

The American Legion
ARKANSAS BOYS STATE

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TO: DELEGATE TO BOYS STATE

FROM: DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS AND BOYS STATE COMMISSION

SUBJECT: INFORMATION TO AID YOU IN YOUR PREPARATION FOR BOYS STATE

Dear Delegate:

Congratulations!! You have been selected to participate in the 69th Annual American Legion Arkansas Boys State Session as one of approximately 800 in a program designed to “practice” democracy. What you do during this week is up to you. You can get involved and learn more about how government works or sit on the sidelines and watch someone run the session. Please look over the following information. It will help your stay be more comfortable.

DATES, TIME AND PLACE: Boys State will be held at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway, Arkansas, May 31st through June 5th 2009. Registration will begin at 1:00 P.M. and close at 3:00 P.M. Sunday May 31st, 2009. Registration will be located at the HPER Center on Students’ Lane. Boys State will adjourn Friday, June 5th 2009 at 3:30 P.M. Located on the UCA website you can find a campus map that may help you if you are not familiar with UCA.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATES AND APPLICATION FORMS: Enclosed is your copy of the application form, medical certificate and information brochure. You must have a physical examination within the dates given. Registration will not be permitted without:

- 1) Medical certificate signed by physician and emergency medical treatment permission and liability release form signed by parent.
- 2) Application Form.

WHAT TO BRING: One fitted twin bed sheet and one other sheet, blanket, pillow, toilet articles, towels, wash clothes, coat hangers. You will be furnished with three t-shirts to wear during the day. Athletic shorts, cut-offs, or non Boys State shirts are not permitted, except during recreation and lights out. Overalls, caps, and hats are not permitted. One pair of dress pants will be needed to wear to the State Capital on Friday. Casual shorts or pants will be needed for the rest of the week. You may need a raincoat or sweater. No television sets, refrigerators, computers, video games, video cameras, etc.

Cell phones are allowed but only during designated times. They are not allowed during Assemblies or county meetings. Our policy for this is similar to most schools, the phone will be taken up and the delegate may get it back from the Coordinator. If parents

have an emergency they may contact headquarters. That phone number will be available at registration.

Swimming and organized intramural games (football and basketball tournaments) will be available. You should bring proper attire for those activities if you wish to participate.

A deposit of \$10.00 will be charged for the key to your room. You will pay this when you check into your dormitory. The deposit will be refunded when the key is returned.

BAND AND CHOIR: Boys State Band will be a part of the activities for those who play an instrument. If you play a flute, clarinet, alto or tenor saxophone, trumpet, trombone, or mellophone, you will need to bring it with you to Boys State. Percussion instruments will be provided for the week but you must bring your own sticks/mallets. Tubas, baritone saxophones and baritones are usually available. Call 870-918-4211 for information concerning the availability of any instrument. Boys State Choir will be a part of the activities during the week for those who would like to sing. Delegates can be a member of both the Band and Choir. Please report to Old Main Auditorium on Sunday at 4:45 p.m. for the organization meeting for Band and Choir.

CANTEEN: Extra t-shirts, toilet articles, pens, stationary, campaign material, and snacks maybe purchased at the canteen. Regular meals will be furnished three times daily at the cafeteria.

TRANSPORTATION: Your community or American Legion sponsor will possibly provide transportation to and from Boys State. If you drive your own vehicle, you must park in a designated area and give the keys to your Senior Counselor until time of departure. You will not be allowed to leave the premises at any time without proper approval and chaperoning.

MAIL: To avoid having your mail lost or returned please use the following example:

DELEGATES NAME
ARKANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
DELEGATES BOYS STATE COUNTY/CITY
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS
CONWAY, ARKANSAS 72032

The people who share the responsibility for your well being, those who guide you and counsel you, are volunteers. They give of their time unselfishly, effectively and with a desire to perpetuate an idea they believe in. Remember that and good luck on your accomplishments during the session.

All contents of this packet are to be completed and taken to Boys State upon arrival. Nothing is to be mailed back to Department Headquarters.

Welcome and I look forward to seeing you!!

Sincerely



Rusty Bush
Boys State Coordinator