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Nationalists Vs. Federalists!

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The Nationalists, The Federalists. The Nats and the Feds. They are two different, distinct parties in this Girls State.

The Feds, represented by Fuego, the fiery cracker, stands for equality, opportunity and community. Their platform includes education, public service, and economy. Hayley Steele says that the platform, "Covers everything."

Steele helped create the platform and believes in it whole heartedly. All of the platform committee members have listened to their city members and worked hard to create a platform with everyone's ideas.

At the party rally on Monday night the Federalist citizens were introduced to their state chairman, Lin Wang who then introduced the platform and party cheers.

Sheriesse Thomas from juniper City really enjoyed the rally and loved the mascot. Johnnie Ehrlich said her favor-

ite cheer was the "R-E-D to the H-O-T." However, there is no question about the Federalist fiery spirit.

On the other side you have the Nationalists who built their platform from the idea of *Putting a smile on the FACE of tomorrow*. The acronym, face stands for finances, academics, community and environment.

They believe in tax breaks for small businesses, getting more teenagers involved in community service projects and saving the earths resources by using solar energy more often.

Amanda Shodgrass is a Nationalist and fully supports the platform. "I agree with all of it," said Shodgrass. "I liked how it is everything I believe in too."

The party state chairman is Anabel Terry and so far the party has filled more than a few city offices. Who knows, maybe the next Governor and Secretary of State will be Nationalists too.



Party Rally Night

Uniqueness makes an experience unforgettable

KaylaDeCant
Ironwood City Reporters

When first entering the Girls State experience, delegates may be taken aback by the vast array of characters and personalities. However, instead of letting these characters overwhelm then, the delegates should embrace and allow the differences to help make their city and overall experience a great one.

Sometimes letting yourself out of your comfort zone is the best way to make new friends or maybe find out something new about yourself. Maybe you could try to

learn everyone's name and push yourself out of your shell. Or maybe you could try to listen more and learn how to contain your enthusiasm for when it is appropriate.

Being surrounded by a plethora of others girls can also give delegates a chance to help others. Maybe your neighbor needs help with their door, or a girl down the hall needs help writing a speech. Helping out your fellow city delegates (and even county delegates) can help you in two ways – you can feel better about yourself because you are helping out others and you can also use the experience

to learn more about yourself (maybe even meet a friend.)

At first, it may seem impossible to overcome the clash of personalities and individuals in a group of 20 or more girls, but it is important to always remember that 20 brains are better than one! More delegates and girls mean more ideas, more energy, more enthusiasm and always more fun! Who knows what ideas cities might have missed out on if they only had a couple girls instead of a ton! Plus, decorating a hall is not very fun if you have to do it alone.

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Running for office?

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Ocotillo City Reporter

City officials, elected or appointed, have been working tirelessly to create a fully functional city. However, progress does not stop at the city level. Yesterday, county delegations began. The race to get more Federalists than Nationalists and vice versa into county and state offices arose.

Clarification on county issues were first given by Pima County's Attorney Assistant Kathleen Mayor. "It's all about local control of the day to day quality in which we live our lives," says Mayor.

The delegates of Girls State were enlightened about the purpose of city, county and state ordinances and resolutions such as public safety, curfews, environmental issues, and so on.

After her departure, each county split up and went to their respective county courthouses for the first time. Twelve county and thirty three state positions were open for elections. These elected officials' jobs have been created by the state constitution. Nominations for qualified candidates sky

rocketed for all positions from the Board of Supervisors to the Justice of the Peace and from Governor to Lobbyists.

Many young ladies wished to run for multiple positions because they felt that being as involved as possible is the best way to receive the most out of the Girls State experience. When it come to county and state elections, the most pleasant girls all bring out their competitive edge.

In the end there can only be one Governor and two Girls Nation Senators. One key to success is start out every goal with a positive attitude. Good luck to all the young ladies of Arizona Girls State!

Ocotillo Status Update

The Ostriches of Ocotillo have begun to make a name for themselves as the campaign for county and state offices. They claim to be "Coo Coo for Cocopah."



*Governor
 Annika Huish
 and
 Secretary of State
 Victory Placencia*



Meet the Candidate Night a huge success

Jennifer Ellis
Saguaro City Reporter

The clock struck 7:45 pm. Swarms of girls came filing out of the Coronado hall and into the grassy knoll with their game faces on. This was war and one of the most crucial steps in their campaigning process.

For an hour girls intermingled and advertised why they would be the best candidate for their position and several costumes were worn. For example Girls Nation competitor Kathryn Brittain wore a mask and cape and governor candidate Kenna Rood wore an 80's work-out get up to support their themes.

Along with this hand-outs were made in all sorts of colors and shapes to make sure the voters knew and remembered their names. Girls such as Attorney General candidate Amanda Schwarz and Attorney General candidate Natalie Orrantia made hand-outs to emphasize their strong want to hold this position.

Still more people decided to perform in order to rally people. Kenna Rood, Governor candidate, performed aerobic exercise classes to promote her slogan. Lyn Wang, Girls Nation candidate, gave out free swing dance lessons to engrave her name in minds of the voters. Overall, while competition was tough, the event was highly successful.

Piñon Voters Value Merit over Parties

ChelseySchmid
Pinon City Reporter

The time has come for candidates for office to give it everything they've got. Campaigning is in full swing, with hopefuls doing everything and anything they can to gain attention.

Last night, the campaigning was taken to a whole new level with a "Meet the Candidates" night and county rallies. At the Kaibab rally, party affiliation was a huge factor, with the Federalists and the Nationalists performing their cheers.

However, affiliation is not very high on the list for Piñon voters. One hundred percent of those polled said that they would vote across party lines if they felt that the other candidate was more qualified.

This strongly highlights the tendency of Piñon citizens to favor those who are more genuine and experienced.

This does not, however, mean that parties in the "real" world don't serve their purpose. There is a fundamental difference between real life parties and those of Girls State.

Real parties are based around ideas, whereas at Girls State the platform is not nearly as prominent. In any case, the parties serve as an engine for us to learn about the structure of partisan politics, from the role of PCs to filling the ballot with the candidates of a certain party.



The Cocopah County Mascots

LilySchleicher
Ocotillo City Reporter

Full of ingenuity, the third floor girls thought of amazing mascots for each city in their county. Down in their secluded hallway, Ocotillo deliberated between the Ochos, aka the Crazy-eights, and the Ostriches. Around 9:00 pm Sunday night, the unanimous vote decided the mascot was to be the Ostriches.

Their hall is now adorned as an ostrich filled community, complete with an asylum, a prison, and a spa. The Ocotillo citizens have really pulled together for a brilliant display.

Juniper, the ever welcoming city, has taken on a fifties theme. Multiple mascots were suggested and they even turned to google typing in "J words" and filtering through the results came up with

things such as the Jackpots, the Jellyfish, and the Jewels.

After much deliberation and settling, the Jivin' Jukeboxes were born. Their halls display a diner, a dance hall, and a record shop.

Manzanita, the western most city in Cocopah county, had a different approach. The girls in this city first picked a theme, the decision came down to Harry Potter or Disney, and the beloved animation and movie production company won.

From there they were all sure Minnie Mouse was the character to embody their cities spirit. Because "Manzanita" means "Apple" they then replaced Minnie's trademark polka dots and buttons to give it a girls state flair. Their quaint city is complete with an Apple Store, a Sweet Shop, and several dress boutiques.

Yucca Represents

KelseyBlackman
& MoniqueTrejo
Yucca City Reporters

Wow, it's already election time!

The time has flown by so quickly. Girls from Yucca are suiting up to fit the positions of both county and state. They have been working non-stop getting to know our ladies here at Girls State from Pinon down to Palo Verde.

Running for Governor we have Monique Trejo and she is getting her name out there by greeting her peers with FREE HUGS. Next we have Rachelle Clifford who showed off her beach blue dress as she ran for Governor as well.

Allison Schanep has joined together with Monique Trejo to create a tag team duo as she is running for Secretary of State.

Here are a few of the other girls and the positions they are running for:

Ashlyn Hernandez
Senator

Shelley Xu
Senator and Girls Nation

Denise Parel
House of Representatives

Gabriela Rincon
Girls Nation

Katie Jones
State Representative

Noel Cruz
Supai Senator

Kelsey Blackman
State Superintendent

Micayla Santa Cruz
County Assessor

These are just a few of Yucca's candidates. Good luck to all of you!

Mesquite gets by with a little help from friends

MelissaWhite
Mesquite City Reporter

The Girls State thought for Tuesday made a wish for leaders to do something great, but have no one know but them. Mesquite set out to recognize the girls who have done good deeds.

When one "monster" witnessed an others actions, she writes the super service on a slip of paper and slides the note into the good deeds box, thankful for the generous friends made at Girls State

Shelby Burton, Mesquites only red head, set out to organize the activity, suggesting

the box because it boosted morale and creates unity. So as the week goes on and the girls get more and more restless, the recognition will keep us together.

Katie Beigel described her delight saying, "I think the box is an awesome way to recognize people who do nice things, not to get elected, but just to be nice."

The girls are looking forward to reading the notes on Saturday morning. A special thank-you goes out to all those who put in time, effort and magnanimous manners to ensure this week is a "rawr"-ing good time.

Girls Nation: Is A Unique Experience

MadelineHiggins
Mimosa Guest Reporter

Girls Nation is one of the great opportunities that Girls State makes possible for two elected girls. Not only is it a way to meet more people but it is a unique chance for one to educate themselves about the federal government, and learn about valuable life skills.

This all expense paid trip to Washington D.C. is made up from the most eager, and driven girls from Girls States all over the country. If one is chosen to go it is considered an

honor.

Anabel Terry from Mimosa said, "It would be an honor to attend, not only because I have a passion for politics, but also to represent such an amazing group of girls."

With Girls Nation being such an accomplishment for who ever goes, the hope is the two girls who attend are genuinely interested in government, and that they are very enthusiastic to represent Arizona Girls State! Good luck to all candidates!



**REMEMBER TO
DRINK PLENTY
OF WATER
THROUGHOUT
THE DAY!!**



The spirit of campaigning

AshleyOlsen
Palo Verde City Reporter

Today was the first official day for campaigning and there were some of the most ostentatious outfits to the simplest of posters. Girls found a way to express themselves through their creativity fuelled by the chance of winning.

Throughout the floors we encountered cities having opposing members do out of the ordinary things such as singing disney movie songs to hang up their hand made paper posters in the cities domain.

By the end of the week recycling cans will be filled to the top. Throughout all this we've learned that Girls State sure came prepared with plenty of construction paper and tape. Enough to fill a whole dorm.

The relaxation of meal times

KatieScates
Ironwood City Reporter

One of my absolute favorite times of the day is meal time. I love entering the freezing cold building after walking about a mile in the scorching heat. It's also a nice way to relax after enduring a super long meeting.

The minute I step into the cafeteria I notice a lot of things. First, I notice the buffet of food and right behind that I see all of our lovely councilors and staff. Finally I finish my meal, I leave the building, and get on with my day. Once my day comes to an end it's not all of the campaigning that keeps me up at night.

Ladies Night Erry'night

GabbleManns
Pinon City Reporter

Whoever said girls State was all work and no play was seriously disturbed. When times are tough are we to just stress out what could and what should be? I think not, Selena Gomez once said, "When in doubt dance it out!"

Who's with me? I'll tell you who, the chika's of Pinon. These girls work by day, party by night, right girls?! Come see us on the second floor, we are easy to find, we kind of just pop out. Any special requests for music? We have got you covered as we have our very own Caitlin Shaw (La Catalina) who will hook you up, and that is a promise.

With responsibility comes great accomplishment

ClaireCambron
Cholla City Reporter

With the title of “Mayor” comes great responsibility, and as our cities begin to develop, the duty of the mayor becomes increasingly complex. According to our handbook, her job is to take the lead in developing city policies. This entails appointing city officials, providing directions in the formation of businesses and commissions, and even organizing the creation of the city book. Clearly, the mayor serves as the city’s foundation and support.

Welcome Sister Cities

JackieGerhart & JaselBeaza
Mimosa City Reporters

Monday night cities from all over Girls State greeted their “Sister cities” in the grassy area. The newly elected Mayors and city council were in charge of planning ways to bond such as organizing games.

While most cities and their sisters were playing “Ride that Pony,” Manzanita and Mimosa chose to play three clever games: Communities, Telephone and Little Sally Walker.

Though short, this thirty minutes was a great way for people from different cities to get to know each other in a more involved way that just campaigning.

As the week continues don’t forget about your sister city and make sure to keep contact with them. Remember this week is what you make it. It would make it great to get involved in your sister city.

An impressive line of girls has stepped up this year to lead their cities to success. Alissa Sabatino of Sycamore spoke of her excitement to lead her city and organize meetings for her girls. “I especially enjoy creating the ordinances,” admits Alissa

Within our first few days, we have witnessed the importance of leadership in the efficacy of a city. As Kathleen Mayor wisely stated, “Do not ignore your local politicians! They make crucial decisions that can shake your life.”

Keep up the good work all you mayors.

Girls’ Feast

BrookeFinley
Cholla City Reporter

No longer do images of wilting lettuce and servings of chilled, clumped mush come to mind when thinking of group meals. Thankfully, our servings are delightful and as Shelby Emert stated, “We are gladly over-fed.”

Piles of salad with all the fixin’s, fresh fruit, oceans of beverages, and satisfying main courses are appreciated by any pallet, even vegetarians.

The process of the meals is also celebrated. Before bodies are fueled, many feed their spiritual needs with benediction, which is followed by stimulating conversation and doodling on cloths. Next, everyone receives their meal quickly and sits back and relaxes. The change in mood is easy to see after as most girls perk up and are ready to grab opportunity.

This time is really enjoyable for all and will be memorable, especially if you lost something.



SPEAK AND BE HEARD!! WE WANT YOUR OPINION!!

This year we are creating a wonderful year book for Arizona Girls State. What we want to know is what would you prefer to see us create, a digital full color yearbook or a black and white printed copy for you to take home?

Please help us out ladies and tell us which you would prefer!!

Would Like A Digital Yearbook

Would Like A Printed Yearbook



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