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WELCOME TO BGS FROM PRESIDENT THATCHER

On behalf of the Department of Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, I want to welcome each of you to the campus of Ashland University and the opportunity of a lifetime – Buckeye Girls State 2010.

I encourage you to make the most of this outstanding learning experience. Your active participation will increase your knowledge and understanding of government interaction and send you home as a BGS ambassador. HAVE A GREAT WEEK.

OFFICIAL OPENING KICKS OFF WEEK'S EVENTS

The John C. Myers Convocation Center was filled with confident cities extolling their virtues through cheer and song while others were quiet with anticipation of the unknown. This is how the Sixty-Fourth Session of Buckeye Girls State began.

Director Desi Stoy welcomed the 843 Delegates by telling them "Leaders don't wait. They shape their own frontiers." She challenged the Delegates to take this statement to task. She told them to participate, run for office, make at least one new friend and capture the moment for this experience will never come again.

The Deputy Director of the Judicial Branch, Kelly McLaughlin, administered the oath of citizenship to the Delegates.

The Keynote Speaker for the Official Opening was 2009 Governor, Nandini Srinivasan. "Dreams ... shape our speech, our actions and goals." Governor Nandini told the delegates "Buckeye Girls State is a dream for each and every one of you to live out over the next six days." Nandini told the delegates that at Girls State that you are not laughed at because you are a seventeen year old with ideas but rather admired because you are a seventeen year old with dreams.

Hayes City Delegates commented after the program. They were slightly overwhelmed because they don't understand how the program will work but they are intrigued. Montgomery City Delegates stated it was interesting to be a part of the swearing in ceremony. They are looking forward to being involved in this amazing

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	8:15 pm
City Meetings	10:00 pm

TUESDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS
HIGH 79°F · LOW 65°F





NEARLY 850 GIRLS ARRIVE AT BGS

Brightly colored balloons marked the way for nearly 850 girls to register at Ashland University Sunday afternoon, and begin the week's activities of the sixty-fourth Buckeye Girls State. A full BGS staff was on hand to direct the delegates and their families to their designated cities.

After each girl was registered, she headed for her dormitory, where her city counselor and government advisor were waiting to welcome her into her home for the week. Girls flooded their city lobbies joining in "city mixers" getting to know one another. The sunshine was abundant

and a soft breeze filled the air as counselors led the delegates on campus tours. Many girls were seen carrying bags of newly purchased BGS apparel.

Smiles were seen on many faces as the high school juniors settled into their new surroundings. Girls were talking of their plans for the week and a few had already begun campaigning. The girls of Buckeye Girls State are ready to meet the challenges that the week presents.



ONE AT BGS AND ONE AT BBS

Today Bill and Sandi Wonders, drove 130 miles in two and a half hours to drop off daughter, Erin, at Buckeye Girls State in Ashland. Yesterday they drove twin brother Brett to Bowling Green University, so he could attend Buckeye Boys State. Dad said he was used to this because he remembers driving their older brother Jared to Bowling Green in 2005 for this same reason.

Erin and her twin brother attend Tinora High School in Defiance. Erin will be spending the remainder of this week residing in Jones City in Clayton Hall. She is looking forward to talking to her brother when they

return home, because she said she has always been competitive. Although she thinks he will probably be elected to a higher position at Boys State, she is sure that she will work harder.

Dad said that he is just "looking forward to when they come home" and he can hear about all their experiences. They think comparing the Boys State Program to the Girls State Program will prove very interesting, and can't wait to see the differences. He thinks it will make this Father's Day a very special day to remember.

HOW TO DRESS BUSINESS CASUAL

Throughout the busy week of learning the fundamentals of government, campaigning and working in a newly elected role, there are events that require delegates to dress "business casual." These events include:

- Opening ceremony
- City pictures
- City Government Celebration
- County and State Government Celebration
- Joint session of the House and Senate

Unfortunately, while in high school, this is a term that may not be explained effectively; so Public Relations are here to help.

According to Virginia Tech's Division of Student Affairs, for women, "business casual" means a pair of pants or a skirt, neither tight. It should be clean, unwrinkled, and look professional. Also, business casual clothing should not be too revealing. If wearing a skirt, the skirt length should come to the knee while standing and while sitting. Thighs should be covered. Wearing flip-flops is not appropriate for business casual attire. Closed or open-toed shoes or heels, however, are acceptable. Tailored shirts or blouses, knit sweaters and sweater sets are appropriate tops for following a "business casual" dress code.

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FLAG DAY, JUNE 14

Flag Day is celebrated on June 14th. It commemorates the adoption of the flag of the United States, which happened that day by resolution of the Second Continental Congress in 1777.

President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation to officially establish June 14th as Flag Day in 1916.

Flag Day is a day for all Americans to celebrate and show respect for our flag. Our flag is representative of our independence and our unity as a nation....one nation, under God, indivisible. Our flag has a proud and glorious history. It was at the lead of every battle fought by Americans. Many people have died protecting it. It even stands proudly on the surface of the moon.

As Americans, we have every right to be proud of our culture, our nation, and our flag. So raise the flag today and every day with pride!



CAMPAIGN HARD, BUT PLAY BY THE RULES

The United States' election process is a cornerstone of its democracy and an orderly process of a transfer of power. In a democracy, the candidates vie for office with words and ideas and not violence.

At Buckeye Girls State, you will get a taste of this great American tradition. In one week, each delegate will campaign for an elected position at the city, county or state level. Even if that elected position is not obtained, you are encouraged to participate by working on the campaign of another candidate.

Although the Girls State campaign is only two days long and doesn't compare in the expense of other elections, the goals are the same. It gives you name recognition, informs voters of your qualifications and accomplishments and what your goals are once elected.

Just as in U.S. elections, there are rules that must be followed. For example, signs may be placed in only certain locations. Restricted posting is "to encourage girls to do grass roots campaigning", said Rene' Reese, Director of Government at Buckeye Girls State. The purpose of some rules is to ensure fairness, while others are designed to further the knowledge of the election process. Violation of a regulation could result in a fine or removal from office.

The regulations are printed in full in the Delegate Information Booklet. Briefly, signs and literature must be made at Buckeye Girls State with paper and markers provided. Campaign material may not be brought from home. Computer-made campaign literature must be made on campus and initialed by a staff member before copying. The name of the Citizen who made the material must be on the publication, and no obscene language or images are allowed.

In addition, each candidate must file a Campaign Finance Statement, and all signs must be removed within 24 hours after general election. For a list of permitted posting locations, see the Delegate Information Booklet.

The Staff wishes all the delegates of Buckeye Girls State a safe and spirited campaigning season!



CELL PHONE DECORUM

Buckeye Girls State is a long standing program of the American Legion Auxiliary. Cell phones, however, are a new happening at BGS. Because of this new popular technology, there are now guidelines printed for the citizens of Girls State. All cell phones and electronic devices (iPods, BlackBerries, etc.) need to be *turned off* during government functioning and all assemblies. **This means no texting is allowed**, also. (Government functioning refers to any time during the day that you are involved in a Girls State related activity; assemblies include ceremonies and large meetings within the Upper Convocation Center.) This should be adhered to at all times during government functioning while here on the Ashland University campus.

First Violation will be a warning to the delegate and she must immediately turn the device off.

Second Violation will cause the confiscating of the device for the duration of the activity where the violation occurred. Third Violation will result in the device being confiscated for the remainder of the day, be cataloged, and stored under lock and key by the Information Center under the authority of the BGS Director.

Further misbehavior will risk the violator's expulsion from Buckeye Girls State.

Remember- this is a very important time here at Buckeye Girls State. The knowledge that is gained at Girls State is irreplaceable. Please be respectful of the cell phone etiquette and BGS citizens.

FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Emcee

Annie Ginbons, Allen City,
Miller County

Pledge

Rose Hunt, Day City,
Nickoson

National Anthem

Mayim Hamblen, Merritt City,
Peoples County

Reading

Megan Bickford, Jones City,
Peoples County

Auxiliary Moment

Jessica Sprankle from Oakley
City, Ray County

Thought

Chloe Crouso, Stoy City,
Reese County

GUIDELINES FOR "IDEAL CITY"

Would you like your city to win the "Ideal City" award? Each day of the week a city is selected to receive the high honor of being named "Ideal City" of Buckeye Girls State. Beginning Monday, every "city" will be visited by the "Snoop Sisters." These ladies are highly skilled in finding the city in each county that displays the following criteria:

1. Lobby areas are neat and orderly.
2. Girls are working together.
3. Daily Goals and Accomplishments are posted outside each room.
4. Spirit and enthusiasm are shown, going to and from group functions.
5. Patriotism and good citizenship are displayed at all government functions.
6. City doors and halls are decorated throughout the floor.

One city will be chosen daily to receive the "Ideal City" trophy. This trophy will travel with the city to all city functions, including meals in the cafeteria, and returned each evening at the assembly in the Convocation Center. Good luck, citizens, on making your city ideal.

JUNIOR AUXILIARY MEMBER AT BGS

Meaghan Pagnard, now a resident of Jones City in Clayton Hall, was happy to arrive at Buckeye Girls State. Meaghan said her mom was feeling very apprehensive about her being away, since she is an only child. Her mom, Lynette, said, "I'm going to have an empty nest syndrome, but I'm tickled that she has this opportunity. I'm an American Legion Auxiliary member, and I know what a great program this is."

Meaghan added that she is a Jr. Auxiliary member, and her dad is a member of the Sons of the American Legion.

In fact, she said, "My whole family is in the American Legion family." Meaghan said that she has helped to distribute poppies during Memorial weekend, and once came along to help register delegates at Buckeye Girls State. She is from Upper Sandusky and said she looks forward to a fun filled week. She said, "I know this will be even more fun, than before."

Congratulations to STOY CITY, Sunday's 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

MONDAY'S QUESTION OF THE DAY

What do you hope to gain from Buckeye Girls State?

"Understand how the government works and how they decide who represents the parties."

– Allyssa Brown, Montgomery City

"More knowledge about the whole political system of Ohio. I think it will help with my future business career."

– Storey Free, Jones City

"Experience from the office I'm going to get."

– Destiny Massey, Cook City

"A good sense of Ohio government and new friends"

– Haley Cooper, O'Connor City

"A better understanding of the government system of Ohio."

– Sarah Sorrell, Resnick City



BGS 64

This is BGS number 64, Wait till you see what's in store.

Buckeye Girls State is a time to rejoice, It's a fun filled week without any boys. You girls have arrived, and your parents have gone.

Here you are almost 900 strong.

The staff has been here for a day or two, Preparing everything for you to do.

There's a lot to learn, so much to pursue.

Before you know it, the week will be through.

You'll meet new people face to face,

All before the election takes place.

There's a party caucus, and you must campaign.

It's first-hand knowledge that you will gain.

You'll learn about government, city, county and state.

You'll stand in long lines, but well worth the wait.

You'll feel patriotic, clear down to your heart.

Then all too soon, you will have to part.

To your family, you will each be returned.

Just try to remember all that you've learned.

Now spread the word throughout the state,

That Buckeye Girls State is really GREAT.

AU BOOKSTORE

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