

PERSONAL PAGES: GUIDE TO GRAND ASSEMBLY

Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception

As stated in the Personal Page Application Guidelines, the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception is a mandatory event for all Personal Pages, because this is when final dress fittings will occur and the Personal Page Baskets are presented by the Personal Pages to their Grand Officers or adults.

Page Baskets

Information on Page Baskets was included in the Personal Page Application Guidelines, but as a reminder:

Each Personal Page will decorate a basket and present it to her Grand Officer or adult during the GWA's reception in May. The basket will be returned to the Personal Page at Grand Assembly, with something special, just for her from her Grandie or adult(s).

The basket will be used and judged at Grand Assembly. The dimensions for the Page basket are limited to 14 x 14 inches (roughly if it is not a square basket). The basket remains the property of the Personal Page. WHILE not necessary, many Pages have included a small, special (usually edible) treat in her basket when it is presented to her Grandie or adult.

Personal Page basket presentations will be part of the Grand Worthy Advisor's Reception. The Grand Officers or adults who receive baskets will be responsible for getting them safely to Grand Assembly.

Packing for Grand Assembly

Personal Pages will room with each other on Friday night and with their own Assemblies beginning on Saturday night. Because of these hotel room changes, Pages are encouraged to put some thought into what they pack and how. This should eliminate the need to completely unpack on Friday night, simply to repack on Saturday morning.

If a Page packs everything in one suitcase, it is recommended that the items needed on Friday afternoon and evening (white flats, casual clothes, swim suit and cover up, pjs, toiletries) and Saturday (shift, pantaloons, nylons, and undergarments) be packed on top.

If agreeable to the Grand Deputy, Pages may choose to pack two small suitcase or duffle bags – a small bag with just those things that will be needed on Friday and Saturday and a second bag with those things that will be needed for the rest of Grand Assembly. The second bag could be transported to Grand Assembly with the Mother Advisor.

Because space is at a premium when we travel, and Rainbow Girls always have so much to travel with, Pages are encouraged to check with their Grand Deputies to find out if they should pack one or two bags.

The following packing list is offered as a guide, Personal Pages should check with their Grand Deputy and/or Mother Advisor for a complete packing list based on the Assembly's plans during Grand Assembly.

GRAND ASSEMBLY PACKING LIST

Friday	Upon Arrival	Medical Releases (2 copies) for Supreme Officer AND Grand Deputy
	Official Photo	Appropriate undergarments; nylons; Grand Officer type shoes
	Drill Practice	Short dress/shift; pantaloons; comfortable (tennis) shoes and socks
	Grandie Party	Casual clothes (capris or jeans); comfy shoes
	Bedtime	Printed copy of Grand Assembly schedule PJs; toiletries/cosmetics
Saturday	Practice	Shift or short dress; nylons; pantaloons; Grand Officer shoes; sweatshirt; Page Basket; Ritual; notepad and pen/pencil
	Fun Night	Rainbow casual
Sunday	Vespers	Short dress/shift without pantaloons; nylons; appropriate shoes
	Opening	Appropriate undergarments; pantaloons; Grand Officer shoes Costumes, as needed, for entertainment
Monday	Sessions	Appropriate undergarments; shift; nylons; pantaloons; Grand Officer shoes Costumes, as needed, for entertainment
	Lunch/Dinner	Apron/s, if desired
Tuesday	Session	Appropriate undergarments; shift; nylons; pantaloons; Grand Officer shoes
	Installation	Rainbow appropriate formal; <i>may not be this year's Page dress!</i> hair bow; appropriate shoes
	Travel	Rainbow appropriate travel clothes
Other Grand Assembly Necessities		Swim suit and cover up Extra nylons Hair gel; hair spray; hair bands; bobby pins Band-Aids; moleskin (for blisters) Feminine hygiene products (just in case...) Snacks (healthy!)

What to expect at Grand Assembly – Day by Day

Personal Pages (and Grand Officers) will travel to Grand Assembly with their own Grand Deputy (or designated adult). All Personal Pages (and Grand Officers) are to be IN the Grand Assembly room on Friday afternoon, no later than 1:00 p.m., having eaten lunch and wearing shifts, pantaloons and nylons. Girls should arrive wearing their white flats (Grand Assembly shoes).

The **Friday** afternoon practice will include dress check, photos and march-in practice.

- Dress Check: Designated adults will check every Personal Page dress to ensure it fits properly; the Grand Dressmaker will be on hand for any last minute alterations that may be necessary. It is essential that Personal Pages wear the appropriate undergarments and shoes for dress check, because dresses fit differently based on what is worn underneath them. (Sports bras are never appropriate undergarments for a formal dress.)
- Photos: Following dress check, the official photos for the Grand Officers and Personal Pages will be taken. Personal Pages should ensure their hair and make-up are appropriate for this

photo. During all practices and sessions of Grand Assembly, Pages are to wear their hair up – in a ponytail or braid; bangs should not be hanging over the eyes or face.

- **March-In Practice:** All Personal Pages will be included in the entrance march-ins, prior to each session of Nevada Grand Assembly; therefore, Pages will be included in this practice. This practice is four to five hours in length. Because this practice includes a lot of walking and standing, girls may wear comfortable shoes of their choice - tennis shoes and socks are highly recommended to prevent blisters.
- **Friday night hotel rooms:** Personal Pages will room together on Friday night, based on four Pages to a room. A female adult, who is also a Grand Deputy or Director, will be the designated adult for the Personal Pages from their arrival on Friday afternoon until the end of Saturday afternoon's practice, when their Mother Advisors become their designated adults.
- **Grandie Party:** All Personal Pages will attend the Grandie party, which includes dinner and some fun time with the Grand Officers, Adult Leadership Team and Grand Assembly Committee. During this time, the Personal Page baskets will be returned by the Grand Officers and adults.

On **Saturday**, Personal Pages should wear shifts, pantaloons, nylons and Grand Assembly shoes to practice. Pages are to wear their hair up – in a ponytail or braid; bangs should not be hanging over the eyes or face.

- **Breakfast and Lunch:** Personal Pages will have breakfast with the Grand Officers, Supreme Officer, Grand Deputies and Directors. The cost of these meals should be added to each Page's Registration/Meals and Housing costs.
- **Page Baskets:** Personal Pages should bring their baskets with them in the morning, as well as their Ritual, a notebook and a pen/pencil.
- **Practice:** The Grand Officers and Personal Pages will practice Grand Assembly from start to finish, beginning with Sunday afternoon's entrance and ending with Rainbow Prayer, Rainbow Dreams and the Grandie Circle on Tuesday morning. While all march-ins, ritualistic work, ceremonies, reports and presentations will be practiced, the practice will move quickly. There are approximately 25 hours of Grand Assembly to cover in 8 hours of practice. Because the practice moves quickly, Pages are encouraged to keep notes of what they need to remember to do and when. These notes should be kept by Session, so they can be quickly reviewed prior to the start of each day and each session.
- **Fun Night:** Following practice, Personal Pages change into casual clothes and attend Fun Night with their Assemblies.

Personal Pages will spend **Sunday** morning with their Assemblies.

- **Lunch:** It is important for everyone attending Sunday's Opening Session of Grand Assembly to have a substantial and healthy lunch, because this session begins at 3 p.m. and ends at approximately 8 p.m. This is especially true for the Personal Pages and Grand Officers, who may not leave the Grand Assembly room floor during session to get a quick snack or drink of water.
- **Sunday afternoon:** Personal Pages must be in the Grand Officer dressing room at the designated time to get dressed in their Grand Assembly dresses. **It is the responsibility of each Personal Page to ensure her Mother Advisor (or designated adult) knows this time**, so lunch can be planned accordingly. Because the Personal Page dresses are identical to the Grand Officer dresses, which are a secret until the entrance march, Personal Pages may not leave the Grand Officer dressing room once they are dressed. Additionally, no one is allowed in the Grand Officer dressing room during Grand Assembly (from Friday through

Tuesday evening) except the Supreme Officer and female Grand Deputies and Directors. (No exceptions!)

Personal Pages spend **Tuesday** afternoon and evening with their Assemblies. Personal Pages must bring a clean formal to wear during Grand Installation.

Grandie Dressing Room

Personal Pages will change into and out of their Page dresses in the Grand Officer dressing room. Personal Page dresses may NOT be taken to hotel rooms until after Tuesday morning's session.

Please keep in mind that this dressing room is for Grand Officers and Personal Pages ONLY! No other girls may be in this room at any time. Additionally, the only adults allowed into this room during Grand Assembly are the Supreme Officer, female Grand Deputies and Directors, the Grand Dressmaker or her designee or a member of the medical team. No one else will be granted access to this room for any reason.

Grand Assembly can be a stressful time for our Grand Officers, and the Grand Officer dressing room is their place – to laugh, to cry and to vent. Personal Pages are asked to protect the privacy of the Grand Officers by not sharing those personal moments with those who do not have access to this dedicated space.

Pages should...

During Grand Assembly, each Personal Page will have specific assignments. It is important that Pages remember what these assignments are and when they need to be completed. For example, some pages will assist with prompting during ritualistic work; others will prompt during speeches; and others will assist with Formal Escort and representative reports. Nearly all Pages will assist the Confidential and Outer Observer in "purging the Assembly room" during our closed sessions by making sure those who are not wearing the appropriate ID badge exit the Grand Assembly room prior to ritualistic work.

In the event a Grand Officer must unexpectedly leave the floor (for a medical emergency), the Page sitting closest to that Grand Officer should fill that seat until the Grand Officer returns or the Grand Officers retire. (Seats that become vacant due to a speech or an award do not need to be filled.) This will be reviewed more thoroughly during Grand Assembly.

Additionally, Personal Pages will participate in the Pledge Ceremony, which will include a speaking part that must be memorized BEFORE Grand Assembly. Personal Pages may also participate in Balloting. Pages will have an opportunity to practice both of these ceremonies during the Saturday practice.

Pages have specific jobs to do during Grand Assembly and that is what they should focus on. Pages should keep in mind that they should only leave their seats to perform specific tasks that have been assigned to them by adults or upon request of an adult (i.e. Supreme Officer or Director). Personal Pages should keep in mind that if they attempt to leave the Grand Assembly room for any purpose other than those discussed during practice, they will be sent directly back into the Grand Assembly room. Pages are not personal assistants for Grand Officers; Pages do not retrieve things Grand Officers forgot or suddenly want, such as a bottle of water.

Questions?

Personal Pages should direct any additional questions to their own Grand Deputy. If the Grand Deputy does not have the answer, he/she will follow up with the Supreme Officer.