



Department President's Message
Catherine Olsen, Dept President

ALA EVERGREEN GIRLS STATE IS A GO!

Yes, members, the budget for this year's EGS session at CWU has passed unanimously. The committee - Terri Campbell, Robin Bostwick, Debra DeLong, Barb Rutherford, Rose Ring and Cheyenne Morrison - worked extremely hard at reducing costs from \$ 69,000.00 dollars to \$44,772.50.

The Citizens census target is at 90 citizens presently. The committee would like to increase the number of attendees to just under 120 citizens. With that being said, we need Unit members to assist us in speaking to Junior level students to advise them the dates have been moved out to accommodate students spending the last week of classes in their school.

Our time at CWU is 23 June 2024 to 28 June 2024.

Moving the date has helped immensely by allowing the schedule to drop one day yet retain all the necessary requirements of Flag etiquette, county and state government are to be taught. There will be county problems to solve. In the past the citizens had both city and county problems to work through. Due to the restructuring, it was best to have more time placed on county level matters.

There will still be Elections, for commissioners, state senators, judicial seats, Governor, US Senators, so that we may fulfill our obligation to elect persons who will represent the state of Washington at Girls Nation. US Senators go to the nation's capital for an in-depth session on the national government level.

Evergreen Girls State Committee Chair and Director gave a detailed report on what the five-member team has been working on since August. Financial information was as transparent as possible to show the cooperation between the ALA and the college. (saving the EGS over \$22 thousand dollars). When Terri Campbell finished a motion was made from the floor for the DEC to approve or deny the budget. The EGS 2024 budget was approved unanimously! Cheers, tears, hugs and Pom Poms tossing followed.