The 82nd Annual Alabama Boys State
The University of Alabama
Tuscaloosa, Alabama
May 26th - June 1st, 2019

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Delegate being awarded medal for outstanding merit
during the week by staff counselor.

Boys State Director Pete Johnson presents Alabama Head
Coach Nick Saban with funds raised by Boys State dele-
gates and staff for the Nick’s Kids Foundation.

The American Legion conducts a flag retirement
ceremony in presence of Boys State delegates.

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Department of Alabama

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The American Legion also sponsors oratorical
contests, Boy Scout Units, American Legion
Baseball and numerous youth programs
promoting citizenship.

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A HIGH HONOR

Selection as a Boys State delegate is one of the highest honors conferred on a high school student. Everyone from educators and leading citizens endorse the citizenship training programs sponsored by the American Legion.

The American Legion is proud of its tradition of gathering the most outstanding young men in Alabama for its Annual Boys State. ONLY OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN WHO ARE RISING SENIORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND. Students who are nominated to attend should possess high character, leadership ability and good citizenship.

If you send your outstanding rising senior, you will receive in return more outstanding citizens and greater leaders. This program will bring out the best qualities in the delegates. It is our hope that they will attend to make personal contributions in time and energy to make Alabama better.

*NOTE: IF THE SELECTED DELEGATE CHOOSES NOT TO ATTEND BOYS STATE, PLEASE SELECT ALTERNATE. WE DESIRE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH SCHOOL*

SCHOLARSHIPS

Delegates who are descendants of wartime veterans are eligible and can apply for one of ten National Samsung Scholarships worth $20,000 each. Applications will be sent with each student’s Boys State acceptance letter. THE NATIONAL SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE. The University of Alabama awards five leadership scholarships and other universities award scholarships for those who attend Boys State.

SPONSORS

American Legion Posts have the responsibility of sponsoring students to attend Boys State. In the past, many civic groups, churches, PTAs, patriotic groups and individuals have sponsored students through their local posts by paying the registration fee and furnishing transportation. These groups will be welcome to do so again this year. It is desirable to have at least one student from every community in the state.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

The cost of room, board and supervision this year will be covered by the fee of $225.00. IF URGENT THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE PROMPTLY so that all plans may be completed. Currently, plans are being made to accommodate 700 delegates. ALL RESERVATIONS WITH FEE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 3, 2019.

When dormitory space is exhausted, reservations will be closed. The sponsoring organization will be responsible for and arrange for transportation to and from Boys State for the sponsored delegate.

WHAT TO BRING TO BOYS STATE

Delegates can bring swimming trunks, athletic shoes, athletic equipment, musical instruments, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow cases, soap and dental care items. Also bring casual clothing including jeans, shorts, or slacks to wear. Each delegate will be provided and will be required to wear Boys State t-shirts (furnished by Boys State) during the week.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Upon arrival at the University of Alabama, report to the Boys State Headquarters on campus for registration. Registration will be held from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 26th. Each delegate should arrive no later than 1:00 p.m. in order to attend the first session at 1:30 p.m. Delegates may drive their own vehicles to Boys State, but the vehicles will NOT be available to them during Boys State.

Dormitories on the campus will house all delegates. Meals will be served in the cafeteria. The first meal will be served at noon on Sunday, May 26th and the last meal will be breakfast on June 1st. Delegates will only need a small amount of money to cover snacks, an extra Boys State t-shirt, etc.

BOYS NATION

Two outstanding Alabama Boys State delegates will be selected to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. in late July. It is sponsored by the national organization, The American Legion. Here they will participate in the program as it is projected on a national scale. All expenses will be paid by the national organization for the delegates selected to attend.

WHAT IS ALABAMA BOYS STATE

The American Legion believes that the survival of our republic rests on training our youth in the ideals and objectives of American government. Boys State is a unique summer program that does not rely on lectures and textbook scenarios, but hands on experience and participation in a model state government.

Boys State was founded to supplement the curriculum taught in high school civics classes. The program teaches that the preservation of our democracy depends on informed citizens electing responsible officials to administer our government.

PURPOSE AND MISSION

Boys State seeks to educate our youth in the duties and privileges of American citizenship. It is a program of training in the practical aspects of government. Boys State offers delegates instruction in the machinery of American politics by placing delegates in the same positions of decision making as their real life counterparts. The instruction will give delegates a view of government from the municipal, county and state levels.

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American Legion Boys State

The curriculum of Boys State is directed by an experienced staff well versed in many areas of expertise. The duties and responsibilities of each elected and appointed office at Alabama Boys State are studied in the academic course. The duties and responsibilities of each elected and appointed office at Boys State.

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