

2009 South Dakota Girls State Program

The University of South Dakota

June 1 – June 6, 2009

MONDAY, JUNE 1

- 8:30 a.m.** Counselors Breakfast
- 9:00 a.m.** All Counselors Meeting – Commons
- 11:30 a.m.** Staff Lunch – Commons
- 12:15 p.m.** Junior Counselors meet with Governor Whitney Jencks and plan mixer– Commons
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.** Registration – Commons
Check with city counselors, get acquainted with one another, and meet Governor Whitney Jencks
- 4:00 p.m.** City Mixers
- 5:00 p.m.** Flag Ceremony – St. Paul
Counselors will arrange cities
- 5:15 p.m.** Dinner
- 6:15 p.m.** Meet prior to City Meeting. Your counselor will give you some instructions. We have just one week here, so make every effort to become acquainted with the girls of your city tonight. This will help you to get an early start on your work tomorrow.
- 7:45 p.m.** Cities to sit in assigned section – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 8:00 p.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Call to Order by Girls State Governor – Whitney Jencks
Presentation of Colors – American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary)
The National Anthem
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Los Angeles
Girls State citizens oath: Honorable Arthur J. Rusch, Circuit Court Judge
Greetings:
 2008 Girls State Governor – Whitney Jencks
 American Legion Auxiliary – Department President Sherry Woltjer
 USD Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs – Chuck Staben
 Department Girls State Director/Chairman – Cheryl Hovorka
Introduction of Journalism City – Jessica Kokesh
Senior Counselor Introductions – Mary Ewing
Song, “Here’s To Girls State” – Senior Counselors
Junior Counselor Introductions – Mary Ewing
Military Tribute – Mark Wiemann, Hudson American Legion
Closing Prayer – Los Angeles,
Retiring of Colors – American Legion Family (Legion, Auxiliary and Junior Auxiliary)
- 10:30 p.m.** Vespers
- 11:00 p.m.** Lights Out

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

- 6:00 a.m.** USD ROTC Physical Fitness/Group Run
- 7:00 a.m.** Good Morning!
- 7:20 a.m.** Flag Raising – New York
Attendance is required and roll will be taken.
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast. Citizens go to meals according to time schedule on page 55.
- 8:30 a.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Minneapolis
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Philadelphia
Song, “Here’s to Girls State”
City Government – Mayor Dan Christopherson, City of Vermillion
Emily Firman Pieper, 1994 Girls State Governor
Citizen’s panel questions: New York, Chicago, Philadelphia
Announcements of law class and law enforcement: Governor Whitney Jencks
Closing Prayer – Philadelphia
Retiring of Colors – Minneapolis
- 9:30 a.m.** City Meetings immediately following assembly (centerfold has room numbers)
Circulate nominating petitions for city officials: mayor and council members.
Petitions must be turned in at headquarters office located at 105 Dakota Hall by 11:00 a.m
- 11:00 a.m.** Talent Auditions, if finished with city petitions – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 11:30 a.m.** Lunch–New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Baltimore
City Elections voting–St. Louis, Boston, Washington, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Seattle, Miami
– Arts & Sciences Tech Rooms 101 and 102
- 12:45 p.m.** City meeting resumes – report on city election results. City government organized. Swear in officials.
Appoint special officers for Girls State Cities, such as health commissioners, city auditor, etc.
Consider resolutions and ordinances for city government.
- 2:00 p.m.** Law and Court Procedure Class presented by Professor Chris Hutton, USD School of Law – Commons
Law Enforcement Class presented by Leon Cantin– Old Main (Farber Hall)
(Citizens must attend one or the other presentation)
- 3:00 p.m.** Bar examination – Commons
Law Enforcement examination – Old Main (Farber Hall)
(Citizens must take one or the other examination. Results will be posted in the Residence Halls.)
- 3:30 p.m.** Talent Auditions – Old Main (Farber Hall)
- 4:00 p.m.** Pictures of Mayors, Journalism City and all Girls State Staff – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 4:15 p.m.** City group pictures: Senior counselors and Junior counselors with their cities –Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 5:20 p.m.** Flag Lowering - New York
- 5:25 p.m.** Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.** Chorus: Ethel Cooper – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Junior Counselors meet with Governor Whitney Jencks – Commons
Staff meeting – Commons
Leadership Class: Jill Tyler – Old Main (Farber Hall)

8:00 p.m. General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – St. Louis
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Detroit
Song, “*Here’s to Girls State*”
Introduction of Mayors
Flag Etiquette – USD ROTC
Parliamentary Procedure demonstration
Girls Nation Report
Valerie Melmer, South Dakota Legislative Page Coordinator
Citizens’ Panel Questions – Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland
Assignment of political parties – Governor Whitney Jencks
Talent
Closing Prayer – Detroit
Retiring of Colors – St. Louis

Immediately following General Assembly:

Meeting concerning Keynote Speaker auditions – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Keynote speakers present the party platforms during Thursday general assembly at 8:00 p.m.

9:00 p.m. County Vespers

11:00 p.m. Lights Out

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

- 6:00 a.m.** USD ROTC Physical Fitness/Group Run
- 7:00 a.m.** Good Morning!
- 7:20 a.m.** Flag Raising – Chicago
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast
- 8:30 a.m.** Meet in county rooms. (*Centerfold has room numbers*)
Discuss functions of county government and officials' duties. Pass out non-partisan petitions for circuit judge. Candidates for this office must have passed Bar exam. These petitions may be circulated at large within the county. Hand petitions in to the city auditor with five to ten signatures. Junior Counselors turn them in to Headquarters office by 9:30 a.m. Reports of party nominations for county and state legislative positions shall be turned in to Headquarters Office by 10:30 a.m.
- 9:30 a.m.** Assemble in county **political** units. Elect Feds and Nats county party officers:
Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, and three delegates. Nominate the following party officers: Sheriff (must have passed law enforcement exam), Treasurer, Auditor, State's Attorney (must have passed Bar exam), Register of Deeds, Coroner and four County Commissioners, (one from each district.) Nominate six State Senators and twelve Representatives from each party in each senatorial district or county. (The two are the same at Girls State.)
- A. No candidate for supreme court justice, circuit judge, sheriff or state's attorney should become a member of the legislature because of conflicts with court proceedings. No candidate for county commissioner or state's attorney should be a candidate for another county office. A state's attorney cannot be a candidate for circuit judge.*
- B. Because the following officers will participate in court proceedings later in the week, they are not eligible to be nominated or elected as members of the legislature or any other county or state office: sheriffs, state's attorneys, supreme court justices, circuit judges, and county commissioners are not eligible to be elected to any other county office.*
- C. Candidates for state's attorney, sheriff and circuit judges must have deputy and magistrates in mind. Deputies must also qualify on test.*
- 10:30 a.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Baltimore
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Washington
Song, "Here's to Girls State"
Administer Oath of Attorneys – Sarah Hirsch Wittmuss, JD
South Dakota Democratic Party – Ben Nesselhuff, SD Senate
South Dakota Republican Party – Joni Cutler, SD House of Representatives
Citizens panel – Baltimore, St. Louis, Washington
Talent
Closing Prayer – Washington
Retiring of Colors – Baltimore
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch
- 12:00 p.m.** Talent Auditions – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 12:30 p.m.** Keynote speaker auditions for State Convention: Feds –MUC 211; Nats – MUC 216
- 1:00 p.m.** Assemble in county units to become acquainted with the candidates from each party.
- 1:30 p.m.** All citizens meet in County Room (centerfold has room numbers). (Staggered county elections)
Arts & Sciences Tech center rooms 101 and 102 – Senior counselors in charge.
- 3:00 p.m.** Swear in County Officials – County Rooms – Election results reported
Pass out petitions for State Primary Election, both partisan and non-partisan.
Petitions for supreme court judges are circulated and require 15 signatures from own district.
Other elected officials may not be candidates for supreme court justice. Other petitions require 15 signers in

Girls State. (Governor requires 15 **from own party**.) State law says not less than two percent nor more than five percent of the votes cast for the Governor in the last election by the party.

All nominating petitions must be filed in Headquarters Office by 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. All citizens may sign one Governor petition for their party.

For those delegates considering running for the governor of Girls State,

Please be aware of the following obligations:

- *speaker at the State American Legion Auxiliary convention in June*
- *presiding governor at following year's session of Girls State*
- *speaker, if invited, at various American Legion Auxiliary units*

- 3:30 p.m.** Joint Meeting of State's Attorneys, Deputy State's Attorneys, Sheriffs and their deputies, Magistrate Judges, Circuit Judges, Defendants, Defense Attorneys and Deputy Defense Attorneys – Law School Courtroom
County Commissioners meet to organize Counties and discuss county business:
Dr. Michael Card, USD – I.D. Weeks Library 205
Keynote Auditions: Feds – MUC 211; Nats – MUC 216
- 4:00 p.m.** Meeting of Circuit Judges and Magistrate Judges – Law School Courtroom
Meeting of States Attorneys and Deputies – Law School 104
Meeting of Defendants, Defense Attorneys and Defense Deputy Attorneys – Law School 102
Meeting for Sheriffs and Deputies: Sheriff Andy Howe – Law School Room 101
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff's Department – Old Main 106
- 4:30 p.m.** Meeting of elected delegates
Feds – Old Main (Farber Hall); Nats – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 5:00 p.m.** Tour of Law School – Law School Entrance – Open to all Girls State Citizens
- 5:20 p.m.** Flag Lowering – Chicago
- 5:30 p.m.** Dinner
- 6:30 p.m.** Chorus: Ethel Cooper – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Staff Meeting – Commons
- 7:30 p.m.** Party Caucuses:
Introduction of and brief speech by Primary Election Nominees for Governor
Feds – Al Neuharth Center
Nats – Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 8:15 p.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Los Angeles
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Cleveland
Song, "*Here's to Girl's State*"
Introduction of Governor candidates and Keynote Speakers
Talent Night
Closing Prayer – Cleveland
Retiring of Colors – Los Angeles
- 10:30 p.m.** Vespers
- 11:00 p.m.** Lights Out

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

- 6:00 a.m.** USD ROTC Physical Fitness/Group Run
- 7:00 a.m.** Good Morning! *Convention Day (wear party t-shirts)*
- 7:20 a.m.** Flag Raising – Miami
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast –New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Baltimore
- 7:30 a.m.** State Primary Elections voting –
Supreme Court Elections
St. Louis, Boston, Washington, St. Paul, Minneapolis, Seattle, Miami – Arts & Sciences Tech rooms 101 & 102
- 9:00 a.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Cleveland
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Baltimore
Song, “Here’s to Girls State”
Dr. Michael Roche, USD criminal justice professor
Dustin Johnson, Public Utilities Commissioner, State of South Dakota
Citizens’ Panel questions: Boston, Seattle, Miami
Explanation of convention room set-up, introductions of Governor
and all state official candidates: Governor Whitney Jencks
Closing Prayer – Baltimore
Retiring of Colors – Cleveland
- 10:30 a.m.** State Political Conventions. **Feds** – Al Neuharth Center; **Nats** – Muenster University Center Ballroom
(Formulate platforms)
Initial Appearances: Circuit Judge, Magistrate Judges, Defendant, Defense Attorney and Deputy, State’s
Attorney and Deputy, and Bailiff – Law School Courtroom
Meeting for Sheriffs and Deputies: Sheriff Andy Howe – Law School Room 103
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** State Convention reconvenes. Finish formulating platforms, Complete nominations
SD Highway Patrol Drug Dog Demo: Judicial & Law Enforcement Personnel – Law School Courtroom
- 2:00 p.m.** Preliminary Hearing Preparation
Circuit Judges, Magistrate Judges and Bailiffs – Law School 104
State’s Attorneys and Deputies & Sheriffs and Deputies – Law School 101
Defense Attorneys and Deputies and Defendants – Law School 102
- 3:30 p.m.** Preliminary Hearing, Arraignment and Demonstration of Trial Skills – Judicial & Law Enforcement
Personnel (Law School Courtroom)
- 4:00 p.m.** Meeting for Supreme Court Justices with Marie Ruetggers to discuss appellate procedure, select a
Chief Justice, and receive briefs in cases to be argued – Law School 104
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
Citizens’ Forum – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Senate Caucus – Churchill Haines 118; House Caucus – Old Main (Farber Hall)
- 5:20 p.m.** Flag Lowering – Miami
- 5:25 p.m.** Dinner
- 6:15 p.m.** Candidates for Governor and Governor’s Aides meet with Girls State Governor – MUC 211
- 6:30 p.m.** Chorus: Ethel Cooper – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Leadership Class: Jill Tyler – Old Main (Farber Hall)
Staff meeting – Commons
- 8:00 p.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Detroit
Pledge of Allegiance
Keynote Speakers address, introduction of candidates and presentation for platforms of both parties
Talent
“Meet the Candidates” Campaign
Governor candidates answer seven Journalism City panel questions
Retiring of Colors – Detroit
- 10:30 p.m.** Vespers
- 11:00 p.m.** Lights Out

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

- 6:00 a.m.** USD ROTC Physical Fitness/Group Run
- 7:00 a.m.** Good Morning! *Red, White and Blue Day*
- 7:20 a.m.** Flag Raising – Seattle
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast – St. Paul, Minneapolis, Seattle, Miami, Boston, Washington, St. Louis
- 7:30 a.m.** State General Elections voting –
New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, Cleveland, Baltimore –
Arts & Sciences Tech rooms 101 and 102
- 9:00 a.m.** General Assembly – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Philadelphia
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – St. Louis
Song, “Here’s to Girls State”
Questions and Answers about the State of South Dakota: Dennis Daugaard, Lt. Governor of South Dakota
Panel of Citizens – Minneapolis, St. Paul, Journalism City
Talent
Closing Prayer – St. Louis
Retiring of Colors – Philadelphia
- 10:00 a.m.** Meeting of Circuit Judges, Magistrate Judges and Baliffs – Law School Court Room
Meeting of Defendants and Defense Attorneys – Law School 133 (State Bar Room)
Meeting of State’s Attorneys, Deputy State’s Attorneys, Sheriffs and Deputy Sheriffs – Law School 103
Attorney General, attorneys interested in arguing cases before the Supreme Court, and all attorneys not
involved in Legislature or Circuit Court attend this session and meet with Marie Ruetters to review
appellate procedure– Law School 104
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
Organizational Meeting of Senate – Churchill Haines 118
Meeting of House of Representatives to swear in Speaker and organize House – Old Main (Farber Hall)
Citizens’ Forum for ALL citizens not involved in House, Senate or court proceedings --
Muenster University Center Ballroom
- 11:00 a.m.** Bills must be handed to member of legislature before 1:30 p.m.
- 11:45 a.m.** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Comprehensive examination – report to city rooms
Set up County courtrooms
- 2:00 p.m.** Meeting of all lawyers, witnesses, and court personnel involved in circuit court proceeding (except Jury)
– Law School 101– Panel on practice of law
Everyone must be at some meeting
Meeting of jurors for circuit court trial – Law School 102
Citizens’ Forum reconvenes – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
Governor and Lt. Governor meet with all appointees and select issues for cabinet and boards to discuss
and write inaugural address – Old Main 118
Meeting of Senate – Churchill Haines 118
Meeting of House of Representatives – Old Main (Farber Hall)
Justices of the Supreme Court meet with Marie Ruetters to select a Clerk and to prepare for
court proceedings on Saturday morning – Law School Courtroom
Attorneys arguing cases before the Supreme Court meet with Marie Ruetters for assignment to
Supreme Court cases – Law School Courtroom

- 3:00 p.m.** Meeting of House Committee members – Old Main (Farber Hall)
Meeting of Senate Committee members – Churchill Haines 118
Citizens’ Forum to testify before committees
Meeting of Attorney General and Supreme Court Chief Justice to sign bar and law enforcement admission certificates – Headquarters
Forensic Investigation – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
Tour County Courthouse Jail, Sheriffs & Deputies – Meet at Law School Entrance – Sheriff Andy Howe
Girls Nation Interviews – Muenster University Center Boardroom 212
- 4:30 p.m.** Preparation for Inauguration – Muenster University Center Ballroom (Required attendance of Governor, Governor – Elect, Supreme Court Justices, Cabinet and all other state officers)
- 6:00 p.m.** Flag Lowering – Seattle
- 6:10 p.m.** Banquet – Meal prayer by Journalism City
- 7:30 p.m.** Inauguration and Concert – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – USD ROTC
Pledge of Allegiance
Girls State Chorus Concert
Inaugural Speech - Jean Hunhoff, SD Senator
The Honorable Tami Bern, Magistrate Court Judge– swears in Girls State Chief Justice
Girls State Chief Justice administers oath of office to the other Justices, the Lieutenant Governor, and other constitutional officers and the Governor
Retiring of Colors – USD ROTC
- Adjournment
- 9:00 p.m.** Pizza Party and Jam Session with Junior Counselors – Commons
- 11:30 p.m.** Lights Out

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

- 6:00 a.m.** USD ROTC Physical Fitness/Group Run
- 7:00 a.m.** Good Morning!
- 7:20 a.m.** Flag Raising – Boston
- 7:30 a.m.** Breakfast (Delegates involved in court proceedings eat first)
- 8:00 a.m.** Circuit Court in Session:
Seven separate court trials
Minnehaha – Law School – Davenport Evans Student Commons
Pennington – Law School – State Bar Room (133)
Codrington – Law School – Dean’s Conference Room (245)
Beadle – Law School 101
Hughes – Law School 102
Brown – Law School 103
Brookings – Law School 104
Supreme Court in session – Law School Courtroom
Forensic Investigation, Observe Mock Trials – Clay County Sheriff’s Department – Old Main 106
House in session – Old Main (Farber Hall)
Senate in session – Churchill Haines 118`
Citizens Forum – all unassigned citizens must attend – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Meeting of Governor and appointed secretaries of each department and bureau heads – Old Main 118
ALL CITIZENS MUST BE IN ATTENDANCE AT LEGISLATURE, COURT OR CITIZENS’ FORUM
- 9:30 a.m.** Circuit Court Wrap up – Law School 101
- 10:30 a.m.** City Rooms – final wrap-up
- 11:00 a.m.** General Assembly for everyone. New governor in charge – Muenster University Center Ballroom
Advancing of Colors – Washington
Pledge of Allegiance
Opening Prayer – Minneapolis
Song, “*Here’s to Girls State*”
Announcements and Awards: All Staff
Closing Prayer – Minneapolis
Retiring of Colors – Washington
Flag lowering – Boston