

## OPENING CEREMONY

The Opening Ceremony of Buckeye Girls State officially kicked off the weeklong affair in the Convocation Hall at Ashland University. After Buckeye Girls State Director, Sara Huceby, called the ceremony to order, the colors were brought into the hall followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. Rene' Reese, President of the Ohio American Legion Auxiliary, welcomed the girls to Buckeye Girls State and Sue Heimann, Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students, welcomed the girls to Ashland University.

Sara Huceby introduced the first guest speaker of the night, Attorney General for the State of Ohio, Betty Montgomery. Montgomery

spoke briefly to the citizens about how one person and one vote can make a difference. She challenged the girls to try and make a difference, not only at Girls State, but in their communities as well. The delegates were then privileged enough to have Montgomery introduce her longtime friend and mentor, Jo Ann Davidson.

Jo Ann Davidson, former Speaker of the House, was the keynote speaker for the evening. She was honored to have a Buckeye Girls State city named after her. After showing her appreciation to her city, she turned her focus to the entire audience to begin her speech. Davidson touched on several political

issues, such as gun control and education, but the main focus of her speech was about women and the need for more women in politics.

Davidson feels strongly about women needing to take a more active role in politics. She encouraged the girls to look for unique opportunities, not just in politics but everywhere, to make a difference in the world. She closed with a story about a statue that stands in Statutory Hall in Washington D.C. There is one statue carved with the faces of three women who have made an impact in American History, but there is a hunk that isn't carved. She challenged the girls to be the women that will carve and shape the future of America.

## DELEGATES ARRIVE

The campus of Ashland University was transformed Sunday afternoon into the home of Buckeye Girls State with the arrival of 938 delegates from across the Great State of Ohio.

They were ushered through registration by the volunteer staff with the utmost ease and directed to their new city and county for the upcoming week. Their Resident Advisor and Government Advisor greeted them in their cities. After unpacking their belongings they took part in a city mixer and city orientation.

Learning to work as a team the delegates took part in Campus Exploration, cheering and singing songs introducing their individual cities to the Buckeye Girls State Community. The purpose of Campus Exploration was to familiarize the girls with their surroundings, as they will be using many of the facilities throughout the week.



## WHAT IS FLAG ETTIQUETTE?

Flag etiquette is the code which describes the proper respect shown our National Flag. Of all the signs and symbols of our country there is none that evokes more powerful emotions than the flag of the United States of America. Jubilation is expressed by a sporting event audience when the Flag is raised and the Stars and Stripes sung so the game can begin. Many are angered when people display their discontent with the actions of our Government by burning the flag. The nation mourns when a fallen soldiers' flag draped casket is returned to American soil. Tears and pride are shown by a mournful family of a deceased veteran when they are presented with an American Flag to honor his service to the Nation.

When the Stars and Stripes are passing in motion remove your hat and place your hand on your heart.

Your left hand should be empty and left at your side.

During Flag Raising or Lowering you must salute (place right hand on heart).

The Flag when flying at night must be illuminated.

Old Glory shall never be dipped but held straight and high.

When carrying or lowering the flag never let it touch what it is beneath it, i.e. the ground, a table.

When placed with other banners, the American flag is always higher.

The Flag is only hung upside down to denote distress.

### TUESDAY'S WEATHER



SCATTERED THUNDERSTORMS  
HIGH 86°F • LOW 66°F

## NATURALIZATION CEREMONY

Desi Stoy, Director of Government, petitioned the court on behalf of the delegates selected by the American Legion Auxiliary Units of the Department of Ohio vouching for their character, 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 by American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Ohio President, Rene' Reese. What an awesome, emotionally inspiring sight to see the 938 delegates raising their right hand to swear their oath of allegiance to Buckeye Girls State.



## BOARD OF EDUCATION

### CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Being a member of your city's school board is a great job that will be a learning experience for real life.

The city board of education is a policy-making body, which sets the course for its school district, in order to provide the best possible learning environment for its students. Since students are the future of our country, it is extremely important that they receive the best possible education.

Here at Buckeye Girls State, you will have the opportunity to make policy and set regulations that you feel are important for today's students. There are five school board members to be elected in each city. This is a non-partisan position. Those board members will then organize themselves, elect a president and vice president, and appoint a superintendent and treasurer. An orientation will give more detailed information and ideas for the work to be done.

### STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The State Board of Education is the policy-making body responsible for setting the course of education in the state. This includes establishing state standards for everything – curriculum, class sizes, pupil-teacher ratios, qualifications for teachers and administrators, and everything else having to do with elementary and secondary education in the state.

Each city has one representative on the State Board of Education, and it's essential to fill that position. This is a non-partisan position, so it is not on the primary ballot; only on the non-partisan ballot at the General Election.

This is a very important position and a personally rewarding one because you are guiding the path to ensure that all children in the state are prepared for adult life and have the skills needed to enter the world of work or go on to further education. As students yourselves, it is an opportunity to create policy and resolutions that you feel are important to today's students.

## 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.

## EFFECTIVE CAMPAIGNING

Citizens of Buckeye Girls State who decide to run for office have the choice to campaign for whichever office they choose. 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 of BGS and giving speeches that receive the attention of their fellow citizens. All citizens should be involved. Candidates supporters can lend excitement and fresh ideas to your campaign helping to get you elected. In our accelerated session you will begin campaigning Monday.



Campus exploration.



## 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.



*Posting colors.*

### LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

- House of Representatives:** There are 45 elected members of the House of Representatives. Nine are 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.

### ATTENTION:

#### VARIETY SHOW AUDITIONS TUESDAY

10:30am – 11:45am  
& 4:00pm – 5:30pm

Sign-up outside Convo Hall

COME PREPARED –  
Music & Costumes

Chorus and Band Rehearsals  
are Tuesday at 8:00pm

**TUESDAY AT A GLANCE**

Flag Raising	6:15am
County Caucuses	9:00am
Platform Development	10:30am
Rally/Debate Planning	10:30am
Variety Show Auditions	10:30 am & 4:00pm
Attorney Orientations	10:30am
State Caucuses	1:30pm
University Seminar	4:00pm
City Caucuses	6:45pm
Petition Pick-up/Filling	8:00pm
City Rallies	9:30pm
City Meeting	10:30pm

**MONDAY CONTEST**

THE WINNER OF YESTERDAY'S CONTEST IS **MONTGOMERY CITY**.

REMEMBER TO GET YOUR ENTRY TO THE NEWSPAPER OFFICE NO LATER THAN 10AM TUESDAY.

**OHIO'S PRESIDENTS**

1. The State of Ohio is tied with the State of Virginia for being home to \_\_\_\_\_ Presidents.
2. The 27th president of the United States great-grandson is currently Governor of Ohio. \_\_\_\_\_
3. President \_\_\_\_\_ was from the Niles, Ohio and was elected in 1896 & 1900.
4. This Civil War Hero became the 18th President of the United States. \_\_\_\_\_
5. The 19th President nickname was the "Dark Horse President" \_\_\_\_\_
6. This President followed the above two and was born in Orange, Ohio. \_\_\_\_\_
7. The 29th President of the United States received 404 electoral votes. \_\_\_\_\_
8. This President caught a cold on his Inauguration and died a month later, the first to die in office. \_\_\_\_\_
9. The 23rd President of the United States was the grandson of the 9th \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Which party did 7 of the Ohio Presidents belong to? \_\_\_\_\_

**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 FAMOUS LAST WORDS**

"The wireless music box has no imaginable commercial value. Who would pay for a message sent to nobody in particular?"

— David Sarnoff's associates in response to his urgings for investment in the radio in the 1920s.

**AU BOOKSTORE**

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

**MOCK TRIAL**

Buckeye Girls State Mock Trial is not like the Mock Trials that are done in your local High School. Unfortunately, we neither have the personnel nor the time to engage in such a complicated trial.

Our mock trial is a trial by jury of a traffic case held in a Municipal Court setting.

Auditions are being held this afternoon for a Municipal Judge, a Prosecuting Attorney, a Defense Attorney, a Bailiff, and of course a Defendant. The Jury is chosen from the audience by Judicial Director Betty Robaszkievicz. The Mock Trial will be held at 1:45pm on Friday afternoon in the Redwood Building.



***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!*