



TRAVEL INFORMATION



Travel Leaders is the designated travel agent for Girls Nation. **After the Girls State session, the senator's parents should contact Ginny Bluhm at Travel Leaders via email at gbluhm@ctsvacation.com as soon as possible. Email is preferred, but if you have any problems you may call (800) 525-1570 to make the senator's travel arrangements. Travel Leaders will make the arrangements as quickly as possible. Your patience is appreciated.** It is important that the senator's travel arrangements are made within (1) week of her Girls State session. The cost of flights can increase substantially as the departure date approaches. Travel Leaders will book each senator's flights after the itinerary is approved by the American Legion Auxiliary Travel Coordinator.

In addition:

1. If additional travel segments or travel to any other destination is requested before or following Girls Nation, the senator's family must cover the difference in price of the ticket, if any, from the standard fare. Please forward any TRAVEL requests to our Travel Coordinator Liz Graves at lgraves@legion-aux.org. **THERE SHALL BE NO CHANGING OF ARRANGEMENTS BY THE SENATORS OR THEIR FAMILIES** after initial booking.
2. Most airlines now charge fees to check baggage EACH WAY. Please be prepared to pay this fee upon checking in at the airport on the day of your departure to Washington, D.C. and the day of your return trip home. Contact your airline for more information on baggage fees.
3. E-ticket holders should carry their itineraries with them as issued by Travel Leaders. Please bring a copy with you to Girls Nation.
4. Senators will arrive at the **Baltimore (BWI) Airport** in Baltimore, Maryland on Saturday, July 18, 2009. **Members of the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation staff will meet all flights at the baggage claim area.** Staff members will be wearing an identification badge and a **PINK** Girls Nation staff shirt.
5. If there is a problem the day of arrival, call the National 4-H Center main switchboard at (800) 368-7432 and you will be referred to a Girls Nation staff member. The Travel Leaders after hours emergency phone number will be listed on the bottom of your travel itinerary. Use this number for **EMERGENCIES ONLY**. A fee is assessed for each phone call made to that number.
6. For those that may **drive**, a letter of permission must be signed by a parent/guardian. The letter should state (1) who the person driving and picking up will be, (2) the relationship to the Girls Nation senator, (3) estimated arrival on 7/18/09 and estimated departure time on 7/25/09. This letter **must be mailed along with registration forms** as soon as possible after the Girls State session.
7. Arrival should be prior to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 18, 2009 if airline schedules will allow. Departure should be no later than 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2009.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your travel, please contact our Travel Coordinator Liz Graves via email at lgraves@legion-aux.org