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Dear High School Principal/Counselor,

The American Legion Auxiliary 82nd Badger Girls State Session is scheduled for Sunday, June 20 through Friday, June 25, 2027, at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus, Oshkosh, WI. The reservation fee is **$500.00** per delegate for the 2027 session.

American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State sponsorship packets have been sent out. Your sponsor should be contacting you regarding your school's plans to participate. They will then complete and submit the sponsorship form (with the fee) to Department Headquarters in Portage by the deadline date of January 31, 2027. **IF YOUR SPONSOR HAS NOT CONTACTED YOU BY JANUARY 31st - OR IF YOU DO NOT KNOW WHO SPONSORS YOUR SCHOOL, PLEASE CONTACT A COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR ASSISTANCE.**

Please direct all interested 11th grade girls including those who are home-schooled to the www.alabgs.org website. Videos, testimonials and session information are intended to instill the idea and pique the student's interest in the program. Viewing the website will give them the opportunity to learn more about the program, discuss it with their parents and decide whether they would like an opportunity to represent your school.

We encourage you to invite your sponsor to be a part of the selection committee. This is a wonderful opportunity for sponsoring members to interact with their ALABGS representative(s) before session.

In February, registration information containing full instructions and materials that your delegate(s) and alternate(s) will need to register will only be sent to **sponsored** high schools. Please register the number of Delegates listed in the information sent by Department HQ. If you think the number is in error or have registration questions, contact Carrie Thrasher at alabgs@amlegionauxwi.org or 608-745-0345.

Delegates must attend the ENTIRE week of ALABGS session. If they leave early, they will not be recognized as having completed session. They will not be eligible to apply for ALABGS scholarships and should not list ALABGS on their college applications.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail if you have questions. If I'm unavailable, direct your call or e-mail to one of the following committee members:

- Danyelle Thompson, Chairman - Phone: 920-379-6489 ♦ email: alabgs.chairman@gmail.com
- Bethany Fredericks, Vice Chairman – Phone: 608-469-2875 ♦ email: alabgs.vicechairman@gmail.com
- Jen Leahy, Assistant Exec. Director – Phone: 920-979-3213 ♦ email: bgs.asst.director@gmail.com

Sincerely,

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