

American Legion Auxiliary Missouri Girls State



Lindenwood University
June 24th – July 1st, 2023

This presentation will cover:

- Who We Are
- Organization of ALA MGS
- College Credit, Scholarships & Honors
- Residence Halls, Meals, & What to Pack
- Registration, Transportation, & Parent Information



Who We Are



Who We Are

American Legion Auxiliary

Missouri Girls State is sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. With nearly 1 million members, the ALA is one of the nation's most prominent supporters of veterans and military families.

The ALA Department of Missouri has sponsored a Girls State program since 1940 with only two years that we were unable to host a session!



American Legion Auxiliary

**Who
We Are**

Mission Statement

In the spirit of Service, Not Self, the mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to support The American Legion and to honor the sacrifice of those who serve by enhancing the lives of our veterans, military, and their families, both at home and abroad.





Department President's Project

USO DONATIONS

American Legion Auxiliary Department of Missouri President Louise Welch is requesting that ALA MGS citizens support our servicemen and servicewomen through a voluntary donation of non-perishable snack items to the Lambert International Airport USO. Items such as individually wrapped protein bars, snack cakes, chips, jerky and more may be donated at registration.

Thank you in advance for your voluntary support.



Our ALA MGS staff is made up of approximately 125 volunteers from all corners of the state (and outside of Missouri!). Our volunteers are college students, managers, educators, accountants, lawyers, law enforcement officers, mothers, government workers, athletes, retirees, business women, health care workers and more!



Who We Are

WHEN IS OUR SESSION?

Saturday, June 24th – Saturday, July 1st, 2023

WHERE IS OUR SESSION?

The 81st Session of ALA Missouri Girls State will take place on the campus of Lindenwood University in St. Charles, Missouri



Who We Are

WHAT DO WE PROMOTE?

At ALA MGS, we promote citizen participation in city, county, and state level government in addition to teaching the principles of democracy, patriotism, and leadership.

WHAT WILL WE DO?

ALA Missouri Girls State is a week of democracy in action in which participants create a mythical state that they will govern at the city, county and state level.





Citizens learn flag etiquette, the importance of their vote, and the history behind some of our democratic processes and methods.

Democracy in Action

The citizens of ALA MGS learn governmental procedures by creating a simulated state, electing public officials on local, county, and state levels and making their government function, all in one week's time.





LINDENWOOD
UNIVERSITY



Youth leadership in Missouri has a new home.
For the 2nd time in our program's history, we are having a co-hosted session with

THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF MISSOURI

What does this mean?

- A limited number of events and speakers will be enjoyed jointly
- Collaboration between program personnel so as to maximize efficiency and resources
- Opportunities for students from both programs to engage in collaborative learning including instructional time
- Accessibility to transportation to and from session free of charge to the participant
- Separate dining facilities, residence halls, and program headquarters
- Separate communication channels before, during and after the session

Get Connected



Throughout the week, pictures, election results, and news articles will be added to our social media pages. While we appreciate each family's passion to keep a close eye on their daughter, we are unable to respond to individual requests for pictures and updates. Thank you for your understanding!



ALA Missouri Girls State



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Organization of ALA Missouri Girls State



Organization of ALA MGS:

CITY GOVERNMENT

This is the first level of government to be elected

There are 16 Cities with approximately 40-45 girls per city. You will be housed in the same hallway as fellow city members and live closely with them throughout the week. Participants are often referred to as "citizens" and/or "delegates."

Offices Available

Mayor, Municipal Judge, six City Councilwomen
The Mayor and City Council will appoint additional officials as needed.

Organization of ALA MGS:

COUNTY GOVERNMENT

There are eight counties with two cities per county. Your county will be housed in the same residence hall and will share meal shifts and common spaces. You will come together as a county to create your county's budget and run your State Fair booth.

Offices Available

Presiding Commissioner, 2 Associate County Commissioners, Sheriff, Prosecuting Attorney, Presiding Circuit Judge, Associate Circuit Judge, Clerk of the Circuit Court, County Collector, County Treasurer, County Clerk, Recorder of Deeds and Assessor

Organization of ALA MGS:

STATE GOVERNMENT

All cities and counties come together to form our fictional state: ALA Missouri Girls State

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

General Assembly
Senate
House of Reps

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor
Lt Governor
Attorney General
Secretary of State
State Treasurer
State Auditor

JUDICIAL BRANCH

Supreme Court
Judges (7)

House & Senate



Members of the Legislature and their staff travel to Jefferson City where they debate bills and resolutions on the floor of the Senate Chamber.



Organization of ALA MGS: PARTY AFFILIATION



There are two political parties at ALA MGS:

NATIONALIST PARTY
FEDERALIST PARTY

Each citizen is randomly assigned to a political party. Citizens will work within their parties to campaign for their candidates, promote party spirit, and create their party platform.

Organization of ALA MGS

ELECTIONS & CAMPAIGNING

ELECTIONS

- Municipal – will determine your city government leaders
- General Assembly – will determine the members of the House & Senate
- County – will determine your county government leaders
- Primary – will determine your party's candidates for state office
- General – will determine your state level officials

CAMPAIGNING

If you wish to serve in elected office, you will need to gain the support of your constituents through a successful campaign. ALA MGS will provide all campaign materials for you. Early campaigning and the use of premade campaign materials or supplies from home is prohibited and may result in your disqualification from the race.



Organization of ALA MGS

NON-PARTISAN POSITIONS

- Color Guard
- Postmistress
- Media: Broadcast, Newspaper
- Parks and Recreation Director
- Highway Patrol Trooper
- School Board Member
- Police Chief
- Fire Chief

And many, many more!



Organization of ALA MGS

GIRLS STATE BUCKS

Girls State Bucks are fake currency that each ALA MGS citizen receives when she arrives. She can use this money to:

- Purchase advertisements through the ALA MGS Media team
- Purchase campaign supplies through the Campaign Store
- Hire an attorney or legal counsel
- Open a business
- Purchase goods and services
- Pay fines or salaries



Schools of Instruction

- School of Business and Commerce
- School of Campaigns and Political Operations
- School of Education
- School of International Affairs
- School of Journalism and Media
- School of Law
- School of Law Enforcement
- School of Legislative and Lobbying Procedures
- School of Local Government ****New!!**

Other Activities

- City Activities
- Service Projects
- Military Panel
- Chamber of Commerce/Business
- Guest Speakers
- State Fair
- Band (bring your instrument!)
- Talent Show (pre-audition required)

And so much more!



Manual and Schedule

The **manual** is the “textbook” for ALA MGS. This will be printed for you and given to you upon your arrival at ALA MGS. You do not need to print your own copy. It is 3 hole punched. **Please bring a 3 ring binder to place it in.**



The **schedule** is the weeks' worth of activities including all of the details for each event. You will also get a 3 hole punched copy when you arrive at ALA MGS.

All ALA MGS citizens and staff will have login credentials for the **ALA MGS app** with additional info for the week's activities. If you do not have a smartphone, we will ensure you have information accessibility **26**

Sample Schedule

Wake Up Call: 6:30 am

Athletics: 7:00 - 8:00 am*

Breakfast: 8:15 - 9:15 am

Lunch: 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Dinner: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

City Debrief: 9:00 - 10:00 pm

Lights Out: 10:30 pm

MONDAY – JUNE 26, 2023

6:30	Everyone Up!
7:00-8:00	Athletics
7:00-7:45	Band Practice (Scheidegger Theatre)
7:00-9:45	General Assembly Elections – Polls Open
8:00-8:15	Flag
8:15-8:45	Breakfast Shift 1, Supreme Court Selection Committee Announced
8:45-9:15	Breakfast Shift 2, Supreme Court Selection Committee Announced Journalism Meeting (AB Room) - <i>If participating in athletics: change after flag, get breakfast "to go" from the dining hall and then report to meeting</i>
9:15-9:45	Citizen Prep Time/City Briefing Time as needed
9:45	Deadline for Supreme Court applications to Law School
9:45–11:45	Schools of Instruction (various locations) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Campaigning & Political Operations (LARC Second Floor Classrooms)• Commerce (Young Hall Auditorium)• Education (LARC 343)• International Affairs (SAC, Room 314)• Journalism & Media (Black Box Theater)• Law (Harmon Hall, 2nd Floor Classrooms)• Law Enforcement & Public Safety (Scheidegger Theatre)• Legislative & Lobbying Procedure (Spellmann AB Room)• Local Government & Policy (Evans Dining Hall)
12:00–12:30	Lunch Shift #1, Gen Assembly Election Results Announced, Supreme Court Interviews Announced
12:30–1:00	Lunch Shift #2, Gen Assembly Election Results Announced, Supreme Court Interviews Announced
1:15	Deadline for placing name on the ballot for school board with City Counselor



A Week in Review

Saturday: Registration, Orientation, Meet & Greet

Sunday: First Day of Classes, City Elections, Opening Assembly, General Assembly Campaigning, optional Non-denominational Christian Service & Catholic Mass

Monday: General Assembly Elections & Sessions begin, County Elections, Joint Speaker with MBS

Tuesday: Party Conventions, State Primary Elections

Wednesday: Primary Announcements, Gubernatorial Debate, Talent Show

Thursday: State General Elections, General Assembly travel to Jefferson City, General Election Results Announcement, Joint Session of ALA MGS & MBS Assemblies, State Fair

Friday: Final Exam in Class, Inauguration and Program Dinner

Saturday: Closing Ceremony, Presentation of Awards and Scholarships

Cell Phone Policy

We aim to educate our citizens about proper business etiquette using technology. We ask that cell phones be put away during seminars, assemblies, meetings, ceremonies, flag raising and flag lowering

Continued use of your phone during such times without explicit permission will result in your phone being temporarily held for use at the ALA MGS Headquarters office until the end of the session on Saturday.

Your class instructors may approve phone usage for class activities, quizzes and polls. It will be helpful for delegates who have a smartphone to bring it with them in order to access the ALA MGS app. If you don't have a smartphone, that is okay! We will still get you the information that you need.



Courtesy Expectations

Follow the Golden Rule. Treat others as you would expect to be treated – staff, delegates, and guests.

Lindenwood University hosts campus tours and other activities during our time on campus, including Missouri Boys State. Be sure to extend all courtesies to other groups and only be in designated locations at specified times.

Citizens are expected to keep common areas and meeting spaces tidy, and to be punctual to all classes and activities.



Code of Conduct

Harassment and Bullying have no place at ALA MGS. Our complete Harassment and Bullying policy is available in the Code of Conduct.

Lindenwood is a SMOKE FREE campus. This includes, but is not limited to, vapes, e-cigarettes, tobacco, and similar products.

All citizens, parents and guardians carefully reviewed and signed the Code of Conduct as part of the ALA MGS application materials.

Failure to comply with the Code of Conduct may result in a delegate's dismissal from the program.

College Credit, Scholarships & Honors



College Credit Eligibility



Your active participation throughout the week may make you eligible for college credit!

Rate: \$100 per credit hr. (a 75% savings!)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Successfully complete the entire week.
2. Actively participate in the academic portion of the program (special assemblies, schools of instruction, and governmental activities)
3. Citizens must earn at least a 70% on all examinations
4. Citizens must complete an essay or chart summarizing and reflecting on their personal participation and what was learned from the experience

College Credit Options

Option I: Earn 2 hours of college credit for participating at ALA MGS

Option II: Earn 3 hours of college credit for participating at ALA MGS and enrolling in an 8-week course to take place during the Spring 2024 semester

IMPORTANT DATES

<i>Activity</i>	<i>Option I</i>	<i>Option II</i>
<i>Attend program</i>		June 24 – July 1, 2023
<i>Lindenwood sends mailing to eligible students</i>	End of July	End of July
<i>Registration opens</i>	August 4, 2023	August 4, 2023
Enrollment deadline	September 1, 2023	November 1, 2023
Payment deadline	September 1, 2023	November 1, 2023
<i>2-credit hour transcripts available</i>	October 1, 2023	N/A
<i>Winter Break – Campus offices closed</i>		December 23 – January 1, 2024
<i>Students receive course webpage access (through Canvas)</i>	N/A	December 25, 2023
<i>3-credit hour course opens</i>	N/A	January 8, 2024
<i>3-credit hour course closes</i>	N/A	March 3, 2024
<i>3-credit hour course grades submitted</i>	N/A	March 4, 2024
<i>3-credit hour course transcripts available</i>	N/A	April 1, 2024

Lindenwood Univ. Scholarships

Lindenwood University will award one outstanding recipient from ALA MGS with a **full tuition** scholarship! This scholarship will be announced at the end of the week.

ALA MGS participants admitted to Lindenwood University as freshmen who have participated in the college credit options offered will also automatically qualify for renewable annual scholarship of \$1000.



Honors Available Through ALA MGS

ALA Girls Nation – *July 22-29, 2023 in Potomac, MD*
Samsung Scholarship, up to \$1,250
Outstanding Political Citizen, \$500
Governor Scholarship, \$1,000
Model City and Spirit City of the Day
Completion Certificate
Additional Scholarships
Graduation Honor Cords

Right: 2017 MGS Delegate
Lauren Gately was awarded a
Runner-Up National
Scholarship of \$5000.

Far Right: 2022 ALA MGS Girls
Nation Senators Marin
Chamberlin & Hannah Rice



Residence Halls, Meals, and What to Pack



Welcome to Dorm Living!

All Delegates will be housed in four Residence Halls:
Blanton Hall, Rauch Memorial Hall, Calvert Rogers Hall, & Guffey Hall

Rooms are suite style: 2 bedrooms that are connected by a bathroom. Your Residence Hall assignment will be sent to you the day before session via email. This information will also be available when you arrive if you were unable to access it in advance.

- Staff Members are located on each floor of the dorms to assist you with anything you need!
- While the exterior doors of the building will remain locked, individual room keys will not be distributed.

Your Residence Hall DOES provide toilet paper, but all other toiletries, bed linens, pillows, and towels must be brought from home! All dorm beds are XL Twin size and most are raised high off the ground, but are not lofted.



Meals

Meals will be prepared for you by Lindenwood University staff and served in two 30 minute shifts and served in the Spellmann Center dining hall. Entree options vary each day with a green salad available at all lunches and dinners. A vegetarian option is available at every meal.

If you require a special diet or have dietary restrictions/preferences, please note that in the survey sent to you via email or email us at health@missourigirlsstate.org prior to June 6th.

This includes gluten free, diabetic, food allergies, vegan, etc.

Alternate meal options will not be provided if we are not notified in advance.



Medical and Dietary Considerations

Please contact us at health@missourigirlsstate.org prior to June 6 if..

You require ADA accessible housing or have other medical considerations

This includes crutches, casts, wheelchairs, scooters, recent surgeries, or any medical consideration that may prevent you from walking long distances, or climbing multiple flights of stairs. Please contact us so that we can house you comfortably!

Upon registering in your dorm, please visit the Lindenwood University Dining Services table in Spellmann Center to ensure that we are fully briefed on your dietary needs. First Aid Staff will also be available at registration to review your medical forms.

Prescription medications must be brought in their original containers. For safety and privacy reasons, our program may require that certain medications be kept secured in the infirmary during the week and dispersed at the first aid station.

What to Pack

- Personal Toiletry Items
 - Hair dryer, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, deodorant, toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine products, etc.
- Towels and Linens
 - Towels, hand towel, washcloths for the week
 - Sheets, blankets, pillow, pillow case (beds are XL Twin)
- Hangers (you have a closet in your room)
- Backpack & School Supplies
 - 3-ring binder, pens/pencils, notebook or loose-leaf paper
- Red, White, and Blue!
 - If you have patriotic or Americana themed clothing or accessories, we'd love to see them at ALA MGS!

DO NOT BRING valuable jewelry or electronics. ALA MGS is not responsible for any lost, damaged or stolen items. Your room will not be locked, but your residence hall will be locked from any outside guests.



Dress Code

GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR STAFF & CITIZENS

- Two straps of any width must be present on all tops and dresses.
- Strapless, halter, tube tops, or backless styles may not be worn without a blazer, cardigan, etc.
- Crop tops and clothing that is sheer, see through, or includes cut-outs, or low-cuts may not be worn.
- The midriff may not be exposed.
- Hemlines of skirts and dresses should meet your fingertips when arms are rested at your sides.
- You will be walking quite a bit! Make sure you are wearing something that allows you to travel across campus a couple of times a day!
- **Shoes must be worn at all times you are outside of your dorm room, including in hallways and commonrooms.**

If at any time a staff member or counselor feels your attire does not meet the Dress Code, you may be asked to change. Staff members will be held to the same dress code standards.

What to Pack: Clothing

- **DAYTIME DRESS CODE: CASUAL**

One week's worth of casual clothes, pajamas, and undergarments

LAUNDRY FACILITIES ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE!

- Comfort is key! Citizens may wear shorts, skirts, jeans, capris, athletic wear, t-shirts, sunglasses, ball caps and tennis shoes or other comfortable footwear. *Pajamas may not be worn during the daytime!*
- Pack a jacket or sweatshirt to carry with you daily. The lecture halls can get pretty chilly!
- Umbrella, rain jacket or rain poncho



What to Pack: Athletics

- **Athletics and Rec Time**

- **2-4 sets of workout or leisure clothes and sturdy tennis shoes**

- LAUNDRY FACILITIES ARE **NOT** AVAILABLE!

- We are excited to offer athletic activities and recreational time to our citizens this year! These activities will be run open-gym style with a variety of indoor and outdoor activities available. If you would like to participate, please remember that you will not have access to laundry facilities. Participation in physical activity is optional. Shirts or tank tops must be worn at all times. Midriffs may not be exposed.



What to Pack: Clothing

Evening/Stage Dress Code: Business-Casual

4 business-casual outfits (Sun/Mon/Tues/Thurs nights)

- Citizens and staff may wear dresses, suits, dress pants, skirts, slacks, khakis, blouses etc.
- Blue jeans, shorts, and rompers are not permitted.
- Hemlines must meet fingertip rule when hands are rested at sides and straps
- Two straps (of any width)

Inauguration Dress Code: ALL BLACK

1 black business-casual outfit (Friday night)

- On Friday, citizens and staff must wear a **solid black** dress, suit or other appropriate **solid black** business-casual ensemble.
- Two straps (of any width)
- Shoes should be black or neutral and accessories should be muted/understated.

Taxes & Other Services

Shopper: if you've forgotten something, or need something, the shopper will go to Wal-Mart daily to purchase items. She **will not** buy food or drinks and she will only use cash to purchase items.

Taxes: Citizens need to bring \$3 in US currency. This money is for 2 scholarships awarded at the end of the week.

Please make note of other fees in your packet including an optional, \$1 donation to MO Veterans Homes and Hospitals, and additional single bills for a city treat and City Decor/State fair items.



We recommend each citizen brings \$10 in \$1 bills as this will ensure she can participate in all activities during the week. If you are unable to contribute, please notify your city counselor privately. This suggestion is separate from any food or merchandise items you wish to purchase during the week.

ALA MGS Shoppe

The ALA MGS Shoppe (located in the Spellmann Center) will have a variety of merchandise available for purchase at a variety of price points, including souvenirs, apparel, graduation honor cords, and some personal care items.

The Shoppe accepts cash, debit, and credit and is open daily.

You can purchase access to all photos from the week.

***\$50 is the suggested amount for the week*

***Bottled water, sports drinks, and limited snacks will be available for purchase. University vending machine stock cannot be guaranteed by ALA MGS.*



Registration, Transportation & Parent Information



Registration

****A checklist of registration materials and all required paperwork is included in the Delegate Information Packet found on our website!****

Registration will take place in your assigned residence hall. Signage and uniformed members of our staff will guide you along the way. Parking is available in the areas surrounding Blanton, Rauch Memorial, Calvert Rogers and Guffey Halls. After registration, head to Spellman Center to visit the Shoppe as well as to speak with our nurse and dining hall staff about health or dietary concerns.

Once you are registered, you may not leave campus! Your family may stay to help you unpack until your first City Meeting at 4:00 pm. Please note that lunch is not provided on registration day, however there are several nearby restaurants.

If you have car troubles or will arrive late to registration, please contact us!



Required Paperwork

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HEALTH FORM

- Must be printed and signed by your doctor. Without a doctor's signature, our First Aid staff will be unable to offer you over-the-counter medications.

PROGRAM POLICY FORM

- Academic Honesty, Student Information Authorization, College Credit, Publication Authorization



Transportation

ALA MGS is partnered with MBS to provide bus transportation from various locations around the state. Bussing is offered at no charge to citizens living more than 90 minutes away from our host university. Citizens should receive required information via email. Bus routes will be finalized once we are able to determine tentative ridership numbers.

DEPARTURE LOCATIONS AND ROUTES

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| ▲ CAMERON | ▲ MACON | ▲ HOUSTON | ▲ KIRKSVILLE |
| ▲ JOPLIN | ▲ SPRINGFIELD | ▲ DEXTER | |
| ▲ ST. ROBERT | ▲ ROLLA | ▲ CAPE GIRARDEAU | |
| ▲ INDEPENDENCE | ▲ COLUMBIA | ▲ JEFFERSON CITY | |





CAUTION

We prefer the citizens do not drive themselves.

It is an exhausting week with late bedtime hours.

If the citizens must drive themselves, they will be given a parking pass and must park in a designated location. They will surrender their keys to the Missouri State Highway Patrol and pick up their keys at the end of the week. A MSHP Trooper will patrol the parking lot at lights out each night to ensure that all vehicles are secure.

In Case of Emergency

ALA MGS Director's Table: 628-ALA-MGS1 (628-252-6471)

Calls to this number will not be answered in the middle of the night or during assemblies.

Lindenwood University Campus Security: (636)-949-4911

Can be used for any "middle of the night" calls.



- First Aid Staff is on duty 24 hours a day
- Troopers from the Missouri State Hwy Patrol are on duty 24 hours a day
- Our Residence Halls are locked down at all hours
- All visitors are monitored by Lindenwood University staff and/or ALA MGS Staff during the day
- St. Charles Police Department and Campus Security are also available as a resource for our program

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ALA Missouri Girls State

You've heard a lot of information today.

ALA MGS not for you?

Please don't be a "No Show!"

Your sponsor has made an investment in you!

If you don't come, or leave early, they are notified.

Some sponsors may require that you reimburse them.

Another student may be able to attend in your place if
we are notified soon!



If you cannot attend, click the **contact** button on our website and notify us immediately. We will make sure your sponsoring ALA Unit or School knows!

Questions?



If you are a “GO!”..

We will see you on Saturday, June 24th at registration and respectfully request that you arrive at your designated registration time. Once you have registered, you CANNOT leave campus.

Registration

Location: Lindenwood University - Residence Halls 12:30pm-3:30pm

You will receive an email with a designated time to attend registration. We will not turn you away if you are early or late of that timeframe.

Registration Parking: Parking available between Blanton, Rauch Memorial, Calvert Rogers and Guffey Residence Halls