

# THE EAGLE EYE WATCH

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY ALASKA GIRLS STATE

DAY 1, 2019

## CITY OF EAGLE

### A huge shout out to the kitchen staff

The staff includes: Pat Salcedo, Sue Caswell (Head Cook), and Luke Lamm. The whole camp including staff would like to thank all of you for making us all of our meals and snacks throughout the whole week! We love all of you to death. We don't know what we would do without you guys.

- Elizabeth King



*CONGRATS CITY OF EAGLE! Each city has the opportunity to be featured on the front page each day by winning the "FIRST COMPLETED" contest but the newspaper will remain to be called The Eagle Eye Watch all week in honor of the City of Eagle winning the contest on the first day! Congrats once again City of Eagle*

## **Exclusive Interview**

Abby Taylor, Mayor of the city Eagle.

E: "What made you want to become mayor?"

A: "Well, I'm usually in a leadership position. For example: I was the team captain for my latest soccer team. I really enjoy being in leadership positions."

E: What are your goals as mayor?"

A: "Hopefully get our city to all of our events and activities on time. I also want to lead my city of Eagle in the right direction."

E: "What's your favorite color?"

A: "Red? Maybe, I don't know."

E: "Thank you for the interview!"

A: "Yeah, no problem."

- Elizabeth King

**Eagle City Elected Officers**

**Mayor: Abby**

**Clerk: Madelaine**

**Reporter: Elizabeth**

**Council Women: Annie and Kyrsten**

# CITY OF KENAI

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## Kenai Killer Papers

Day One

-Malin Marius

My alarm went off at 4:25 a.m.

on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2019.

I jump out of bed with anticipation, get dressed, and grab my bags. My mother drives me to the airport so I can catch my 6:00 a.m. flight from Sitka to Anchorage. Today I am going to become the first representative



from Sitka at the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girls State in about a decade.

Upon arrival in Anchorage I am greeted by Pat, a lively woman and mother to the program's director, Ms. Yvonne Lamm. She drives me to the camp which is located in the Palmer-Wasilla area of Alaska and we discuss everything from life as a military brat to how technology has changed society along the way. When we reach the camp I am surprised to find I am not the first camper there. I meet a lovely girl named Kyrsten who, due to her ride circumstances, had to arrive a whole day early.

I started talking with Kyrsten immediately. She is a Junior Auxiliary member and has been looking forward to Girls State for as long



as she can remember.

After a few hours of Kyrsten and me being the only girls there, more girls began to trickle in. Elena Butler of Wasilla remarked that she felt like she was in the wrong place when she first arrived. Audrey Winterton felt the camp was intimidating at first. "The camp ~~seemed~~ pretty dead, and no one was here." She said. After entering the building she was greeted with nice people and felt some relief.

There are only eleven girls this year but the kitchen staff expects this group to be better than usual.

## GETTING TO KNOW THE LADIES OF KENAI CITY!

Molly- Council Woman

Morgan- Council Woman

Audrey- Mayor

Elena- Clergy

Ta'Mariah- Reporter

Malin- Reporter

# THE KENAI KILLER PAPERS

Just as the sun shines through the leaves and reflects upon the still waters of the Elks Camp, so are the brightly shining members of the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State. On Monday June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, girls from all over Alaska attended this program in order to bring their best efforts forth. What began of 28 girls, became a shortened stack of 11 girls due to unfortunate circumstances of double booking. However, no matter the circumstance, the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State director Yvonne Lamn and her staff persevere this week in order to make the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State the best year! In addition with the sacrificed time the staff has pulled for us, only a few hours have passed and the girls seems to be interacting so well with their peers. An interview by Madeline Muramoto from the eagle city exemplifies this.

Reporter: What made you want to join the American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State program?

*Madeline Muramoto: Well. . .not only had I heard this due to friends and family, but personally I felt as though this would be an interesting experience and the idea of new relations really got to me. I also wanted to have a more vivid exposure to government. The American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State also showed some ideas to my interests in working towards international relations and sociology.*

Reporter: Thank you Madeline. Now what are you looking forward most to in American Legion Auxiliary Alaska Girl State?

*Madeline Muramoto: As I said before, though it may sound repetitive, I'm looking forward to meeting new people and simply the exposure of it all!*

Reporter: Mhm. . .and in this short time, how has your experience been so far?

*Madeline Muramoto: Haha. . .well honestly I was a little nervous at first due to the lack of people and how small the group was. However, these girls were so welcoming. Helping me with my luggage and showing me to my city. As of now, I sincerely due feel a very chill vibe with these girls.*

## MONDAY JUNE 17<sup>TH</sup> ACTIVITIES-

The Retirement of the American Flag  
Introduction Ceremony  
DELICIOUS dinner from cooks  
With a brownie and ice cream as dessert (:

# IMPORTANT DATES!!!!!!!!!!

WED JUN 19<sup>TH</sup>- TALENT SHOW

SAT JUNE 22<sup>TH</sup>- ICE CREAM SOCIAL

**CAN U SING? CAN U AT LEAST HOLD A TUNE? SING UR HEART OUT  
IN THE SHOWER? JOIN CHOIR!!! WE NEED YOU! YOU AND YOUR  
BEAUTIFUL VOICE! YO DON'T HAVE TO BE WHITNEY HOUSTON TO  
SING!?!?!?!? JOIN CHOIR!!**

\* ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT! ANNOUNCEMENT!\*

WE ARE A CITY! PLEASE RECOGNIZE CABINS AS A CITY! NOT A CABIN!!!





A great evening at Girls State performing a flag retirement ceremony with the program staff. Had a good question and answer session with the girls where we had the opportunity to tell them who the ALR is and what the ALR does. Thank you David Jackson, Carrie Hintz, Willie Kunish for joining me to make a good impression on these young leaders of our future, and thank you Matt Larson for helping to give us the opportunity to share our stories.

-Loren Estrada Sr.

ALR Chapter 35





Citizens, we are so excited and thrilled that you are here. As I stated before, all of my American Legion Auxiliary members and American Legion family work hard on fundraisers all year round to make it possible for all of you to experience this fantastic program at no expense to any of you. We also work with the community to educate what Girls State & Boys State is all about and how it can benefit their children. Some of us had update our documents with National, Department, Federal and State regulations. Also having to educate our American Legion family member how to understand all of these regulations. Then we have to recruit these members to volunteer their time to run the kitchen, the office, to be city counselors, instructors, organize speakers, just to mention a few of what goes into this program. Most of our volunteers are committed to do this for a full two weeks for each of the sessions for Girls State and Boys State program. This is an incredible dedication.

Tomorrow night (Wednesday) some of these fantastic members will be coming out here for our appreciation and talent night. Please take a moment to thank them.

Jane L. Larson

American Legion Auxiliary, Department of Alaska

President Elect 2019-2020



# CITIZENS EXPECTATIONS

## AT THE BEGINNING OF PROGRAM

In this experience, I am expecting to build new relationships and get a good introduction to government inner-workings.

<sup>mostly</sup>  
I <sup>1</sup>JUST want to have fun and meet new people.

I mostly look forward to learning about the state government. Hopefully I can walk away from this experience feeling more educated than I did when I came.

I expect by the end of this opportunity, I will know the ins and outs of the government like the back of my hand. I'm looking forward to all of the amazing food, and new leadership opportunities that will be presented over the week.

I expect to further my understanding and learn about how our government works. I also hope to embrace my core patriotic beliefs. I see it as a great way to know about the inner workings of the country I hope to serve.

When I came into Girl's State I was expecting to learn more about my government and also how to write laws. I am excited to learn and have fun with the people in the camp.

My expectations for this experience is to truly learn more about our government and country. To develop a solid opinion and to truly attribute this in everyday life. I look forward to learning and competing with others. Getting out of my introverted shell and truly coming forth to be the best I can be.

I was at first very worried about coming to this camp. I didn't know what to expect. I was greeted by happy faces who were very kind. It was at that point I knew this was going to be a good experience for me. I want to make the most out of this camp. ~~and~~ I also hope to use what I learn beyond this camp and hope to share my knowledge.

I have really high hopes for this experience so far. All of the staff are wonderful and I'm already making friends with all the girls. I'm so excited to dig more in depth into government decisions, and I can't wait to start learning! Not to mention the area surrounding camp is absolutely beautiful to be near :).

My expectations heading into this experience were not much. I was just worried about looking dumb/insufficient<sup>ly</sup> comparison to my peers. I'm looking forward to relaxing on the lake and exercising. As of now, I am feeling anxious and homesick.



I am hoping to receive a more solid understanding on our government. I would also like to go over ~~that~~ ~~some~~ some of the government vocabulary to help refresh me on their duties and meanings.

I'm looking to become educated on the U.S. government and gaining a better understanding before I can vote. I'm stoked for this week. I can't wait to make new friends and connect with people. I've been looking forward to this since I was 9 and I'm so excited to finally have it happen.





## **Officials of House & Senate**

### **Senate**

President of the Senate – Audrey Winterton

Secretary of the Senate – Madelaine Muramoto

### **House of Representatives**

Speaker of the House – Rep. Tayler

Clerk of the House – Rep. Johnson-Gray

DAY 2  
WEDNESDAY  
June 19, 2019

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7:00 A.M. FIRST CALL (RISE & SHINE)

7:15 A.M. CALISTHENICS

7:55 A.M. FLAG RAISING

8:00 A.M. BREAKFAST

9:00 A.M. CLEAN CITIES/CHORES – INSPECTION OF CITIES

9:30 A.M. GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
                    CHUCK HOUSEHOLDER & LOWES TEAM- LEADRESHIP

11:00 A.M. SPECIAL MEETINGS (choir, community event, talent show, color guard, ETC)

12:00 P.M. LUNCH-TURN IN NEWS ARTICLES  
                    TURN IN FILING SLIPS

1:00 P.M. GENERAL ASSEMBLY- ALA DEPARTMENT PRESIDENT- JANE  
                    LARSON

2:00 P.M. LEGISLATIVE SESSION

4:30 P.M. RECREATION/ NEWSPAPER ARTICLES DUE

5:45 P.M. CLEAN UP FOR DINNER

6:00 P.M. DINNER

7:00 P.M. TALENT SHOW

9:30 P.M. SNACK/STAFF MEETING

10:00 P.M. RETIRE COLORS – CITY MEETINGS

11:00 P.M. LIGHTS OUT