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Visitors and Mail

Visitors are welcome at Kentucky Boys State. The Training Center is just north of exit 53 on the Western Kentucky Parkway. We ask those who plan visits to please respect the amount of time that the boys have and do not leave the Boys State area. For any exceptions please contact the Executive Director. All mail should contain the boy's full name and address.

Please address their mail:

C/O Kentucky Boys State
W.H.F. Regional Training Center
4675 State Route 181 North
Greenville, Ky. 42345

Telephone calls are discouraged during the session, but staff will deliver messages.

The **EMERGENCY** Telephone number is:

270-338-8800

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Kentucky Boys State 2015



The American Legion Department of Kentucky



**Announces the
75th Annual
Kentucky Boys State
Leadership Academy
June 7th - June 12th
Wendell H. Ford
Regional Training Center
Greenville, Kentucky**

Eligibility and Selection of Candidates

Students in their junior year in high school (11th grade), who are enrolled in an accredited Kentucky high school are eligible. There are exceptions to students living near Kentucky or have parents serving overseas or out of State. Only individuals with good moral character, by the rules and regulations need apply. The board and Executive Director reserves the right to reject the application of any candidate or to send any boy home for the infraction of any rule or regulation. Each applicant must be recommended by his high school principal, vice principal or counselor, or other person of position of importance who is qualified to attest to the character of the student. Students need endorsement from an American Legion post, but a post is not in the area, the Executive Director can approve the students. Please send student application questionnaires, medical forms and fees are recommended to be received by Executive Director Peter Trzop, no later than May 15. Applications can be sent to the Department of Kentucky American Legion in Louisville, KY. There is a rolling admission process, but it is based on space available. Fees will not be returned for no shows or early returns home. Businesses, individuals, parents or others can pay the \$200 fee.

The following eligibility requirements have been

1. Each candidate must be enrolled as a full time student in an accredited Kentucky secondary school (Public, private or home schooled) and must be scheduled to graduate in the year 2015. There are exceptions for students with residency in or proximity to Kentucky.
2. Candidates must possess outstanding qualities such as academics, sports, and school activities.
3. Additional qualities considered in the selection of enthusiasm for the program, pleasing personality, honesty, trustfulness and the ability to get along with others with good teamwork skills.
4. Boys who have previously attended Kentucky Boys State are not eligible to return as citizens. The pool of applicants is limited to space available.

Participation in and completion of the Boys State can earn a student up to four elective college credits from some colleges. These credits are transferable to any accredited university or college. Further information will be provided to each citizen.

Samsung Scholarship

Students who are direct descendants of, or legally adopted by a U.S. wartime veteran who served on active duty, will be eligible to apply for a scholarship for undergraduate study only and may be used for tuition, books, fees, and other related costs. Students must have involvement in community activities and service, financial need, etc. Bonus points are awarded to descendants of veterans who served during the Korean War. Application information will be provided.

Time and Place

The session of Kentucky Boys State will start checking in participants at noon on Sunday. The program starts at 4:00 P.M. (Central Standard Time) on Sunday. The session ends on Friday at noon. Parents and Guardians are encouraged to be a part of the graduation ceremony.

Recreation

Athletic activities and competitive sports are organized to occupy the recreational periods. Each boy is encouraged to participate in these activities such as running, basketball, and an actual Physical Fitness Test. These activities are under the supervision and control of counselors with the primary purpose of this program is to be educational and build teamwork, and is not athletic in nature. They are optional as well.

A Week that will change a Lifetime!!!

History

Early in 1935 a few prominent Illinois Legionnaires met to discuss a new youth program which would teach the lessons of good citizenship. The first Boys State, held at the Illinois Fairgrounds in Springfield in June 1935, was the result of this discussion and planning. Two hundred boys were enrolled in the initial Boys State. At the 17th National Convention of The American Legion, held in September 1935, The American Legion embraced Boys State as a national program for youth.

As a result of the tremendous success of the Boys State program, in 1946 The American Legion originated the Boys Nation program. This program selects two outstanding participants from each of the Boys State programs to attend Boys Nation, an extension of the state-level experience, but at the national level.

Kentucky Boys State

The first session of Kentucky Boys State was held on the campus of Western Kentucky State College, Bowling Green, Ky., August 4th through the 10th, 1940. Since the initial session, over 20,000 outstanding Kentucky young men have attended these sessions to learn first-hand about democratic government.

This is a program designed to train Kentucky youth in the fundamentals of good citizenship and governmental operations. It is not intended that the program take the place of the curriculum in civics or government as is taught in the schools of the Commonwealth. It is planned so participants may put into intensive practice the theories of American government through the actual operation of city, county and state offices, as organized under the plans of this mythical 51st state. The program's purpose is to develop a constructive attitude toward our form of democracy, to instill a firm belief that our system of social control is not an old, outmoded idealism, but a workable, efficient system that needs only intelligent, alert and

informed citizens and an honest administration to make it the effective instrument of protection and regulation visualized by our forefathers. To accomplish this purpose there must be training, not only in theory of government but its actual practice and administration. The sponsors believe that a prepared and trained youth will more effectively preserve and perpetuate our precious heritage and more readily assume the trust and responsibilities that go with American citizenship.

The Leadership Program

As active citizens of Kentucky Boys State the student citizens receive comprehensive training in the practical aspects of city and state government by actually performing the necessary functions themselves. In effect, the program consists of a mythical 51st state and functions so during the entire session. Every citizen is urged to become involved by campaigning for a city or state office. Above all he is expected to demonstrate his ability to live effectively with other Kentuckians as good citizens.

Within the political framework there are several mythical cities and two political parties. When a candidate is accepted as a citizen of Kentucky Boys State he is assigned to a city and a political party. He will be identified with these political subdivisions throughout the entire program. It should be understood that the selection and assignment of citizens to political parties is in no way connected with existing political parties in Kentucky. These parties are purely mythical, the Federalists and the Nationalists. Time does not permit additional political parties. The members of each party develop their platform without interference, except that adult counselors experienced in government are present as advisors. Kentucky Boys State cities are usually named after prominent Legionaries of The American Legion of Kentucky as a tribute to the unselfish services rendered to Kentucky Boys State and to The American Legion.

Political Office

Every citizen of Kentucky Boys State should be determined to aspire for elective or appointive office. He therefore should take an active part in the primary caucus, primary and general election campaigns to insure the election of either himself or his candidate or party. It is suggested that each young man attending familiarize himself with the duties and responsibilities of the office for which he feels he is best suited.

Elections will be held for the following offices on the state level: Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, State Treasurer, Commissioner of Agriculture and State Auditor. Elections may be held for the following offices: City Mayor and Councilman, State Senator and House of Representatives.

Each citizen may run for only one office and only one candidate will win an office. Many important offices in government are appointed, such as Adjutant General.

Medical Examinations and Services

To guard against the spread of contagious disease and to make sure that each young man is capable of participating in the program physically, each candidate must send in a Medical Form along with the enrollment application and parental consent for emergency medical treatment. Without parental consent we cannot consider the application. Throughout the entire session, first aid services are available with trained personnel on duty at all times. Boys are cautioned to report all injuries and illnesses to the Director. Boys State carries group insurance to cover all citizens and adult counselors. Coverage is effective at the time of normal departure from point of origin.

Talent Show

Awards will be given for the best talent in three categories so bring whatever you need.

General Information

Sponsors may be civic, fraternal, businesses or service organizations who desire to assist their local American Legion Post in promoting this training program. Fees paid by the sponsors includes room and board, insurance, medical expenses and other items used by the young men. Transportation to and from Boys State is **not** included in the fee.

For additional information or applications, please contact:

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Bardstown, KY 40004
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Counselors are selected on the basis of their knowledge of government and on their desire to contribute to the knowledge of young men a broader understanding of the privileges and responsibilities of citizenship. They serve without compensation and are under the direction and control of the Executive Director and Dean of Counselors.

Possession of drugs, alcohol, firearms, explosives, playing cards or other gaming devices, obscene literature and the use of vulgar and profane language are strictly prohibited. Citizens who take prescribed medication must inform the KBS Staff upon arrival.

Young men who bring their own vehicle to Boys State must park the vehicle for the entire session. No citizen may leave prior to the end of the session without written permission from his parents or guardian and the approval of the Executive Director. **Please, No Exceptions.**

Do not bring a large amount of money. Ensure you bring a lock for security.

Clothing

The young men **must** bring their own sheets, blankets and pillows, towels, wash cloths, soap and toilet articles, and a sufficient number of shirts, jeans, shorts, socks to last five days. Clothing with profanity or vulgarity, cutoff shorts and open toed shoes are not allowed.