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WELCOME TO THE 2009 BUCKEYE GIRLS STATE

The Public Relations Department of the American Legion Auxiliary Buckeye Girls State would like to take this opportunity to welcome all delegates to Ashland University and our 63rd Anniversary. This next week promises to engage you in fun, hard work, and making new friends. Accept the challenges you will receive this week to learn as much as you can about democracy. The Girls State staff knows you may be apprehensive about what to expect during this upcoming week, but please do not hesitate to contact any of the staff to answer your questions or concerns. We are all here to make this one of the most unforgettable learning experiences of your lifetime. Buckeye Girls State is the

name given to our program that provides the young women in the State of Ohio the opportunity to learn about city, county and state governing bodies. Your Principals, Counselors, Teachers, and local American Legion Auxiliary Units have selected you because of your unique qualities. Your active participation in this week's planned events will enhance your knowledge and understanding. It is important for the future of our country that you learn about the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of good citizenship. Now go and make lasting memories and learn lessons for life. Above all enjoy yourselves!

PURPOSE OF THE AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

"Service, Not Self" has been the Auxiliary motto for over 82 years. The members are dedicated women of all ages working unselfishly together for our veterans, their families, and our communities. The establishment of the Auxiliary to the American Legion occurred in 1919 at the first National Convention of the American Legion. In 1921, the first National Convention of the Auxiliary was held in Kansas City, Missouri. At that time, the name American Legion Auxiliary was adopted, and officers were elected. Edith Hobart of Milford, Ohio was elected the first national president. This organization has an outstanding purpose – "to contribute to the accomplishment of the aims and purposes of the American Legion." The major activity is supporting our veterans, but our service does not stop there. We are very involved in programs for children and youth as well as community service activities. The Auxiliary works very hard to instill patriotism in every child. We teach children to love America and to have knowledge and respect for all people who have



made and continue to make this a great country. The Auxiliary strives to educate the public in four major principals; Justice, Freedom, Democracy, and Loyalty. These have been the guidelines throughout the years. We endeavor to bring to all Americans an understanding and fuller realization of their responsibilities as citizens to this great nation.

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
- Wear Comfortable Shoes
- Hygiene is Important
- Get Some Sleep
- Clinic Hours
7:30 am to 9:00 pm

MONDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED T-STORMS
HIGH 74°F · Low 55°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, as well as non-citizens to fully partake in government activity, you

will all be sworn in as citizens of Buckeye Girls State during a mock ceremony. Take the time during the ceremony to reflect upon the feelings that naturalized American citizens' experience when they swear allegiance to our country.



TIP OF THE DAY

Follow the three R's:

*Respect for self,
Respect for others, and
Responsibility for all your
actions.*

WHAT I HAVE LEARNED

- *It's those small happenings that make life so spectacular.*
- *Under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.*
- *The Lord did not do it all in one day. What makes me think I can?*
- *Everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile.*
- *Opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.*
- *A smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.*

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 government operates. Girls State is a showcase program of the organization.

The Girls State program was organized as a national Americanism activity during the 1937 Auxiliary national convention. The first Girls State program was held in Washington D. C. in 1947. The 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 County.

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 del-

egates and 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, rights 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 Capital University, Bowling Green University and Ashland University. It has grown to 1000 delegates attending and 175 Auxiliary staff members. BGS is one of the largest Girls State programs in the nation.

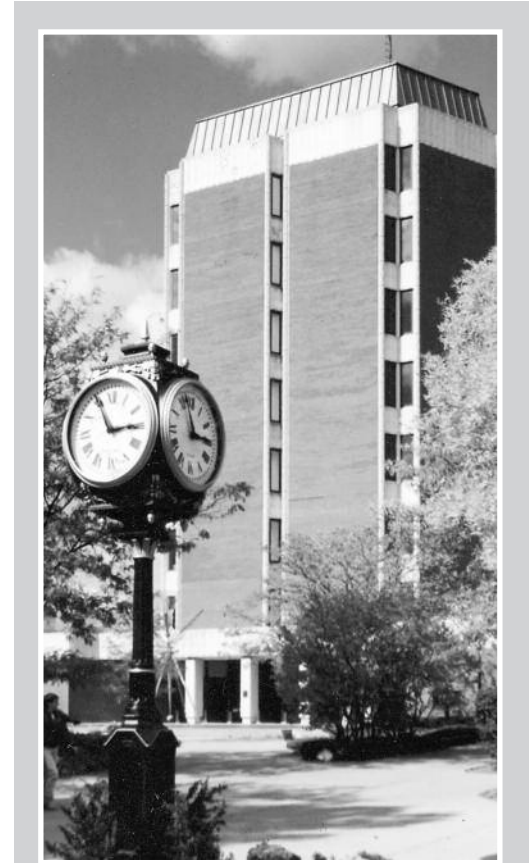
The legacy from those Auxiliary members who chartered BGS remains. The delegates attending become citizens of their own state, members of a political party, run for elected office and deal with affairs of government at all levels. The lessons learned at BGS enable these young women to become better-informed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

UNIVERSITY SEMINAR

Any Delegate who wishes to take the course "Principles and Practice of Freedom in American Politics" offered by The Ashbrook Center for Public Affairs at Ashland University must attend one of the Workshop sessions on Monday. Starting on Tuesday and for the rest of the week, the course will be offered from 5:00 to 6:00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity. The credit earned by 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 an energetic, outgoing individual who 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, promote the candidates for County and State offices and work 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.



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

CITY AWARDS

Each city at BGS is eligible daily starting Monday morning for the **Ideal City Award**. This is judged by the BGS staff members along with the aid of the inspection of your city by the **WHITE GLOVES LADIES**.

The criterion 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 and being a Good Citizen



CAUCUSES

What is a caucus? A complex, multi-tiered system of meetings that begin at the neighborhood level, often scheduled 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 do they do? Decide which presidential candidates the state delegates will support at the national political conventions. At BGS, caucuses will aid in endorsing your party's candidates for city, county and state government offices.

REMINDERS

- *Did you remember to turn your car keys into the director's office and get your parking permit?*
- *Don't forget to check out the BGS website: www.buckeyegirlsstate.org*
- *You must wear your lanyards at all times outside of your dorm rooms.*

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The things that will destroy us are: politics without principal; pleasure without conscience; wealth without work; knowledge without character; business without morality; science without humanity; and worship without sacrifice.

– Mahatma Gandhi



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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/Heritage Room no later than 10 am the following morning. Good luck to all of you! This entry is due Monday, June 15, 2009, 10am.

OHIO FACTS

1. There are _____ counties in the state of Ohio.
2. _____ is the largest county, area wise, in the state.
3. The smallest county, covering the least amount of area, in the state is _____.
4. Ohio is ranked _____ in population among the 50 states.
5. Columbus is the largest city in Ohio followed by _____ & _____.
6. Ohio's first capitol was _____.
7. The nation's first co-ed interracial college was _____ founded in 1833.
8. Ohio's first settlement was _____ founded in 1788.
9. The _____ is Ohio's bug.
10. Our bird is _____ and our flower is _____.

ATTENTION: WORK ON THE NEWSPAPER STAFF

Articles may be submitted for the Buckeye by 10:00 am each day. Report what happens within your city and around campus that is of interest to others. Delegates should be the topic. There will be NO CAMPAIGNING in the newspaper. Articles must contain the Author's name and their BGS City. You must have either your Resident Advisor and/or Government Advisor's initials indicating that they have read the article, prior to submitting it for print. All articles will be reviewed by the Editor of the Buckeye for consideration. Some submitted may or may not appear due to content and/or space restrictions.



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.

REMEMBER NO CELL PHONES DURING GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONING!

AU BOOKSTORE

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

