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WELCOME TO BGS FROM PRESIDENT UNDERWOOD

What an awesome opportunity to be selected as a delegate to the 2009 Buckeye Girls State program! Welcome, on behalf of the Wonderful Ohio Women from the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio.

Great detail has been taken to ensure that each of you, delegates and staff, have a rewarding and empowering week. I ask that you remember through this week the Auxiliary motto of "Service Not Self," and in return, we offer you many friendships, memories, and an experience of a lifetime. Thank you for being here this year.

OFFICIAL OPENING KICKS OFF WEEK'S EVENTS

Hands over their hearts, spirit in their voice, nicely crisped outfits and more than 900 flags waving in the crowd: this was the 2009 Official Opening of Buckeye Girls State. Each delegate was sworn in as citizens, then, joined in singing the BGS song.

The keynote speaker for the Official Opening was Elizabeth Harter, 2008 BGS Governor, who worked on budget, education and "Go Green" during her time as governor. Harter spoke about the start of women's voting rights and how the current delegates at BGS are living the dream that was once only hope by women.

"BGS is about building new relationships and accomplishing a goal that you may have determined for yourself before you arrived or after your first night," said Harter.

Support and encouragement are the two things that Harter believes helped her in candidacy for governor. Whether it was shaking her hand at events, cheering her name at platforms or making cards to hand out, Harter gained a great amount of support from other fellow delegates.

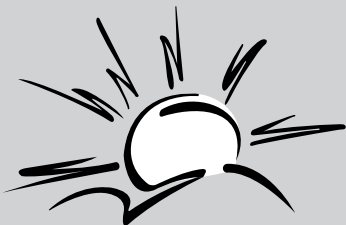
"There is magic at BGS. Push your limits, challenge yourself, listen to your advisors and learn something from one of the delegates in your city," added Harter.

In the closing, Gloria Verbeke, BGS Director, challenged delegates to three things for the week: participate, make new friendships and capture the moment.

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



SUNNY
HIGH 82°F · LOW 62°F



NEARLY 900 GIRLS ARRIVE AT BGS

Brightly colored balloons marked the way for nearly 900 girls to register at Ashland University Sunday afternoon, and begin the week's activities of the sixty-third Buckeye Girls State. A full BGS staff was on hand to direct the delegates and their families to their designated cities.

Richard Lapehn, a father from Rittman, OH, was grinning from ear to ear. He stated, "I attended Hoosier Boys State in Indiana, and I know what a wonderful opportunity this is for my daughter. I am so excited. She will have the time of her life." His daughter, Samantha, is a Resnick City resident in Kem Hall this week and said she is looking forward to all the new people she will meet. "I have a good idea of what Buckeye Girls State is all about, and I'm looking forward to it."

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 ladies of Buckeye Girls State are ready to meet the challenges that the week presents.



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. Clothing should be ironed and a solid color, either navy, black, gray, brown or khaki. 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. Velvets and shimmer fabrics are not appropriate, and the fit should not be tight.

The next time there is a need to dress "business casual," the proper apparel should be known for business meetings, luncheons or events.

Picture taken from: *Quintessential Careers*, www.quintcareers.com



GUIDELINES FOR “IDEAL CITY”

Girls State citizens- 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.

MAKE A PLEDGE TO HONOR OLD GLORY

“I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it.”

– John Thune

When we stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance at Buckeye Girls State, we honor not just our country, but also all those who have shed blood to protect our freedoms. We join millions of Americans stretching back to 1892, when Francis Bellamy's stirring words were first recited by New York City school children.

Rules for reciting the Pledge were added to the U.S. Flag Code in 1942. These rules ask that we show our respect by standing, facing the flag, and placing our right hand over our heart. Men should remove their hats, and men and women in uniform do not recite the pledge, but rather stand silently and salute. These rules should be remembered and honored while here at BGS.

Once more, with feeling: “I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

CAMPAIGN HARD, BUT PLAY BY THE RULES

Did you know? The 2008 U.S. presidential election was the longest in history. And, did you know? This election was also the costliest in history, measured at an estimated \$2.8 billion in spending.

The United States' election process is a cornerstone of its democracy and the key to an occurrence that is unheard of in most of the world: the orderly transfer of power. The candidates vie for office with words and ideas, and not violence.

The delegates will get a taste of this great American tradition at Buckeye Girls State this week. Even if an office is not run for, every girl is encouraged to participate by working on the campaign of a candidate.

Although the Girls State campaign will not cost billions or run for months, the goals are the same as in any election. An effective campaign creates name recognition, informs voters of the candidates' qualifications and accomplishments, and outlines what she intends to do if elected.

Just as in U.S. presidential elections, there are rules that must be followed. Signs may be placed only in certain locations, for example.

“Over the years we've restricted signage 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 of the 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 and standing tradition for the American Legion Auxiliary. Cell phones, however, are a new happening at BGS. Because of this new popular technology, it has been brought to attention the fact that there should be 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.

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 other BGS citizens.



FLAG CEREMONY

The Flag Was Raised By

Ohio State Highway Patrol

Emcee

Jessi Patterson, Allen City,
Curl County

Pledge

Rachel Appleton, Benson City,
Curl County

National Anthem

Christina Terry, Bombeck City,
Curl County

Reading

Rebecca Sumberger, Davidson
City, Curl County

Auxiliary Moment

Anjana Venkatesan, Bombeck
City, Curl County

Thought

Allyson Czarney, Cook City,
Curl County

BGS 63

*It's B.G.S. number sixty-three,
A new experience for you to see.
Buckeye Girls State is a time to
rejoice. It's a fun filled week with-
out 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.*

By Linda Close, Public Relations Assistant

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

If you have comments, concerns, or kudos, please submit these to Public Relations in the Heritage Room of Upper Convocation by 8 pm tonight. The first letter to the editor will be printed in tomorrow's paper. All other Letters to the Editor throughout the week will be due by 12 noon each day. Please no lengthy articles, due to space availability.

These articles may be brought to us written on a sheet of paper or on a thumb drive! However, please make sure that either your Government Advisor or City Counselor approves all articles in writing. Thanks in advance to all of those who participate!

STAFF FLAG DAY

Vicky Buck, Music and Recreation Director, greeted the staff of the sixty-third Buckeye Girls State to a Flag Day Ceremony, at their early Sunday morning breakfast on July 14th. Director of Government, Rene' Reese led the volunteers in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Shelley Riggs, Director of Public Relations, led the pledge to the Ohio flag. The Flag Day poem, by Joanna Fuchs, was read by Director of Counselors, Michele Sandridge. Teri Cross, Director of Health, concluded the ceremony with this "thought for the day:" "Watch your thoughts, as they become your words; watch your words, as they become your actions; watch your actions, as they become your habits; watch your habits, as they become your character; watch your character, as it becomes your destiny."

The volunteers of this year's Buckeye Girls State left the breakfast with a sense of pride and patriotism, ready to receive nearly nine hundred delegates from across the great state of Ohio.

Congratulations to DAVIDSON 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?

"I wanted to learn about government and meet new people. I just wanted to have a great experience."
– Tosha McCray, Cook City

"I would like to be a history or government teacher in the future and thought it would help me out."
– Jessica Link, Cook City

"I was nominated and thought it would be a great opportunity."
– Abby Bailey, Resnick City

"I wanted to take the opportunity to meet new people and learn more about government and how it functions."
– Amy Flowers, Stoy City

"I am very interested in how BGS imitates Ohio government."
– Violet Li, Davidson City

"It was a good chance for a nice opportunity and to learn new things."
– Madison Sabatine, Hobart City

AU BOOKSTORE

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

