

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By
Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol

Emcee
Jordan Holland, Allen City/
Stoy County

Pledge
Angeliki Georgopoulos,
Benson City/Stoy County

National Anthem
Shanel Petty, Davidson City/
Stoy County

Reading
Raelyn Gougler, Cook City/
Stoy County

Thought
Felicia Kreinbrink, Bombeck
City/Stoy County

MONDAY CONTEST

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE NO LATER THAN 9AM TUESDAY.

The Pledge of Allegiance was written by _____.
Our flag is also known as _____ and _____.
When the flag passes by, you are to stand at attention, _____ and place your left hand at your side.
When the flag is flown at night, it must be _____.
The Flag is only hung upside down to denote _____. On _____ the Pledge of Allegiance was written
The proper way to dispose of a flag is to _____ it.
When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should _____ the flag and _____.
The flag of the United States is always the _____ flag raised and the _____ flag lowered.
The flag is to be flown at half staff in mourning for designated, principal government leaders and upon _____ and _____ order.

Congratulations TAFT CITY Sunday Contest Winner.

SUNDAY CONTEST ANSWERS

1.88; 2. Ashtabula; 3. Lake; 4. 7 5. Cleveland & Cincinnati; 6. Chillicothe; 7. Oberlin College; 8. Marietta; 9. Lady Bug; 10. Cardinal and Carnation

HIGHWAY PATROL

Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol is operated by Officers and Troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Delegates who have taken the Highway Patrol Exam are able to meet the rigorous physical demands and are fortunate enough to be selected for the BGS Highway Patrol will receive a comprehensive training in Ohio Law, Law Enforcement and the role, duties, and responsibilities of a police officer. You will enforce the highway laws of BGS, apprehend and arrest suspects for factious trials, and Post the Colors at Flag Raising. Following the conclusion of Buckeye Girls State, approximately 20 Girls State Citizens are selected to attend Junior Cadet Week at the Highway Patrol Training Academy in Columbus. This program is cosponsored by both the American Legion Auxiliary and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

MONDAY'S QUESTION OF THE DAY

What do you hope to gain from Buckeye Girls State?

"I hope to gain some leadership skills, and I am really interested in government and business. It will be great to learn new things and make new friends."
- Cylia Queen, Montgomery City

"Better knowledge about our government and new friends of course!"
- Morgan Daily, Benson City

"Meet new friends and learn more about the government. Most people don't know much about the state and only care about the federal; I want to learn more."
- Taylor Summerfield, Junge City

"I want more knowledge about the government and how it works."
- Esther Kelley, Oakley City

"To attain better people skills, meet new people and, of course, to have fun."
- Lauren Ailes, Resnick City

"Make a lot of friends and memories. I really want a cool outfit, like a judge has."
- Hannah Schneider, Davidson City



AU BOOKSTORE

The AU bookstore is open for business. Check out the BGS keepsakes as well as Ashland University items.

OPENING CEREMONY

Desiree Stoy opened the 61st session of Buckeye Girls State to a room full of excited and eager delegates. The colors were presented by Katelyn Yoder of Montgomery City and Bethany Yoder of Merritt City. A peaceful invocation was presented by Carol T. Robinson, First Vice President American Legion Auxiliary. Cyndi Underwood, Second Vice President of American Legion Auxiliary led the Pledge of Allegiance. The National Anthem was led by Shelley Riggs, National Executive Committeewoman of the American Legion Auxiliary.



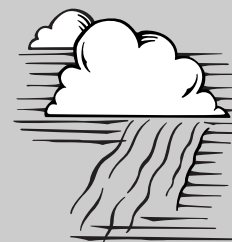
As the delegates were sworn in by the Honorable Judge Damien Vercillo, the girls promised, "to be true to yourself, your country and your constitution." The delegates clapped along to the Buckeye Girls State song and rose in appreciation for the program and the opportunities that await them. President of Ashland University, Dr. Frederick J. Finks, congratulated the Legion on their hard work and commitment to the Girls State program, commenting on their four values of justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty.

As 2006 Governor of BGS, Yosha Gunasekera, quoted- Eleanor Roosevelt once said, "The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience." This statement exemplifies the BGS motto. Each delegate is presented with numerous opportunities throughout this week and is encouraged to "carpe diem," or "seize the day" as Gunasekera stated. Governor Gunasekera went on to share, "Buckeye Girls State empowers women to take leadership positions." Her greatest piece of advice for the girls was something that will be shared by many as the election process approaches, "from every loss you win, you gain experience." These girls were encouraged to "participate, make new friends, and capture the moment," an exceptional closing from director, Desiree Stoy.

TUESDAY AT A GLANCE

Flag Raising	7:15 am
County Caucuses	9:00 am
Platform & Rally	11:15 am
State Caucuses	2:30 pm
University Seminar	5:00 pm
Petition Filing Deadline	6:30 pm
City Rallies	7:30 pm
Rally & Debate Planning	8:15 pm
Chorus & Band Rehearsal	9:00 pm
City Meeting	10:00 pm

TUESDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 90°F · LOW 68°F

NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Donna Ray, Ohio American Legion Auxiliary President, petitioned the court on behalf of the delegates selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Units of the Department of Ohio. Ray vouched for their character and willingness to learn and participate as good citizens of Buckeye Girls State. The petition was presented to the Honorable Damien Vercillo, Ashland County Juvenile Probate Court Judge. Seeing the 870 delegates raising their right hand to swear their oath of allegiance to Buckeye Girls State was truly an amazing sight.



MORNING SPIRITS SOARED

With the raising of the American flag at 7:15, Jordan Holland from Allen City led the ceremony. The colors were placed on the pole by the Buckeye Girls State Highway Patrol and were raised respectfully. The pledge was lead proudly by Angeliki Georgopoulos from Benson City and the National Anthem was performed by Shanel Petty from Davidson City who showed amazing talent. We also were blessed by having Raelyn Gougler from Cook City read a poem titled "I Believe in America Because..." written by the famous Wendell L. Willkie. Although many tired delegate faces arrived on the quad, most were in anticipation of their first full day. After the encouraging morning, the girls were awake and excited for the day.

In preparation for these special morning meetings, the U.S. Flag Etiquette should be mentioned and followed. These include:

- "The flag should never be dipped to any person or thing. It is flown upside down only as a distress signal." *
- "The flag should never be used for any advertising purpose." *
- "The flag should never be used as part of a costume or athletic uniform, except a flag patch may be used on the uniform of government personnel." *
- "When the flag is lowered, no part of it should touch the ground or any other object." *
- "The Pledge of Allegiance should be rendered by standing at attention, facing the flag." ^
- When the National Anthem is played or sung, citizens should stand at attention;
- Gentlemen should remove their caps when the flag is presented; and
- A hand over your heart should be used when the National Anthem is sung.

Although not every city participates in the flag rising on the quad everyday, you can still admire Old Glory any time of day. Each morning the girls will participate in a flag ceremony, whether in their individual cities or on the quad as a county. Remember to admire the flag, as she is a representation of the liberty and freedom that our founding fathers fought for.

* USA Flag Site, <http://www.usa-flag-site.org/etiquette.shtml>
 ^ Raptor's Nest/P.O.W., http://www.p-o-w.com/us_flag.htm



EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

Citizens of Buckeye Girls State running for office have the choice to campaign for whichever office they have aspirations for. Campaigning is a process used to allow the electorate to know your name, the office for which you are running and the accomplishments you wish to achieve in that office. Many girls take part in campaigning by making posters, creating pins/name tags for their supporters to wear, meeting the citizens and giving speeches that receive the attention of their fellow citizens. All citizens should be involved. Candidate supporters can lend excitement and fresh ideas to any campaign helping to get you elected. In our accelerated session you will begin verbal campaigning this evening.

OVER 2610 VISITORS ARRIVE

Ashland University welcomed 870 enthusiastic girls, along with their families, eagerly awaiting the opening of Buckeye Girls State. The delegates were ushered through registration by the volunteer staff with the utmost ease and were directed to their new city locations for the upcoming week. Paige Becker, from Bombeck City, commented on how easy the registration process was; "I didn't know what to expect, but everyone was really nice and that made it such a smooth process. I have a bad sense of direction. So, the guides were really helpful."

Many girls took a quick stop at the bookstore display of BGS merchandise, and ordered their city pictures and yearbooks, as well. The final stop of the check-in process was at the delegates' rooms. After each delegate was greeted by their city counselor and city government advisor, the unpacking process began, but not before saying a final goodbye to their parents. Before their first dinner the girls had a chance to get to know one another and their surroundings through a program called, Campus Exploration. Dani Casterline, from Davidson City, commented, "The drive took forever, but I am glad we are here. I am really excited and ready to learn." This is the opinion that many girls share as they start the exciting adventure of Buckeye Girls State.



BRANCHES OF GOVERNMENT

Our form of Government has three branches.

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Governor: The governor is the chief executive officer of state government. The governor is responsible for proposing the state budget, appointing state department directors and signing or vetoing bills, passed by the legislative branch of BGS.
Lieutenant Governor: The lieutenant governor is a member of the governor's cabinet and presides at its meetings in the absence of the governor.
Secretary of State: The secretary of state is the chief election officer for the state. The secretary is also charged with safely keeping the laws and resolutions passed by the General Assembly and recording articles of incorporation for BGS businesses.
Treasurer of State: The treasurer's primary responsibilities are to collect, invest, and protect state funds. The treasurer collects most state taxes and manages the investments. The treasurer maintains an accurate accounting of all state and custodial funds.
Auditor of State: The auditor of state is the constitutional officer responsible for auditing all public offices in the state including the cities, schools and counties as well as many governmental departments.
Attorney General: The attorney general is the chief law enforcement officer for BGS and all its departments. The attorney general appears for the state in the trial and argument of all civil and criminal cases in the Supreme Court. Therefore you must pass the Bar Exam.

LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

House of Representatives: There are 45 elected members of the House of Representatives. Nine elected from each congressional district which is comprised of the five different counties at Buckeye Girls State.
Senators: There are 5 senators from each of the congressional districts for a total of 25 Senators making up the Senate.
 The House of Representatives and the Senate make up the "General Assembly." The General Assembly proposes and debates bills for adoption into laws. Most bills require a majority vote in both houses. If a bill passes both chambers it is then presented to the governor to be signed into law.

JUDICIAL BRANCH

The Buckeye Girls State Judicial System, like Ohio's, is a four tier court system.
Supreme Court: The Supreme Court is known as the court of last resort. It is comprised of the Chief Justice and 6 Associate Justices. Most cases the Supreme Court hears are brought from the Court of Appeals.
Court of Appeals: There are 3 Court of Appeals' Judges hearing cases drawn from the Common Pleas Court and the Municipal Court.
Common Pleas Court: Criminal felony and civil cases over \$500.00 are heard at the Common Pleas Court. It is the only trial court created by the constitution.
Municipal Court: The Municipal Court is in all 5 counties and is authorized to conduct preliminary felony hearings, traffic and non-traffic misdemeanors and can rule on some civil cases up to \$15,000.00.

HEALTH TIP

Go to Bed at Night

Don't stay up talking with your new friends. You will be very tired by the end of the week. Getting plenty of sleep helps to keep you healthy, that is why "lights out" is printed in the program.

Don't Share Makeup

Don't share makeup, especially lip gloss and lipstick; you don't want to be passing germs through your spit. Also, don't forget to wash your hands frequently.

IT'S UP TO YOU

- One song can spark a moment,*
- One flower can wake the dream.*
- One tree can start a forest,*
- One bird can herald spring.*
- One smile begins a friendship,*
- One handclasp lifts a soul.*
- One star can guide a ship at sea,*
- One word can frame the goal.*
- One vote can change a nation,*
- One sunbeam lights a room,*
- One candle wipes out darkness*
- One laugh will conquer gloom.*
- One step must start each journey,*
- One word must start each prayer.*
- One hope will raise our spirits,*
- One touch can show you care.*
- One voice can speak with wisdom,*
- One heart can know what's true,*
- One life can make the difference,*
- You see, IT'S UP TO YOU!*

MONDAY QUOTE

*"Be what you are,
 and become what you
 are capable of becoming."*

—Robert Louis Stevenson