



# Missouri Girls State Gazette

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## First Delegate Arrives at 9:15 A.M., & So The Tradition Continues

Sixty nine years ago, the first Missouri Girls State was held at William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri. Through the years, the number of delegates have increased and the location of the program has been moved periodically.

The number of delegates in that first year was only 213 and there were only three counties and six cities. The first Governor of Missouri Girls State was Juanita Curry. Although the numbers

have changed and the counties and cities have expanded, the eagerness for MGS hasn't gone anywhere.

The 2009 MGS currently has 766 delegates and over a hundred staff members. With seven counties and twenty-one cities, a promising week full of competition, education and fun is set for MGS delegates.



*Set to go!* Meet Kimi Thompson of Blair City, Davidson County. Kimi is from Fair Grove and arrived shortly after 9 am this morning with her mother, being the first delegate to arrive. *photo by Patty Bolz*

## "You Are Tomorrow's Leaders!" Director Natalie Riley Welcomes and Inspires All Delegates

Congratulations on being selected to attend Missouri Girls State (MGS). It is a true honor to be a part of the MGS program. The 2009 MGS Staff has been anticipating your arrival for some time. You probably do not realize that preparation for 2009 MGS began last August. The Staff consists solely of volunteers and we give of our time because of the sincere joy we feel when we watch you mature, succeed and leave with a deeper appreciation for our Flag, Country and our Veterans. **"You are tomorrow's leaders,"** and our Staff looks forward to helping shape you into those leaders. I hope that your week brings many wonderful experiences and friendships to last a lifetime. You will be amazed at how many different ways Girls State will shape your future. I ask that you actively participate this week; challenge yourself to take on roles that you would have never considered before; and take with you all the knowledge you gain this week and implement it in your communities

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### *Coming Tomorrow....*

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# A Trip of a Lifetime

Each year, the Missouri Girls State program sends two delegates to the Nation's capital to represent Missouri at Girls Nation.

The two MGS delegates chosen to attend were Shannon Watson and Christine Haddox. The girls stayed at the Nation's capital on July 20th through the 28th of last summer.

While in Washington D.C., the girls met many political leaders, including the President. They visited a ton

of monuments, including the Arlington Cemetery and the Holocaust Museum and spent a plethora amount of time debating bills.

The bill the girls took was one that involved agriculture zoning, and after much debate, their bill was successfully passed.

"Girls Nation was an amazing experience, although it's way different than MGS, it's the same concept, but only on a national level," said Christine.



*It's Politics Time!* Christine Haddox and Shannon Watson, both Girls Nation Senators elected from the 2008 MGS session pose after being announced as Senators. The girls spent a week in July successfully passing their bill. *photo courtesy of Shannon Watson*

## Here to Inspire: Words from Governor Brewer



### *Welcome Missouri Girls State Delegates.*

I'm Katie Brewer and I was elected to be your Governor for the 2009 session of Missouri Girls State.

My experience from Girls State was one of the best experiences of my life. I found out a lot about myself and I'm so glad to be back and spend time meeting and getting to know the delegates.

I can truly say that it is an honor being here representing the girls from last year's session and hopefully inspiring you to make this week a life changing experience for you.

You took a brave step walking in these doors today and being a part of this amazing program. This week will challenge you and bring out the best in you, if you allow it to.

In your stay here, take time to meet new people and build your confidence by running for an office, whether it's a city mayor, or the governor. Mostly, just have fun.

Love, Katie Brewer

## Nurses Offer Care & Helpful Hints

The Missouri Girls State nurses are Michele Emmerich, Anita Smith and Linda Shivers. They can be located in room N 106 and at night in room N 104. MGS is very appreciative of their help and would like to offer some helpful tips to avoid the nurses station:

- Drink lots of fluid, mostly water, juice or gatorade
- Avoid excessive amounts of caffeine drinks
- Eat a well-balanced meal three times a day
- Do not skip meals
- Get plenty of rest, go to bed before midnight if possible
- Keep good hygiene habits

MGS Staff wants all the girls to stay healthy and happy during their time here this week. Most importantly, make new friends and learn!

## The Meaning Behind Your Party

**Federalist Redwood.** Mighty and strong, REDWOODS are the tallest trees in the world. With it's mighty strength, size and durability, this tree represents the Federalist Party for its majestic power. The tree serves as a rich timber resource. It resembles the rich tradition at Girls State of the Federalists Party. The REDWOOD reproduces by germinating seeds and roots, and once it germinates the seeds, it spreads quickly. The seeds symbolize the citizens and members of the party. They spread the enthusiasm and loyalty of the party, and it grows quickly...just as the seeds of the REDWOOD.

**Nationalist Phoenix.** The symbol of the Nationalist party is the mythical bird called the Phoenix. In mythology, the Phoenix was associated with worship of the sun. It was said to be as large as an eagle with brilliant scarlet and gold feathers. Only one Phoenix existed at any one time and its life space was said to be approximately 500 years. As the end of its life approached, the Phoenix made a nest, set it on fire, and was consumed in the flames. From the flames, miraculously sprang a new Phoenix who took its father's ashes to the sun. The phoenix reminds us of some of the ideas of Girls State. Like the bird, the cities and counties of Girls State are mythical. Yet both are but symbols of a much greater, more complex idea. The end of the Phoenix's Life symbolizes the end of another session of Missouri Girls State; yet the program does not die. The next year, a new generation of girls arises as the young Phoenix arises.

## A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words

Throughout the week, many of Missouri Girls State delegates will find themselves taking a plethora of pictures. Who wouldn't want to remember the countless memories made throughout this week?

For those who forgot a camera or maybe just want extra pictures, Missouri Girls State is selling a Photo CD just for you!

If you have a digital camera with you, be sure to drop them off in room G10 South Ellis to the Photo CD Coordinators, Miss Patty and Miss Karley.



## Monday's Menu

### Breakfast

-Scrambled Eggs, French Toast, Biscuits, Frizzled Ham, Donuts, & Muffins

### Lunch

-Chicken Nuggets, Chips, Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Pepperoni Pizza, Cheese Pizza, Salad Bar, Chocolate Chip Cookies

### Dinner

-Sweet n Sour Pork, Vegetable Stir Fry, Rice, Egg Rolls, Mixed Vegetables, Cheeseburgers, Grilled Cheese, French Fries, Garden Burger, Salad Bar, Fortune Cookies, & Golden Peach Dessert

## So You Want To Be A Writer?

*Calling all writers, designers, & photographers!*

The Newspaper Staff is looking for dedicated staff members to help produce the newspapers for the week. Meetings are held daily and your experience is wanted! A paper comes out once a day and it includes all the important information delegates will need to know! All types of writing and designs are needed! Stop by today in the Newsroom south of the cafeteria!

By doing so, the pictures you take throughout the week will also be placed on the CD.

The Photo CD will include group pictures of Cities and staff, the Inauguration that will be held on Friday, guest speakers, General Assembly in Jefferson City, Missouri Girls State Highway Patrol, State Fair, talent show and other countless memories.

To purchase, visit the Canteen on the main level of Ellis Hall. The cost is \$15.

*Scholarship Opportunities  
from attending Girls State*

**\$5,000**

Lindenwood University  
Missouri Valley College

**\$2,500**

Washington University

**\$1,500**

University of Central Missouri

**\$1,200**

Linn State Technical School

**\$1,000**

University of Missouri-Columbia  
University of Missouri-Kansas City

Drury University

Missouri State University

North Central Missouri College

Truman State University

Webster University

William Woods University

**\$800**

Missouri Southern State College

**\$600**

Crowder College

**\$500**

Northwest Missouri State

Rockhurst University

University of Missouri-Rolla

# Want to Advertise!

**1/4 page ad- \$1000**

**1/8 page ad \$600**

Ads must be presented to Newspaper staff by 1:00 that day. (Meaning an ad placed by 1:00 on Tuesday will not come out until late Tuesday night) Ads must be submitted with money.

Those running for state office should utilize this form of campaigning. The earliest that a candidate running for state office can purchase an ad is Tuesday morning after they file. Please utilize this tool to your advantage in getting more people to notice your business or State Fair.

## Letter from the Editor(s):

Dear MGS Delegates '09,

Being able to return to Missouri Girls State after a successful and unforgettable experience last year is very exciting for us! Us Amber(s), also referred to "Amber squared" or "Amber Alert" have been preparing for this week ever since we were asked to return to serve on the Newspaper Staff. At last year's session, you would find one or most of the time, both of us, in this room working on a story or designing a page. Journalism traces back in our roots from high school and we're excited to share this unforgettable experience with each and every one of you!

Throughout this week, you'll find us busying ourselves in this room preparing each paper for the day. We've already done our share, now it's yours! We look forward to meeting you and working with you this week and hopefully showing up Boys State's Newspaper.

xoxoxoxoxoxox "Amber Alert"

*Weather in Warrensburg  
Monday, June, 22nd*



**Sunny**

**High: 97° F**

**Low: 75° F**

**\*Remember to stay Hydrated\***

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**Your name could appear here as a reporter, photographer, or assistant editor. Come meet in the Newsroom tomorrow morning at 7:45 am.**