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Still Accepting 2021 Reservations!

Zoom Practice – Saturday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m.

78th Session will be held virtually June 28th-July 3rd

Hello Fellow Suffragettes!

Thank you for your patience! As you can imagine, planning an ALA CA Girls State session in the midst of a pandemic is quite a process. We needed time after our Committee Meeting to gather additional information we never before needed for our budget. We held a follow-up meeting last Saturday to approve our budget, and now we are ready to move forward planning our 78th Session which will be held virtually June 28th - July 3rd! Unit Information Packets are ready for distribution and will be available at http://calegionaux.org/girls_state.htm.

Fees – For the virtual 78th Session, there will only be a \$50 registration fee collected for each Delegate; there will be no enrollment fee. As in previous years, sponsoring Units decide how to collect the non-refundable registration fee. Some Units choose to have the delegate pay the entire registration fee. Other Units reimburse the delegate after the session to encourage the delegate to participate fully during the entire session. Delegates who complete the session will receive an ALA Girls State Pin and Certificate. Other merchandise will be available for purchase at <https://shopcagirlsstate.com>.

Resources – The Girls State Committee is working to provide additional resources to help Units during this pandemic year. I have created a [Google Drive folder](#) that has an initial list of ideas for fundraisers and virtual interviews. Many of you have been successful during and prior to the pandemic. Please share your ideas and expertise on these two documents to help other Units and Districts. I will continue to add documents and videos to this folder.

Zoom Practice Session – Join us tomorrow, Saturday, November 14 at 10:00 a.m. and/or 7:00 p.m.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89962535140?pwd=amIWc0RPaCs1ME56aGx3bWVjSER0QT09>

Meeting ID: 899 6253 5140

Passcode: 091536

If you have difficulty logging in, call or text me and we can walk through the process. It will be fun for me to match a face with names I have seen only via email, text, or phone! Please contact me to schedule a different time to practice. I know it can be a challenge, and we are here to help.

To create your own Zoom account, go to <https://zoom.us/signup>.

Schools – If you are having difficulty contacting schools, please let me know and we will help.

Challenges – If there is anything with which you are struggling, please let me know. We will face new challenges as we prepare for our 78th Session. Our 77th Session proved that we accomplish great things even amidst a pandemic!

Girls State Committee – If you are interested in volunteering to serve in a greater capacity for the Girls State program, please contact me. Committee Members should be

- in good physical health so that they can attend a week long in-person session in 2022. (Attendees typically walk 20,000 steps/day!)
- willing to miss Convention if it overlaps with the Girls State Session.
- willing to receive training and prepare to potentially fill Department Chairperson, Director, and/or Chief Counselor roles in 5-7 years.

Reservations – We now have 526 schools reserved from 28 Districts and 153 Units. You can see your reservation at cagirlsstate.org/units-districts. Because schools drop for numerous reasons, we probably need about 600 reservations to fill our 2021 session to its capacity of 540 delegates. We will continue to accept reservations via the Google Form at forms.gle/3PhMxT2ZFnn8JMxPA. The PDF fillable form is available at calegionaux.org/girls_state.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can help you in any way!

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