

GRAND OFFICER LEADERSHIP **August 10-12, 2018**

This year, Grand Officer Leadership will begin on Friday evening (for all Grand Officers). Grand Officers (and their Grand Deputies) will arrive at the Haartz home at 6:00 p.m. After a short visit, girls will go to their host home for the evening. Housing assignments will be based on office type, so the Grand Representatives will be housed together, the Grand Bow will be housed together, etc.

On Saturday, each host will provide breakfast. Grand Officers and Grand Deputies should arrive at the Jacka home between 7:45 and 8:00 a.m. All Grand Officers will spend Saturday night at the Jacka home. Grand Officer Leadership will finish no later than noon on Sunday.

Leadership will be a busy time! The Grand Line will have some great “get to know you better” activities and games; Mrs. Schombs will continue our leadership training; and Mrs. Haartz will facilitate the development of action plans for the upcoming year for each of our committees. Grand Officers will also have the opportunity to discuss the Grand Officer Handbook, including questions, concerns, or requested changes. If there are specific things Grand Officers would like discussed, please let the GWA and Mrs. Haartz know – the sooner the better.

Those with food or pet allergies, should notify Mrs. Haartz (via email) no later than July 15, 2018. If notification is not received by this date, no accommodations will be made.

What to pack?

- Transportation/Medical Authorization forms (for the Grand Deputy)
- \$\$: Grand Officer dress payment #1 (payable to Nevada Grand Assembly) and \$20 for meals (payable to Heidi Haartz)
- Water bottle (Mrs. Jacka will provide water for your water bottle)
- Grand Officer Handbook, notebook, pen/pencil
- Personal Profile, Business Cards, Mascot, Quilt Square design concept, and Trailer/Page Sash/es
- Sleeping bag and pillow
- PJs and change of clothes for Saturday and Sunday
- A towel (everyone will shower on Friday and Saturday or Sunday)
- Toiletries (host homes will provide soap, shampoo, and conditioner)
- Sweatshirts are recommended, it can get cool in the evenings

Please remember that we do NOT travel in yoga/exercise pants or sandals/flip flops.

GRAND OFFICER DRESS PAYMENT

2019 Grand Officer dresses are \$150 each. The first Grand Officer dress payment (of \$75) is due AT Grand Officer Leadership. First time Grand Officers should bring a check for at least \$75, payable to Nevada Grand Assembly. Continuing Grand Officers will be notified of the amount owed, based on credits earned by returning 2017-2018 Grand Officer pins in good condition and keeping all prior year dress fitting appointments.

If a Grand Officer’s assembly provides financial assistance for Grand Officer dress expenses, a check should be requested prior to Grand Officer Leadership, so that payment may be made at that time. Ideally this request should be initiated by the Grand Deputy.

GRAND OFFICER'S PERSONAL PROFILE – GUIDELINES

Due upon arrival at Grand Officer Leadership (Friday evening)

Personal Profiles are exchanged during Grand Officer Leadership. The purpose of the profiles is to share information with each other and the Adult Leadership Team. These are a great way to get to know, or know more about, the members of the Grand Family. The information included in the Personal Profiles may be utilized for matching “Bigs” with “Littles” and to prepare the Grand Banquet Escort introductions at Grand Assembly.

Formatting requirements:

- 8 ½ x 11 paper, color/background of your choice
- 1 page, single sided
- Typewritten in a 10 to 12 font size
- Include your name and current title
- 3 hole punched on the left side (ensure the left margin is wide enough for hole punching)
- 50 copies

You may organize the information included in your profile in a style that reflects your PERSONALity. The content recommendations are just that - recommendations. Do not feel obligated to follow the list precisely.

Content recommendations:

- ✓ Write in complete sentences, utilizing proper grammar and punctuation.
- ✓ Describe your personal interests and hobbies – your educational and career goals, things that make you happy, etc.
- ✓ Discuss what you hope to accomplish during the upcoming Grand Year, while serving in this Grand Office.
- ✓ Share highlights of your Rainbow life, such as when you were initiated and in which assembly, when you served as Worthy Advisor, or your favorite Rainbow office.
- ✓ Include information about your family: parents' names, siblings' names and ages, interesting facts about your family (16 dogs, lived in the same house since birth, etc.).

Please do NOT:

- Exceed the one page limit
- Use glitter
- List every office you have ever held in your Assembly or Grand Assembly
- Miss this opportunity to get to know your sisters (and adults) better!

If you are unable to attend Grand Officer Leadership, please send your Personal Profile pages with your Grand Deputy. He/she will ensure your profile is distributed, and he/she will ensure you receive a set of profiles following Leadership.

BUILD A GRANDIE PROGRAM

This program was established to help Grand Officers prepare themselves for Grand Assembly over the course of the Grand year, rather than waiting until the weeks or days before Grand Assembly.

Due at Grand Officer Leadership:

- **100 business cards:** Business cards should include the Grand Officer's name, current title, email address, and the NV IORG web site. Rainbow graphics are available on the NV IORG web site.

Including a mailing address and telephone number are optional. If someone chooses to include this personal information, attention should be given regarding who will be receiving the business cards (for security and safety concerns) and ensuring business cards are not misplaced or lost.

Fifty business cards should be bought to Grand Officer Leadership to share with the Grand Family; the remaining 50 should be used throughout the year to promote Nevada Rainbow.

- **Dressed Mascot:** It has been a long-standing tradition for Nevada Grand Officers to dress their mascots prior to Grand Assembly. Generally, a mascot's attire corresponds to the girl's specific Grand Office/s or the theme of Grand Assembly; however, such thematic representation is not mandatory. In 2018, Grand Officers are to bring their dressed mascots to Grand Officer Leadership.
- **Quilt Square:** In 2018, each Grand Officer should bring a quilt square design concept to Grand Officer Leadership. While the design concept may be submitted on an 8 ½ x 11" sheet of paper, the final quilt square design will be limited to 11 x 11".
- **Trailer Sash:** Trailer sashes must be made of fabric and measure no less than 2 inches and no more than 4 inches in width, including ruffles and decorations. Sashes are to fit (end) one hand width below the natural waist of the girl wearing the sash. As sashes are designed, it is important to be mindful of the age and size of the Trailer. Smaller girls often have a difficult time managing large sashes. Sashes that do not adhere to the size requirements will not be approved and must be remade and approved by the Grand Deputy before being presented to the Trailer. Please plan to present approved sashes (to Trailers) during the Rainbow meeting immediately following Grand Officer Leadership.
- **Personal Page Sash:** In 2018, the following Grand Officers should make Personal Page sashes: Line Officers, Recorder, and Treasurer (for Sound Page). The dimensions and requirements for Personal Page Sashes are the same as those described above for Trailer sashes. Approved Page Sashes may be left with Mrs. Butler following Grand Officer Leadership; she will ensure they are at the next OV, when Personal Pages will be announced.

Due throughout the year:

1st Official Visit:

- **Grand Officer Jacket (optional):** This sweatshirt-type jacket may be a pull-over, zipper front, or button front. Minimally, the jacket should include the Grand Officer's first name and office. Other enhancements may be added based on the design. Some Grand Officers choose to collaborate on jacket designs (i.e. the Line, Bow, Drill Leaders, Flags, etc.)

Last Fall OV:

- **GWA Quilt Square:** Quilt squares should be completed as requested by the WAA. Quilt squares and instructions will be distributed during Grand Officer Leadership or the first Official Visit. If you do not wish to complete a quilt square, please return the quilt square and \$25, payable to Nevada Grand Assembly, to the Director of Grand Officers at any time prior to the established deadline. She will ensure someone else makes your square prior to the due date.

GWA Reception:

- **Mascot Bag:** Mascot bags must be returned clean and in good condition. Pass-down bags should be updated with your name and year. Please avoid using puffy paint, it tends to get sticky and damaged as the bag is folded/unfolded. New bags must measure 18 inches by 18 inches; this ensures a mascot bag may be made from ½ yard of material.

Grand Assembly:

- **Pantaloons Parade:** Another of Nevada's long-standing traditions is the Pantaloons Parade during Grand Assembly. Pantaloons must be floor length; decoration should appear below the hem of the shift that will be worn during the Pantaloons Parade.

Hair bows: *Some Grand Officers received an office specific hair bow the night of Announcements. Others choose to make one themselves. And, still other Grand Officers prefer to wear hair bows that coordinate with the dress they are wearing at a specific event. Due to these personal preferences, hair bows are optional, and therefore, no longer a part of the Build a Grandie Program.*

Pin-Ons: *Due to inconsistent participation by Grand Officers, the 2016 Grand Officers decided that this would be an optional activity, not part of the Build a Grandie program. Pin-on are a simple (or elaborate) decoration to be given to Rainbow friends and adults at Grand Assembly. Pin-ons typically say something like "My GWA loves me!!" and are creative, colorful AND inexpensive. About 100 are given out at Grand Assembly.*