

Initial City Meeting Agenda

Saturday 5-6pm

MEETING LOCATIONS:

Bacon County - Bradley City: Blanton 4th Floor Atrium, Compton City: Blanton 3rd Floor Atrium

Barton County - Benton City: Blanton 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room,

Broeg City: Blanton 1st Floor Multipurpose Room

Davidson County - Boone City: Rauch 4th Floor Atrium, Clark City: Rauch 3rd Floor Atrium

Dewitt County - Carver City: Rauch 2nd Floor Atrium, Cronin City: Rauch 1st Floor Multipurpose Room

Johnson County - Adreon City: Cal-Rog 4th Floor Atrium, Drake City: Cal-Rog 3rd Floor Atrium

Price County - Covington City: Cal-Rog 2nd Floor Multipurpose Room,

Lewis City: Cal-Rog 1st Floor Multipurpose Room

Scott County - Pershing City: 2nd Floor Scheidegger,

Stephens City: 2nd Floor Scheidegger

Truman County - Anthony City: 1st Floor Scheidegger Hallway/Lobby,

Crowder City: 1st Floor Scheidegger Hallway/Lobby

1. **“Get to Know You” City Mixer** (City Counselor - plan for 20 minutes)

2. **MGS Bucks**

At ALA MGS we operate with our own currency called Girls State Bucks. The only exception to this is your city and county taxes, which are used to help fund scholarships awarded at the conclusion of the session. Each of you will be given \$1,500 in MGS bucks tonight. You will use this money for:

- A. Shopping on ALA MGS Main Street
- B. Contributing to campaign funding, either your own or a candidate you wish to support
- C. Purchasing advertisement for your business or candidacy for office
- D. Purchasing supplies at the campaign store
- E. Participating at State Fair booths during the MBS/MGS State Fair Thursday Evening
- F. Hiring a lawyer, paying fines and court fees
- G. Paying additional taxes your city or county chooses to enact through ordinances, etc.

You may be thinking *“That’s a problem! \$1,500 isn’t nearly enough for all of that!”* Well, you would be correct! The solution is simple - You need a job. At the city and county levels of government you will be creating budgets with a predetermined amount of city and county funds. In these budgets, you need to consider how much you will pay your employees and elected officials. You can also test the entrepreneurial waters and start a business on ALA MGS Main Street. If you attend the School of Law and pass the Bar Exam, you can open your own law firm. Get creative, run for office and apply for government positions, just please don’t resort to a life of crime!

3. Caucus System vs. Primary System

There are two different systems we use to decide what names appear on a ballot at ALA Missouri Girls State. At the city and county levels, we use the Caucus System. This means that a small, select group of citizens hold a meeting and have full power and authority to decide who will represent their party on the ballot. For statewide offices, we utilize the Primary System, in which you will hold a Primary Election to determine your party's candidate for each office. Once your party's slate of candidates is determined through the Primary, a General Election is held.

We will talk more about how the Caucus System will work at our 9:15pm City Meeting tonight.

4. City Government

Chapter 10 in your manual explains how your city level government will work. Your city government is made up of your Mayor, Municipal Judge, and 3 City Councilwomen. The mayor will have many responsibilities throughout the week and is the representative of this city to other levels of government. The Municipal Judge will hear all cases of misdemeanors and infractions of law related to the ordinances your City Council enacts. This will happen during court sessions conducted daily during governmental activity time. The City Council will be responsible for voting on ordinances, city budget (including salaries and taxes as recommended by the appointed city manager) and other legislative business deemed necessary at the city level. Ordinances can be used to create rules, enact fines, create Girls State Bucks taxes to help fund your city budget, or anything else you feel is necessary to run your city.

If you are hoping to run for one of these elected city positions, read ahead in your schedule and Appendix C to familiarize yourself with the process. You will be slating this ballot at tonight's 9:15 pm meeting and voting tomorrow morning. We will swear in your newly elected city officials tomorrow and your city government will be up and running! Be thinking about if you are interested in running for an elected position, applying for an appointed position, or introducing ideas for ordinances to help govern your city. You can see the elected City Positions and city appointed positions to apply for in Appendix A of the ALA MGS Manual.

6. Travel Expectations

While at ALA MGS, you will be involved in activities all over campus at various times throughout the day. For your safety, you are expected to always use the buddy system. Never go anywhere by yourself. You may find yourself the recipient of a hefty ticket from the ALA MGS Highway Patrol for any infraction of this rule. In all seriousness, this campus, while monitored by our own Highway Patrol and campus security, is still a public place and we are not the only ones on campus. Do not go alone, please use sidewalks, and always watch for traffic on the roads.

Our House Mom's number is posted on the exterior door of our building. Please call her if you need to get into our dormitory and the doors are locked.

7. Dietary Needs

If you have dietary needs - vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, dairy free etc, you should have spoken with food services in Spellman after you registered here. If you have any questions about where to go in the dining hall, please ask! Any dining hall staff member will be more than happy to help you. You can also ask our AC or JC for help locating a dining hall staff member. They will have a plate already made for you or instructions on which foods comply with your needs at every meal. Please do not go hungry!

If there is any time remaining, citizens can discuss City Mascot, decorating ideas, or come up with chant ideas.