

## WELCOME TO BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

The Public Relations Department of The American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State wishes to take this opportunity to welcome all Delegates to Ashland University for an outstanding week of learning, challenges, hard work, fun, and making new friends. The Girls State Staff knows that you are apprehensive of what to expect during the upcoming week. Please feel free to contact any staff member to answer your questions.

Buckeye Girls State is the name given to Ohio's Girls State program, which was designed to educate Ohio's young women in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. By getting

involved in this week long mock government, you will learn about City, County and State Government. The Ohio American Legion Auxiliary has been the proud sponsor of BGS since 1947.

You, the Delegates, have been chosen with the aid of your high school principals, guidance counselors, teachers and your local American Legion Auxiliary Unit because of your leadership qualities, interest in government, moral character, and above average scholastic standing.

Make the most of this outstanding learning opportunity and have fun while you are learning.

## PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

"Service, Not Self," has been the Auxiliary motto for over 79 years. The members are dedicated women of all ages working unselfishly together for our veterans, their families, children and our community.

The establishment of an Auxiliary to The American Legion was provided for by the first National Convention of The American Legion in 1919. The first national Convention of the Auxiliary was held in Kansas City, Missouri, in 1921. At the time the name "American Legion Auxiliary" was adopted and the first national officers elected.

The first National President was Edith Hobart from Milford, OH.

The organization has one great purpose – "to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of The American Legion." Our major activity is built around our veterans. But, our service does not stop there. We are involved in children and youth and community service activities.



The Auxiliary is working to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, a patriotism that teaches love of America through knowledge of the people who made it great. We strive to educate the public in the four principles of Justice, Freedom, Democracy and Loyalty that have been our guides over the years. It endeavors to bring to Americans a fuller realization of their responsibilities as citizens do.

### HEALTH TIPS

- Drink Plenty of Fluids
- Eat Fiber Foods
- Don't Skip Meals
- Eat at Least One Balanced Meal a Day
- Take Care of Your Feet - Comfortable Shoes
- Hygiene is Important
- Get Some Sleep
- Clinic Hours  
7:30 am to 9:00 pm

### MONDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED SHOWERS  
HIGH 70°F • LOW 56°F

## NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

This evening you will all have the rare opportunity to experience the pride and jubilation that only naturalized citizens of the United States of America get to feel. In order for citizens and non-citizens to fully take part in government activities you will all

be sworn in as Citizens of Buckeye Girls State during a mock ceremony. During this ceremony you might wish to reflect on the feelings that our naturalized citizens experience when they swear allegiance to our country.

## GIRLS STATE HISTORY

The American Legion Auxiliary is working to keep patriotism a part of the education of every child, a patriotism that teaches love of America through knowledge of how our state governments operate. Girls State is a showcase program of the organization.

The Girls State program was organized as a national Americanism activity by the 1937 National Convention. The first Girls State Program was held in Washington D.C. in 1947. The Girls State program is a practical application of Americanism and good citizenship. The entire program is a non-partisan, non-political attempt to teach and inculcate in the youth of America a love of God and country.

The Girls State purpose is to: provide citizenship training for girls of high school age in every Department of the American Legion Auxiliary; afford them an opportunity to live together as self-governing citizens; and inform them about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of American citizenship, in order that they may understand and participate in the functioning of their government.

Mrs. Robert Gray selected the first Buckeye Girls State Council (later changed to Board of Directors)

and named Mrs. Carl Zeller (Leta), Director. In 1946, the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary chartered the Buckeye Girls State program. The first session of Buckeye Girls State was started in June, 1947 on the campus of Capital University, Bexley, with 304 delegates with a staff of approximately 30 Auxiliary members. The purpose of BGS, as written in 1946 was... "to educate young girls of high school age in the duties, privileges and responsibilities of American citizenship; to provide an opportunity for them to live together as self governing citizens and to participate in the actual functioning of their government..." it is no different today. BGS has been held at Bowling Green University and Ashland University. It has grown to 1000 delegates attending and 175 Auxiliary staff members. BGS is the largest Girls State in the Nation.

The legacy from those Auxiliary members who chartered the first BGS remains. The delegates attending become citizens of their own state, members of a political party, run for elected office and deal with affairs of government at all levels. The lessons learned at BGS enable these young ladies to become more informed citizens in how their state government functions.

## UNIVERSITY SEMINAR

The first session of the free five-day seminar, "Principles and Practices of Freedom in American Politics" is Monday. The first session is open to anyone, but those of you who are registered must attend one of the one-hour workshop sessions offered on Monday beginning at 9:00 am in order to receive credit for the course. Those of you who have not registered will have the opportunity to register during any of Monday's sessions.

The Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University offers the seminar. This is a wonderful opportunity as the credit earned for attending the five-day course and successfully completing the exam will earn one semester hour of university credit applied to a degree from Ashland University or transferred to the University of your choice depending on their transfer policy.

## PARTY COMMITTEEMEN

The first positions available to run for are City, County, and State Party Committeeman. These positions require and energetic, outgoing individual whom wants to be involved from the outset. It will be her job to instill party loyalty, make certain her party has candidates for city offices and promote the candidates for County and State offices, working for their election. She will take an active role during County and State Caucuses, Rallies, and Debates. The Party Committeemen will also play a key role in platform development.

MONDAY AT A GLANCE	
7:15 am	Flag Raising
9:00 to 4:30 pm	Government Workshops
4:30 pm	University Seminar
4:30 to 5:30 pm	Mock Trial Auditions
7:00 pm	City Central Committeeman & Board of Elections Election
7:45 pm	County & State Caucuses
10:30 pm	City Meetings



*The Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs is located on the eighth floor of the Ashland University Library.*

## WELCOME JO ANN DAVIDSON

Director Jo Ann Davidson has achieved a distinguished record of public service in her over 33-year career. She is currently serving as Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Davidson most recently served as Speaker of the House of Representatives from January 1995 to December 2000. Her leadership has guided many important legislative initiatives through the Ohio General Assembly including welfare reform, electric deregulation and criminal justice.

A legislator for 20 years, Director Davidson has also served as a member of Reynoldsburg City Council and as township clerk.

In addition, Davidson has extensive experience in the private sector. Prior to 1994 Director Davidson worked as Vice President of Special Programs for the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

The American Legion Auxiliary is once again honored to have Director Jo Ann Davidson as our Opening Ceremony Keynote Speaker. We were also thrilled to have the opportunity to name one of our cities after her for this 2001 session.

Director Davidson holds honorary Doctor of Law degrees from Ohio University and Capital University, an honorary degree in Government Leadership from the University of Findlay and an



honorary Doctor of Public Administration Degree from the Ohio State University. She serves on the board of trustees of the University of Findlay and Franklin University.

## A WORD ABOUT CAUCUSES

**What they are:** A complex, multitiered system of meetings that begin at the neighborhood level; often schedule over several weeks.

At BGS, the timetable is much shorter. Caucuses are used to inform the citizens of party information and planning in the selection of their party candidates. Candidates seek endorsement from their party to increase name recognition and ultimately election success.

**Who Participates:** Mainly party activists, though any registered voter can attend.

At BGS, all citizens participate.

**What they do:** Decide which presidential candidates the state's delegates to the national political conventions will support.

At BGS, these will aid in endorsing your party's candidates for city, county and state government offices.

## CITY & COUNTY AWARDS

Each city at BGS is eligible daily starting Monday morning for the Ideal City Award. This is judged by the Director of Counselors, Mrs. Verbeke and the City Government Director, Mrs. Jackson with the aid of the inspection of your city by the WHITE GLOVES LADIES.

The criteria to win this award is:

1. Sanitation - The cleanliness of your city
2. Attitude - Whether or not you are smiling, congenial, and if the Businesses in your city are operating. (Doors Decorated)

3. Health Issues - The number of times the delegates in your city have visited the Clinic

4. Participation - Taking part in your City, State & County Government, BEING A GOOD CITIZEN

The judging for the Ideal County Award is based on a form on the same criteria completed by the Senior Resident Advisor and the City Government Advisor of each city.

The Government accomplishments of each city in the county counts heavy for this award.

### REMINDERS

- *Did you remember to turn your car keys into the directors office and get your parking permit?*
- *Don't forget to check out the BGS website: [www.bgs@ashland.edu](http://www.bgs@ashland.edu)*

### SUNDAY QUOTE

*Nothing brings out the lower traits of human nature like office seeking.*

– Hayes 1878

## CONTEST

Each edition of "The Buckeye" will have a contest for your city to take part in. There will be treats for the winning city. If there is more than one city getting the questions or puzzle correct all cities will be placed in a hat and the winner drawn randomly.

The completed entries should be returned to the Public Relations Office located in the Convocation Center no later than 10am the following morning. Good luck to all of you.

This entry due, Monday, 11 June 2001, 10am.

## OHIO FACTS

There are \_\_\_\_\_ counties in the state of Ohio.

\_\_\_\_\_ is the largest county area wise in the state.

The smallest county covering the least amount of are in the state is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ohio is ranked \_\_\_\_\_ in population among the 50 states.

Columbus is the largest city in Ohio followed by \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.

Ohio's first capitol was \_\_\_\_\_.

The nations first co-ed, interracial college was \_\_\_\_\_ founded in 1833.

Ohio's first settlement is \_\_\_\_\_ founded in 1788.

The \_\_\_\_\_ is Ohio's bug.

Our bird is \_\_\_\_\_ and our flower is \_\_\_\_\_.

## ATTENTION ARTISTS & COMPUTER WIZ'

Create The BGS Roster Cover

Requirements:

- Roster Cover must be on 8.5" x 11" white paper
- "Buckeye Girls State Roster"
- the year 2001 must be on the Roster Cover
- The American Legion Auxiliary Emblem (on front cover) must be on the Roster Cover. See newspaper editor for more information.
- cover must be computer generated and provided on disk - if you do not have a disk see the newspaper staff

ENTRY DEADLINE DATE:

Noon, Tuesday, June 12, 2001

Please include your name and your city in the lower right hand corner of the document.



### SUNDAY FAMOUS LAST WORDS

"This 'telephone' has too many shortcomings to be seriously considered as a means of communication. The device is inherently of no value to us."

— Western Union  
internal memo, 1876.

### AU BOOKSTORE

The AU bookstore is open for business. Check out the BGS items for purchase.