

# THE EAGLE EYE WATCH

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ALASKA GIRLS STATE

FINAL EDITION 2019



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**GIRLS NATION -**  
MALIN MARIUS  
MADELAINE MURAMOTO

**GIRLS NATION 1ST ALTERNATE-**  
KYRSTEN JOHNSON-GRAY

**GIRLS NATION 2ND ALTERNATE-**  
ABIGAIL TAYLOR

**MARILYN STOCK AWARD-**  
ELENA BUTLER

**GOVERNOR-**  
MORGAN BOLAN

**LT. GOVERNOR-**  
ELENA BUTLER

**U.S. SENATOR-**  
FRANCES SNOW  
MADELAINE MURAMOTO

**U.S. REPRESENTATIVE-**  
MALIN MARIUS

**SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE-**  
ABIGAIL TAYLOR

**PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE-**  
AUDREY WINTERTON

# CITY OF EAGLE

## Final article

Advice for next year's girls for Girl State.

- 1) Don't lose anything, just trust me on this one.
- 2) Mop the showers when it's your turn to clean the bathrooms, they get disgusting when you don't.
- 3) Clean your city often, inspections are strict.
- 4) Listen to the staff.
- 5) Debate during sessions, the staff encourage it.
- 6) Eat! Eat! Eat! The kitchen staff loves when you grab more food. But make sure you're going to eat it.
- 7) Read your uniform rules! Things will make so much more sense if you keep referencing it.
- 8) MOST OF ALL, HAVE FUN!!

-ELIZA BETHKING

# The Mysterious Box

By Madelaine Muramoto

The lake is a wondrous relief after a long day of legislative sessions and bill writing, but it is concealing a dark secret. Earlier this week, Abigail Taylor, Kyrsten Johnson-Gray, Frances Snow, and I made a shocking discovery. We had all loaded onto one of the large red paddleboats, hoping we would not sink it. As we struggled (and we really struggled) to leave the dock, we saw a mysterious shape in the water. Attempting to steer closer to get a better look at the shape, it appeared to be a rectangular box at the bottom of the lake. Ideas started to fly: was it a treasure box? A body? Evidence to a crime? The home of the ghost of the lake? No one really knew, but no one wanted to investigate too closely.

As a group we decided to go farther out into the lake and enjoy our time in the sun. Steering was by far the greatest challenge in maneuvering our craft to where we wanted to go, but we still managed to hunt down a paddle boat of Kenai city members (Elena Butler, Molly Frati, Morgan Bolan, and Audrey Winterton). After enjoying our time out on the water in the sunny weather, we decided to head back to the dock. As we got close to the beach, I jumped out of the paddle boat and swam towards the mysterious box. Once I got to where the box was, I peered down into the water to see if I could see any suspicious details. Unfortunately, it just looked like a plain old box. Gingerly I felt around the top of the box with my toes. It just felt like a metal mesh material, nothing very exciting. Abigail Taylor joined me in the examination of the box and we both came to the same disappointing conclusion: it was just a plain old metal mesh box of some sort, probably used as a filter or some other perfectly explainable reason.

## Article: Apples

By: Frances Snow

While most might not think it, what kind of apples you like is a heavily debated topic. Personally, I like those light green apples that are not too sweet but also not sour. Now many of my friends enjoy Honey Crisp, but to me this apple is far too sweet, and I am not a fan. I remember on one basketball trip, when I bit into apple. I was shocked when the inside of this apple was pinkish-purple, this apple I learned later was called a Pink Lady. In the end apples are pretty delicious and everybody in the City of Eagle agreed. Though what they did not agree on was how they like to eat them.



# A Dream Come True

I was 9 years old, volunteering my time at my local American Legion post's Community breakfast, when I had an older auxiliary woman grabbed my hand and asked me, "Are you going to go to girls state when your a junior?"

Me being 9, I assumed she meant a junior member, so asked I her, "What do you mean when? I am a junior."

She smiled and corrected it to a junior in high school. She told me about it and I've had my mind set on it ever since.

And then the time came to apply, but when I looked at the date I realized I couldn't go because I was going to be in Peru. Months passed by and Girls State slowly slipped my mind. Then department convention came around the corner and my grandmother informed me that the dates changed. I approached the director, Von Lamm and asked if it was to late to put in my application; she told me I still could. After going through the hassel of the online application, I recieved an email saying the paper work would be sent. I came home from Peru I had one week to get the paper work notarized and sent off.

A week and a half later I was in the truck on my way here. Arriving a day sooner than everyone else I was excited to meet all the girls and make new friends.

This whole camp has exceeded my expectations. The knowledge, The friendships, The daily schedule. The food. It truly has been a dream come true.

By Kyrsten Johnson-Gray  
-Eagle City

Most of you were not quite sure what to expect when you arrived and it has been a long exhausting week for you.

I would like to say how proud I am of all you young ladies who participated in this year's American Legion Auxiliary Girl's State program.

All of you proved Director Lamm's prediction that even though you were a small group that this year's group would be mighty and one of the best groups ever. You proved her right. You young ladies showed intelligence, poise, and respect throughout a hectic week, not only with the staff but with each other. I sincerely believe that all of you will be successful at whatever you set your minds to and be tremendous assets to your communities. In today's controversial society it is encouraging to know the future is in your capable hands.

I wish you all the best of luck in all your endeavors and I know you will be able to handle anything life throws at you.

It was a great pleasure to be one of the counselors to such a fantastic group of young ladies.

Lori Fruhwirth

Counselor

Eagle City

2019







# CITY OF KENAI

## ARTICLE

Molly Fratt

at around 4:45 I checked in to American Legion Auxiliary Alaska's Girl State. I was really unsure what to expect other than it's hard w/ long days. What I didn't expect was to make life long friends. The amount of times we smiled + laughed so hard I could feel my abs is insurmountable. I've learned so much. If anyone before I came <sup>asked me</sup> what a bill was I wouldn't be able to tell you but now I've written about it. I wanted to check in at the latest time, + now I don't want to check out at all. Thank you to all the amazing staff, Kierra (the best + funniest counselor ever) and to all my amazing new friends.

June 22, 2019

## A Day In The Life

When I learned about Girls State I knew that it was a program that taught about how congress works, but I had no idea what actually happened. The daily happenings changed from day-to-day but there are some constant aspects of the schedule.

In the beginning we have a lot of general assemblies. General assemblies at the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State are when the entire body comes together. The purpose of the assembly changes on a case by case basis. Sometimes general assemblies are speakers, which come to help us learn by giving background about their lives in government. General assembly is also for the purpose of having us sit down and clarify something.

We also have legislative sessions. These are exactly what they sound like; The House of Representatives and the senate gather in their designated areas to write, discuss, and pass bills.

Special sessions are times when color guard and choir can practice for graduation. It is voluntary to be a part of these two groups but I recommend joining at least one.

Every morning we have calisthenics to wake up with a little bit of exercise. We raise and



retire the colors to begin and end our day.  
Breakfast, Lunch, dinner, and snack are all  
at constant times and are absolutely  
delicious. Finally, we have assigned chores  
to complete after meal times.

— Malin Mams  
City of Kenai

⇒ Daily Pun ≤

I'm reading a book about gravity.  
It's impossible to put down.

...BONUS PUNS...

- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- What do you call security outside a Samsung store?  
Guardians of the Galaxy.
- Thanks for explaining the word "many" to me, it means a lot.
- R.I.P. boiled water. You will be mist.
- I would tell you a chemistry joke, but I know I wouldn't get a reaction.
- Congrats ALA Girls State Class of 2019 —



# Killer Kenai papers

This past week has been filled with little to no sleep, late night showers, fast-paced eating, sleepy stretching sessions, lakefront shenanigans, bill writing and Kangke dish washing parties. Coming into this program I didn't think it would be an opportunity to make friends, I thought it would be a cutthroat environment with girls fighting tooth and nail to do the best to go to Nationals. Thankfully though, all of the girls here are kind and caring, and are genuine friends. Thank you to everyone who poured their time, energy, and money into this amazing American Legion Auxillary Alaska Girls State.



# THE KENAI KILLER

## PAPERS

Saturday and Sunday June 22th-23rd 2019 By **Ta'Mariah  
Jenkins**

Sweet as candy and sour as a lemon. The biter-sweetness of leaving this program fills the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State with happiness and sadness. Sure the long hour legislative sessions are tedious and consist of much thought processing, however these sessions have taught the young women of this program to accept others opinions and to come forward as a member within their cities. A time that felt like it would never end is now coming into a closing. The gratitude and love shown here will never diminish. We have grown through this program and learned the essence of qualities a leader truly presents in order to lead their team. Through the roughest of times from simply trying to perform a speech or trying to write a bill, to the best of times, such as eating the home cook meals of our kitchen staff, or talking to the members of our cities, we have made it through it all. WE have overcome the challenges that were presenting to us in stride. No matter the ghost in the lake, or what happens the night before election, this experience will never leave us. We are the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State and not only are we proud to be American, but we love being Alaskan. You don't have to be born here to be Alaskan. Alaska resides within us all and within you. I'm Ta'Mariah Jenkins with my last report as the reporter of the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State.



# Killer Kenai Papers

My week at Girls state by: Elena Butler

I'm going to start this off by saying this week has been utterly exhausting. Just as I'm writing this I'm trying not to think how tired I am. I am not going to lie and say this has been the best week of my life, this week has probably been one of the toughest for me personally.

Between writing + giving speeches (which is something I have never done before) writing bills, and going to legislative sessions its a nonstop schedule from wake up to bed time. As grueling as this week has been, it has also been a tremendous opportunity. I and all my peers have learned so much this week. I am incredibly thankful for this great opportunity. Thank you to everyone who sent and paid for my peers and I to attend American Legion Auxilliary Alaska girls state



# KENAI TOP 10 TIPS

- 1.) Never forget your name tag!
- 2.) When you think you're talking loud enough talk louder
- 3.) Don't sleep during legislative session
- 4.) Brainstorm bill ideas before coming
- 5.) Bring earplugs?
- 6.) Always state your name and city when you talk
- 7.) Always stand when you speak
- 8.) Eat fast when you are on kitchen duty
- 9.) Always ask questions
- 10.) Be positive?

- Audrey Winterton

# To The Citizens of Girls State

Kierre Horn  
2019.

This week has been long, from general assemblies, to legislative sessions (that seem to drag on for hours), to going out on the lake and having as much fun as possible during recreation. Even though the week has been long and tiring, all of you have done such a great job juggling all of the things we've had you do this week. I also want to thank all of the girls state citizens for going with the flow of the ever changing schedule. You've all done such a good job rolling with everything that has been thrown your way, and you've done so with such confidence in yourselves. This is my first year as a counselor and I'm so glad that this was my first year because, even though the group is so small, everyone gets along so well and it really seems like the cities this year have really turned into actual communities. Watching all of you get to know each other and become friends is one of the best things I've gotten to do in my whole life.

I know that this week has been hard for some of you, considering all of the things that were thrown at you last minute. Even though we threw a lot of last minute things at you, none of you ever complained or said anything other than 'oh, well I guess we should get started then.' I am so proud of this group, I don't care about how little it was, I am proud of each and every one of you. I have watched you all improve so much in such a short amount of time. You've made friends and I hope that those friendships last for the years to come. Your group was small, but you were mighty. You have made this girls state the best girls state, thank you for being here.







Today marks the end of the 2019 session of ALA Alaska Girls State. This week was full of emotion, confusion, frustration, happiness, anxiety, and hope. Now the end is here it is sadness that I feel. I don't want to see you all go, but I know it's time to go home. My family and yours await us anxiously.

The week is over and now it seems to have flown by. You are now and forever "My Girls"! You are American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State Alumni, Congratulations!!

The 11 young women who make up the 2019 American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State have proven that size does not matter. You are an absolutely amazing group of young women!

I am honored to have had the privilege to watch each and every one of you grow. As I sit here and think about the future I smile, I feel secure knowing that the future of this country is in your safe and capable hands!

I hope you leave with fond memories of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

Always remember are you the BEST!!! I know you will change the world if that is what you decide to do. Be confident in your abilities, stand by your decisions, correct your mistakes, and take responsibility for your actions. This world can be hard and if you get over whelmed remember nothing stays the same, change can be a good thing and moments are fleeting.

Be happy!! Your happiness is your responsibility don't expect anyone to make you happy.

Life is short take it all in and if you ever need me to hesitate to call, text and email me.

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I'd like to take a moment to thank my staff. You all mean so much to me. The kitchen staff is the absolutely awesome! The office staff is irreplaceable! Our counselors are fantastic!

I know everyone of you work so hard and I can not express the level of my appreciation for making the 2019 session of American Legion Auxiliary Girls State a success!

Thank you to the best Co-Director ever!! !

Now I have to go Graduation is less than 4 hours away. You have all worked so hard citizens and staff!

Small but mighty!  
2019  
Best  
American Legion Auxiliary Girls State  
Ever!!

Girls State Director  
Yvonne Lamn

Attention Attention Attention

Citizens of American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State 2019 YOU DID IT! Each and everyone of you have grown into a wonderful young lady with the knowledge of how confusing, yet important our government process can be. I have no doubt that you all will go on to be quite involved with shaping our world into a much better place for everyone. Your kindness and compassion is amazing and I hope you never lose this quality as you proved bills were written and discussed, even passed while remaining kind and considerate of others. All your speeches were fantastic. Be proud.

Thank you all for including me in you lunches, dinner and ice cream social. This will always be my moment because of all of you.

Your 2019 Co-Director  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Alaska Girls State

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska, I want to thank you all for coming and participating in this years fantastic Alaska Girls State program.

From the moment you all walked in the door, I just felt that we were going to have one of, the best programs yet!

I feel privileged to have had the opportunity to watch you all grow and blossom. I was proud to be involved with the talent show and choir.

I will end by asking you all to remember and commit to the four founding principles: Justice, Freedom, Democracy, and Loyalty.

American Legion Auxiliary  
Department of Alaska  
President Elect Jane Larson 2019-2020

Head Cook!

Wow! Another session has come to pass already. I want to thank all of you for making this year a pretty easy year to plan and prepare breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks for! Awesome job ladies!

Sue Caswell

Your 2019 Head Cook  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Alaska Girls State

This is always the hardest part about volunteering at Alaska Girls State, not writing these finale articles but trying to make what I write pertinent to each year's group.

Pluck a random star from the sky and try to imagine what that star may be. Now try plucking ten more from across the whole galaxy toss them together in a jar and see how they interact. My impression of Alaska Girls State!

By Fate, Luck or Devine providence, this year's stars are just are just that "stars" that, even though you each may vibrate at a different rhythm, have found a uniquely common symbiosis with each other.

Your bond and mutual appreciation for one another makes the fact that a smaller group may be somewhat more difficult to manage, much easier and more pleasurable to participate with.

We had our hiccups and you may not have had as broad a range of experiences as maybe a larger group, that we would have liked to provide, but 2019 Alaska Girls State is proof positive that dynamite surely does come in small packages.

I could not be prouder of each and every one of you if you were my own daughters.

We struck a spark, it's now up to you to fan it into the roaring flame that will set your course for the future. I have no doubt you will continue to make us all proud.

Fair winds and following seas,

Matt Larson



# FAREWELL TO GIRLS STATE CITIZENS

Jan Scott

First Reading; Second Reading; At Ease; Third Reading; Amendments; .....

Hopefully these and many other parliamentary terms have meaning for each Girls State of 2019. Each and everyone of you have impressed me daily with your thoughts and ability to express them. Your willingness to stay engaged at the legislative sessions resulted in you as individuals learning many new terms. You have learned how to run a meeting regardless of the setting.

I am invigorated by working with you this week. In one short week you have confirmed for me that the future of this country is in good hands. You have demonstrated that today's youth is competitive and competent in the political arena. You have confirmed my belief that young adults have a personal high standards and drive to improve the status quo.

As you return to your home and life, things will be busy and demanding. Summer will fly by as all summers do. Soon school will be in session. I know you will have a fantastic senior year. P L E A S E encourage students in the junior class to take advantage of this awesome opportunity of learning how to make laws and parliamentary procedure. Every time you think "I did that at Girls State" invite a peer to attend this program. Every time you think 'I learned that at Girls State ' inform a student about this program. The capacity of this camp is 60 participants and we would like to have that number of citizens.

In the future our paths in life will cross. When it does, please stop me and say, "I went to Girls State in 2019."

Jan Scott

17 June - 23 June 2019

A Big Thank you to Joanne Lamm, Director of the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State program for her leadership, Compassion and continuous dedication. It was a privilege and honor to volunteer my time to assist her in any way she needed for this marvelous program that supports the young women of this great State of Alaska.

I'd also like to thank the rest of her staff she had helping her this year: Ann Robinson (co-director) Danielle Larson (office), Shelby Lamm (office), Susan Caswell (Kitchen) & Jane Larson with granddaughter Rene Doyle (Kitchen).

To the Young Women of the 51<sup>st</sup> American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State, it was a pleasure being a part of your experiences at this years program.

Take Care, keep motivated and positive. It has been a pleasure meeting you all. I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Yours Truly  
Pat Salcedo  
American Legion Auxiliary  
Unit 33  
Peters, Creek, Alaska



I am really thankful for being invited to the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State this year. Even though I wasn't here for the whole week, I still have enjoyed helping in the kitchen and serving meals and desserts to you. My favorite part about this journey was being included in every thing we did together. Raising and retiring the flag, baking cookies, preparing meals, and the fantastic ice cream social. I had and I am having an amazing experience and

I wish to come help next year. -Renee Doyle  
Jr. Auxiliary

Good Job!

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Peace

-Shelby Lamm

- Danielle Larson























# FIND THAT SIGNAL.....







