

What is Girls State?

Many 17 years olds would say that learning about government is dull and boring; past participants would tell you that ALA Girls State is one place that learning about government is anything but boring. Here's why: Instead of sitting through lengthy lectures "citizen" learn about city, county and state government by actually running for offices, holding elections, writing ordinances/laws, and various other activities. Citizen don't just hear about the government process- they are the process.

At ALA Girls State, citizens are divided into cities, two cities form a county, and all counties combine to create the mock state of Flickertail Girls State. Citizens learn about city, county and state government by running for offices, holding elections, writing laws, and participating in various other activities. Participants don't just hear about the government process- they are the process!