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Badger Tales

Badger Girls State

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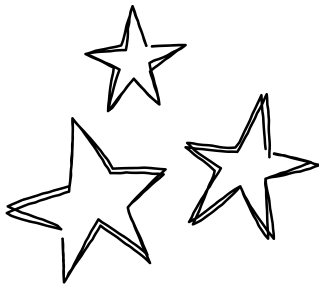
Welcome to Badger Girls State

Hello 2022 Delegates of the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State!

I welcome you to both the UWO campus and to the 51st State of Badger. I know for a lot of you, this has been a tough 2-3 years both at school and at home. I hope that you can relax and enjoy yourself for the next 4-5 days. I also hope that you become involved in some way this week. Whether it's running for an office, volunteering to be a town crier, or even just helping make the city map, there are many ways to show off your unique abilities and talents.

My other hope is that by the end of the week you walk away with a greater understanding of democracy and all the pieces that are needed to make our system of government work. And, of course, I hope that you walk away with a promise to yourself that you will vote in every single election, and make the effort to research all candidates and legislation. Democracy, of course, cannot work without the input of the people, and yes- that includes you!

So go forth and have fun, make friends, and learn something new this week. I promise it will be worth it.



Dany Thompson
ALABGS Chairman



Dear American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Delegates,
Congratulations on being chosen from your schools as delegates for the June 19-24th, 2022 session of American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State at the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh. During the coming days of a busy week, you will build governments at the city, county and state levels to become the 51st State of Badger. You will experience democracy in action as you participate in your cities, counties and political parties. Along with the leadership experience you will develop many new friendships and learn a lot about yourself.

Our expectation is that you will take what you learn and experience at American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State and apply it to your life as a productive citizen of our state and country. The American Legion Auxiliary is a women's patriotic organization with many programs for God and country. You will be a participant in one of these this week. Best wishes for a successful session as we work together to build mock governments at the city, county and state levels. The counselors will be working side by side with you in this process.

Sincerely,

Delores Woolf, Executive Director
American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State

Department President Says "Welcome!"

Congratulations on being selected a delegate to the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State! Welcome to this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

As you embark on this fast-paced week-long learning experience, keep an open mind and a grateful heart to a variety of opportunities with emphasis on patriotism and good citizenship. This can be an exciting and fun adventure, even though very tiring.

Sixty-two years ago, I was honored to be a Badger Girl. I hope you, also, feel honored to be a Badger Girl who is counted among the young women who will be taking leadership roles throughout their lives.

May you complete this week filled with cherished memories having made friends, learned more about yourself and how you can "Salute, Serve, Celebrate" those around you at school and in your community every single day.

For God and Country
Service, not self

Diane Weggen
President American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin



Let Us Pray

Dear Lord, we ask you to send your blessings on all the citizens and staff who are attending American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State in Oshkosh this week. We thank you for allowing us to gather here and for sending these amazing young women to attend this program. We ask you to open our hearts and minds to be able to work together with patience, understanding and wisdom.

We ask you to allow everyone attending to learn more about becoming better citizens and to serve God and Country under your guidance.

We pray in your name.

Amen

Donna Jensen – Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary
Department of Wisconsin



Welcome to the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Gruenhagen Conference Center

On behalf of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Gruenhagen Conference Center, it is my distinct privilege to welcome all of you to our campus for the 77th Session of the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Conference. This is the 17th year that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh has hosted Badger Girls State, and we are truly honored to do so! This week you will have the opportunity to become actively engaged as a member of our campus community. You will lodge in Gruenhagen Conference Center; dine in our all-you-care-to-eat dining center, Blackhawk Commons; attend the opening convocation, general assemblies, the inaugural ceremony and closing convocation in Kolf Sports Center; you will become actively engaged in a variety of interest group sessions, city and county meetings, and many other exciting events and activities in Reeve Memorial Union, the Alumni Welcome and Conference Center, Kolf Sports Center, Blackhawk Commons and Gruenhagen Conference Center.

In doing so, you will be immersed in the exciting and dynamic life of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus community. We hope that you find our campus to be inviting, welcoming, and comfortable during your stay with us this week. Gruenhagen Conference Center on the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh campus truly enjoys hosting Badger Girls State, and our staff members consider it an honor to welcome you as our distinguished guests for the week. We offer the following simple words of advice to each of you this week...

1. Become actively involved in your Badger Girls State experience and take advantage of the multitude of opportunities that will be offered to you throughout this week.
2. Take the opportunity to meet as many staff and fellow citizens as possible and focus on the importance of building relationships with everyone you meet. Networking will be critical this week! If you are running for an office, it will be essential to build relationships with your fellow citizens; however, even if you are not running for office, take time to meet and get to know others.
3. Enjoy the wonderful food our campus has to offer and remember to always save room for the ice cream and other desserts! Also, drink lots of water throughout the week to stay well hydrated.
4. See this week as the experience of a lifetime. You will learn valuable, life changing skills that will be very beneficial as you move forward with your higher education, and eventually into your career of choice. Take advantage of every opportunity provided to you throughout this outstanding week
5. Come back to see us on the UW Oshkosh campus once this week has ended! We invite you to check out a sporting event; visit our student union; attend a campus speaker or concert; or to contact us if you would like to schedule a tour to learn more about all that the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh can offer you!

We are privileged to serve the educational needs of over 10,000 students! It is an honor to do so. We hope that you find our campus welcoming and inviting as you become immersed in the American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State Convention this week! We are excited to welcome you as our guests and look forward to spending time with you throughout the week!

Marc K. Nylen, Director of Residence Life Conference Services
University of Wisconsin Oshkosh



Americanism - a Way of Life

Welcome to American Legion Auxiliary Badger Girls State! This program comes under the umbrella of the Americanism program of the Auxiliary which is “to inspire, recognize and perpetuate citizenship through education and acts of patriotism as well as raise awareness and increase appreciation of the price paid for our fundamental freedoms.” You are an integral part of the ALA Americanism program. Your participation this week at Badger Girls State is a stepping stone on your path to becoming a valuable citizen of this nation, Fundamental principles will be explained and put into practice during the events of this week. Our goal is to educate you on your essential role as a citizen of the United States of America by giving you a hands-on, practical ways to be involved on multiple levels of governance. We encourage you to ask questions, explore options, step out of your comfort zone, and become a part of the democratic process.

Take time to visit the exhibits and read the materials. Learn about the history of our great nation, Learn to respect and honor the sacrifices made by so many to maintain this form of government where each individual has value. Learn about the sponsoring organization – American Legion Auxiliary and the stories behind each Auxiliary volunteer’s eligibility through service either by themselves or family members.

Mostly learn that it is only through your participation as an American citizen – by saluting the flag, by being an informed voter, by running for office on any level, that we can make this country great!



Becky Mueller
ALA Americanism Chairman
Department of Wisconsin

Parliamentary Procedure

The definition of Parliamentary Procedure; correct rules for running a successful meeting. It started in 1562 in England by Sir Thomas Smyth, and came to America in 1876. The official rule book is the latest edition of Roberts Rules of Order. The three goals of Parliamentary Procedure are to run smooth meetings, assure everyone has a voice, and to maintain order.

Be sure to read over your Parliamentary Procedure A matter of Order booklet for valuable information that will help you run a smooth meeting. Use it as your reference guide.

Have a great week and looking forward to seeing parliamentary procedure in action this week.

Bonnie Jakubczyk
ALA Dept. of Wisconsin Parliamentarian



Meet the Office Staff

Delores (Dee) Woolf, Executive Director
Beverly Warner, Office Assistant
Diane Weggen, Banker
Amy Cypher, Assistant Banker
Sam Catura, Assistant Banker

Some thoughts from the ladies themselves:

Dee is in and out managing all things BGS. She always makes sure the girls and the counselors are comfortable. Does she ever sleep? (It's a mystery what she does at night)

Diane and Bev hold down the fort as Dee flits in and out.

Many of the girls come to the office to pick up packages, sit and chat and have lots of questions, so we get to visit with many of the delegates.

We take care of the counselors' mail and love getting to chat with our counterparts when they stop at the office. With the help of Amy and Sam, Diane manages the finances and I (Bev) am the front woman. We quite enjoy being in the office and getting to meet everyone.

Stop and Say Hello!

The Badger Girls State Counselors had dinner Saturday night after a long day of getting ready for the week.

Elm City Counselor, Megan, asked a very important question to the group.
"What is your favorite type of potato?"

I encourage you to ask your counselors what their answer was!

Badger Bank Hours Titan Lounge

Monday	5:45 PM to 7 PM
Tuesday	6 PM to 7 PM
Wednesday	6:45 AM to 7:15 AM 4:45 PM to 6:30 PM
Thursday	6:45 PM to 7:30 PM

Note from the Nurse

**North Tower – 3rd Floor Lounge
6:00 am to 10:30 pm daily**

There is also a nurse on-call during the night. After hours, please see your counselor as your first point of contact.

Pick up a 24-hour supply of your medications from 6:00 am to 7:00 am each day in the Health Room. **YOU MUST BRING YOUR NAME TAG TO RECEIVE MEDICATIONS.**

The nursing staff on 3rd floor North is here to assist all ALA BGS delegates and staff with any health needs during Badger Girls State. This is a busy week filled with activity from dawn to dusk. Start your week off right by making sure you stay well-hydrated and get enough rest!!

Welcome to Badger Girls State and have a healthy week!

Lead Nurse Christine Johnsen

ALABGS Store Hours Oshkosh Room

SUNDAY 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

MONDAY 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM
TUESDAY 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
THURSDAY 9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

WEDNESDAY 6:30 AM - 7:30 AM
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM
4:30 PM - 7:00 PM
9:00 PM - 10:00 PM

FRIDAY 6:30 AM - 1:00 PM

The Counties are at War - Penny Wars

Every ALABGS county has a bucket located in the ALABGS Store. You'll want to put pennies in your county's bucket to increase your ranking. Place your silver coins or paper money in the bucket of your rival counties. Pennies count positively toward your ranking, while silver coins and paper money count negatively toward your ranking. Collections will take place while the store is open during the day and will end at the close of dinner each night. The leading three counties will be announced at the morning general assembly. Penny Wars ends at 12:30 PM on Thursday. The winning county will have reserved seating at Inauguration and, of course, bragging rights.

Funds raised through Penny Wars will contribute to the ALABGS Scholarship Fund for future generations to come.



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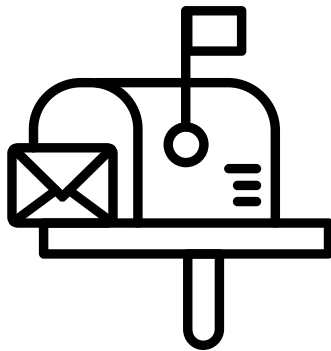
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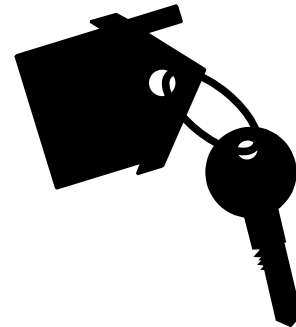
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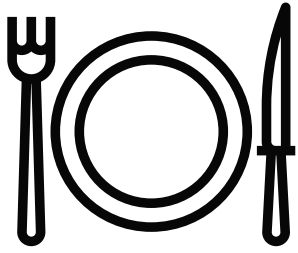
Now that you are moved into the State of Badger, have no fear we still get mail here.

You can check your mailboxes every day after Noon. The mailboxes are in the front lobby of Gruenhagen. The North Tower boxes are to the left of the main desk and the South tower are to the right of the main desk.



Don't Lose that Key!

Gruenhagen is a "lock down" facility. Please carry your keys at all times. In addition to this realize that the room doors do not automatically lock when they are closed! A key is needed to lock them. Make sure you are locking your door, even when you go to restroom. Distinguish strangers - Do not admit anyone to your room without first making identification. A peephole in the doors is provided for your safety. Gruenhagen staff wear uniform shirts and nametags. They are trained to identify themselves. If there is any doubt, do not let the person in! Reminder: If you lose your room key, please report it to you city counselor immediately. There is a \$115.00 fee for lost keys! This fee must be paid before you leave Badger Girls State



What's for Lunch?

and dinner?

Look for this headline in future issues for the Lunch and Dinner Menu for the day!



The Badger Tales staff recommends the Ice Cream at Blackhawk Commons for dinner today (Sunday). But we are a little bias, we like it for breakfast, lunch and dinner!

Here at Badger Tales, we are trying something different this year. Badger Tale issues will be ready for you the morning of. This Sunday issue is special - first of it's kind! It's online! Check out the issue on the ALA BGS website each morning. Or grab a paper copy at a location to be determined.



WATCH OUT FOR FOXES AND GOLF CARTS

We have been told UW - Oshkosh is now the proud home to a den of foxes. Keep a look out, but always maintain a safe distance. In an almost unrelated matter, Badger Girls State has a golf cart. We would recommend a safe distance from those as well. Never know who is driving!