

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 2 white Girls State shirts and 1 blue or yellow shirt depending on party assignment. (These are the only approved T-shirts that may be worn for assemblies.) Additional shirts may be purchased. 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. (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 dress code in paragraph 21 of the "Information for Delegates" page 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 or suit (church-type attire) for the tea on Wednesday afternoon. Appropriate shoes are also needed to wear with the dress. The Tea is held at the Governor's Mansion. Rubber flip flops, reef shoes, rainbows, or tattered/torn shoes are not appropriate footwear to wear to the Tea.
 - Comfortable shoes for daily wear. We walk a lot. This is not the time to break in a new pair of shoes. Also bring a pair of athletic or thick soled shoes to wear in the parade on Friday. Please no spike heels for daily wear. We hold many sessions in the gym and do not want to wear spike heels which could mar the basketball court.
 - 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. Blue Jeans, denim pants, and shorts are not permitted for off campus visits such as the inauguration with Boys State and visits to the State House and the Governor's Mansion. 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 skirts that are too short 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.)

NOTE: Shorts and blue jeans are not acceptable attire for our trips off campus to the State House, Governor's Mansion, or other visits off campus. Further, any delegate elected as a Constitutional Officer, member of the House of Representatives or Senate, or appointed to the Girls State Supreme Court or Court of Appeals, will need to wear slacks or a skirt (NOT shorts) on visits associated with those offices. Therefore, every delegate should bring at least one skirt or pair of slacks (ankle length slacks– not shorts) which meets the dress code. A skirt of appropriate length is acceptable if it 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. Any prescription or regular medication.
3. A set of linens for a single bed (sheets and pillow case), blanket, and pillow. Also towels and washcloths.
4. Alarm clock, camera, film, radio, items needed for talent/stunt show, change for vending machines and washing machines, some spending money (but a large amount of money is not needed.) Please label cameras with name as every year we end have lost cameras.
5. 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 2009 PGS scrapbook.
6. Registration materials – completed forms (medical record and consent form; waiver of claim; insurance information/permission to travel form; PGS Citizen Pledge; bio/media info sheet; name and address release; Samsung scholarship – if applicable; and registration form for college credit with registration fee – if applicable); \$25.00 PGS registration fee; and \$25.00 room key/dorm access card deposit.

DO NOT BRING:

1. Alcohol
2. Tobacco
3. Illegal drugs
4. Weapons (including pocket knives) or fireworks
5. Campaign materials
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!

DIRECTIONS UPON ARRIVAL AT PGS

Please refer to the assigned room number to determine where to go upon arrival at PGS. (Room assignments will be mailed to delegates on or about June 1.) The letter at the beginning of the room number indicates the dorm in which the room is located. The letter "A" indicates Asbury Hall, "M" indicates Mirse Hall, "W" indicates Wesley Hall, and "H" indicates Hudson Hall.

Directions to the Columbia College campus and a campus map are included in this mailing. Please refer to those directions and map to locate the dorm to which you are assigned. Each dorm is denoted on the map with the first letter of the dorm name.

To reach Asbury Hall, turn onto Clarendon St. from N. Main Street. Clarendon St. runs along the outer edge of the Columbia College campus. From Clarendon St., turn right into the campus onto Russell Ave. Asbury Hall will be at the next corner on the right.

To reach Mirse Hall, Wesley Hall, or Hudson Hall, turn onto Columbia College Drive from North Main Street. Columbia College Drive goes in front of the main entrance to Columbia College. Turn left and enter the campus through the main gate. Once on campus, bear to the left (Cottingham Theatre will be on the left). This drive will circle in front of Hudson Hall, Wesley Hall, and Mirse Hall. All of these dorms will be on the right side of the drive as you proceed.

Luggage drop areas will be located in front of each dorm. Parking will be limited to no more than 5 minutes in front of the dorms. Unload luggage and remove cars from the area in front of the dorm. After cars are removed from the luggage drop areas, delegates may proceed into the dorms to register. Please do not attempt to register and then move cars; we need to make room for other people arriving.

Family and friends should limit goodbyes and leave as soon as the delegate has unloaded her belongings. Space is limited, and room must be made for later arrivals. Only delegates (and staff of Palmetto Girls State) are allowed into the dorms. Delegates are responsible for carrying their own luggage to their rooms. There is no need for family and friends to stay to help because access to the dorms is restricted. It is actually best if parents and friends unload cars at the luggage drop areas and then leave. **Parents are encouraged to make sure that the delegate has all required registration materials and fees before departing Columbia College.** Please note that copying facilities are not available at registration; therefore, make sure that the delegate brings all required forms and copies.

Because luggage is unloaded in a drop area, **please make sure that all bags and belongings have the delegate's name conspicuously marked on them.** Bags and packages often look similar and may be picked up by mistake. Additionally, bags are often forgotten or set to the side. If bags, luggage, and packages are not marked with the delegate's name, it will be difficult or impossible to find the correct owner of the item.

After unloading luggage, delegates will proceed into their respective dorms to register. **At registration, delegates should be prepared to hand in all forms from this mailing** (medical record and consent form; waiver of claim; insurance information/permission to travel form; PGS Citizen Pledge; bio/media info sheet; name and address release; Samsung scholarship – if applicable; and registration form for college credit with registration fee – if applicable). **Please make sure that all forms are completed with required documentation prior to arrival at Palmetto Girls State. There will be no access to copy machines at registration; therefore, make required copies before arrival.** Delegates will also pay the \$25 registration fee and \$25 room key/dorm access card deposit. Delegates will receive their room key, name badge, and packet of information. Name badges must be worn for admittance to the dorm and for admittance to lunch.

After registration, delegates will be responsible for taking their luggage to their respective rooms and will meet counselors assigned to each floor. Counselors will provide additional information to the delegates.

Any delegate choosing to seek college credit for the experience of Palmetto Girls State (see information enclosed in this mailing), will need to register for the course offered through Clemson University. Registration is available on-line before June 7. On-line registration is strongly encouraged. Any delegate wishing to participate in the course with the opportunity to earn 3 hours college credit must register for the class before 12:00 noon on Sunday, June 7.