

PURPOSES

ARIZONA AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE, sponsored by The American Legion, is a citizenship training program designed to provide a working knowledge of our governmental process. The American Legion believes that our individual students are thus better prepared to assume the responsibilities of citizenship.

An interesting "learn by doing" method is used at Boys State. The boys learn about government by actually operating it. They establish a mythical 51st state patterned after Arizona. They elect their own state, county and city officers from the Governor on down. They set up their legislative assemblies and city councils, they introduce their own bills, organize their own courts and law enforcement agencies and in other ways act as self-governing citizens for a full week. Each boy thus learns for himself that he has responsibilities as a citizen, and that every act of his government has some bearing on his own life.

SPONSORSHIP

THE AMERICAN LEGION wishes to interest as many organizations as possible in the program and, therefore, invites local civic, patriotic, fraternal and church organizations to join with local Posts in sending boys to Boys State. It is suggested that interested organizations contact their local American Legion Post.

UPON HIS RETURN HOME, EACH BOY WILL BE EXPECTED TO APPEAR BEFORE HIS SPONSORING POST AND GIVE A REPORT OF HIS EXPERIENCE AT BOYS STATE.

ENROLLMENT

ENROLLMENT IS LIMITED. Due to the advance preparations that must be made on behalf of each boy, which includes personal correspondence with each of them, it is absolutely necessary that all applications and attendance fees be filed with THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA, 4701 N. 19TH AVE. STE. 200, PHOENIX, AZ 85015 NOT LATER THAN APRIL 10th.

Allotments have been submitted to The American Legion Posts and high school officials. Boys State reserves the right to reassign any allotment not exercised by the deadline date.

EXPENSE

COST FOR THE seven day period is \$300.00 to be paid by the sponsoring post. In addition, each student must pay \$150.00 registration.

TIME AND PLACE

ARIZONA BOYS STATE will be held on the South Campus of Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, SUNDAY, JUNE 2 THROUGH SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2019. All boys stay in a college dormitory with meals being served at the campus dining hall. The first meal will be served Sunday evening.

IT IS MANDATORY THAT ALL DELEGATES REMAIN WITH THE PROGRAM FOR THE ENTIRE SESSION.

ELIGIBILITY

APPLICATIONS will be accepted, subject to quota, for those boys who:

1. Have completed their high school junior year.
2. Have not attended a previous session of Boys State
3. Are willing to abide by the rules of the Boys State Program (any violation during the program may be a basis for dismissal).

SELECTION

IT IS SUGGESTED that actual selection be made by school authorities as they have better knowledge of the boys' abilities. Selection should be made on the basis of leadership, character and service. Academics are important but not paramount.

EACH CANDIDATE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT HE IS EXPECTED TO BE AN ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN THE FULL PROGRAM OF BOYS STATE.

NON-PARTISAN

THE ENTIRE PROGRAM is non-partisan and it is not military in any sense. It should be distinctly understood that the selection and assignment of the boys' parties is in no way connected with the existing political parties in Arizona. The "political parties" in Boys State are called "Federalists" and "Nationalists". They are purely mythical. The boys develop their own platforms and policies.

STAFF

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS and counselors in charge of the program are well-trained and experienced leaders. They are men and women of high ideals who are recognized as being responsible persons in their respective communities. Instructors and lecturers are State, County and City officials, members of the Legislature, legal and educational professions along with many others who are interested in instilling in our future citizens a better understanding of democracy.

TRANSPORTATION

RESPONSIBILITY FOR getting the boys to the Boys State Conference on Sunday, June 2nd at 1:00 PM is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. WHAT TO BRING

EACH BOY WILL bring sufficient items of clothing to make a presentable appearance during the full program. These should include dress and sports clothes and a suit or sport coat as there will be "dress-up" functions. The usual shaving and toilet articles, towels, gym clothes and a sweatshirt or jacket are necessary. It does get cold. BRING A SLEEPING BAG OR TWO SHEETS, A BLANKET, PILLOW, notebooks, pencils and camera, if desired. Complete instructions and final details of the program will be mailed to each boy by May 15th.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

EACH BOY should be physically fit and unimpaired in order to participate in a strenuous week-long program. It is suggested that each boy be checked by the family physician shortly before going to Flagstaff so that no illness will be brought to campus. All responsible precautions will be taken during the week of Boys State to maintain proper health conditions of those participating. First Aid is available and a physician will be consulted for any condition requiring medical attention. PLEASE HYDRATE, HYDRATE, HYDRATE BEFORE ATTENDING!

BOYS NATION

TWO OUTSTANDING CITIZENS will be selected to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. July 14th - 22nd. All expenses of this week's trip will be paid by The American Legion.

THE AMERICAN LEGION

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sunday, June 2nd**
Registration 1:00PM to 3:30PM
Room Assignments
Band Practice
- City Meetings and Opening Assembly
- Monday, June 3rd**
Law and Legislative Schools
City Elections
County and State Caucuses
- Tuesday, June 4th**
County and State Caucuses
Career Night
Primary Election
- Wednesday, June 5th**
County and State Caucuses
County meetings
Court conducts trials
Election Rally
General Election
- Thursday, June 6th**
Assembly - FBI
Offices operating
Inauguration of newly elected officials
- Friday, June 7th**
Governor makes appointments
Legislature in session
Talent Assembly
- Saturday, June 8th**
Awards Assembly - 8:30AM
Departure for home - 10:00AM

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