ACE Network at the web site above or call at **(864) 884-7988**. Whether or not you choose to enroll in the course, I know that your week at Palmetto Girls State will be most rewarding.

Sincerely,

Cean Irvin