



# 82<sup>nd</sup> Alabama Boys State THE CITIZEN BUILDER

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## Boys State: Getting to Know Your City and Yourself

By Dawson Camp

When I first arrived at Boys State, I was a bit overwhelmed. When I got out of the car, all I could see was a crowd of unfamiliar faces. I only knew one person from my hometown. As I was unloading my luggage from my car, I got to meet my assistant counselor for the week. He introduced himself and told me about our city and the group I would be in, City 8. He also told me the best advice I have had, which was to get myself out there and get to know people.

Overcoming this barrier was a difficult thing to do. So I went to my room hopeful and encouraged by my new counselor to find there was no one there other than myself. I thought this was okay and went to lunch. When I came back, I met my first roommate, and later on the rest of them. Once we got settled we met at our first city meeting got to know our counselors.

After this we all went to orientation and then came back to City meeting to get to know one another. We all sat together and I started to introduce myself to fellow delegates. This allowed me to get to know them and start to make friends and connections. We then separated into Federalists and Nationalists allowing for a more personalized connection between the groups.

Overall City groups and Party groups are the best way to get yourself out there and the

best way to get to know everyone. Once you know the other delegates and have made friends, Boys State becomes one of the best experiences of your life. In just the first two days, I have made long lasting friends and connections, and will never forget the City of Odom.

## The Right Interest Group for You

By Jackson Olmstead

Interest groups, an all-important component of Boys State, gives delegates the opportunity to expand their horizons for their future career choices, as well as the chance to gain real-world experience in a career field.

These groups, which may be decided by elected positions, or by the delegate themselves, broaden the understanding of the inner workings of government. While it may be scary to join an interest group for the first time, you must remember: we are all here to take risks! When looking for an interest group, obviously, you may look for things you are interested in. If you can't seem to find the interest group for your niche, take the leap of faith and dive into something new! As we all have found in the first two days of Boys State, this can reward us in spades.

So, you may be wondering: what groups are available to me? From Law Enforcement Academy to Agribusiness

& Environmental, there is a group for everyone!

If you are a delegate who has been elected to the Senate, House, Justice, State Board of Education, or are an elected or appointed official, the interest groups have already been selected for you.

Those who are not in an office have a freedom of choice over which group they are in.

For those who are keen to activities involving Police or Firefighters, the Police Academy or Fire College may peak your interests. For others who are interested in conservation, technology, or healthcare, the Agribusiness, Computer, and Healthcare academies may help pave your way through Boys State.

To find updated lists of the interest groups, check your Whova app or the yellow Boys State booklet.

As is always encouraged at Boys State, make wise decisions, and lead yourself to a greater understanding of your role as a citizen of Alabama!

### **Usher Delivers Crowd a Positive Message**

By Wesley Lowman

At the general session on Monday night, this year's Alabama Boys State delegates were captivated by a compelling message from Clint Usher, a former Boys State Attorney General and retired Merrill Lynch executive who currently serves as a motivational speaker.

Usher delivered a powerful message about overcoming the obstacles that life will throw at people, by taking listeners through his personal story. Although he faced many hardships during his early life, he did not let his disability prevent him from having a successful career.

He received numerous honors and awards at Minor High School, and was one of 100 Truman Scholarship Finalists across the country his senior year at Samford University. He even had a successful week at Alabama Boys State in 1987, culminated with winning a competitive election for the prestigious Attorney General position. After school, he saw great success in his career by combining business and policy.

His metaphors on life connected with the crowd, provoking great thoughts about leadership and offering valuable insight into what it takes to achieve a goal. He later emphasized the importance of the hyphen mark (between one's birth date and death date) on one's tombstone, and highlighted the importance of good grades by asking students to remember the number "4.0." Overall, his powerful message reminded listeners that the heart combined with hard work allows one to overcome any obstacle.

We at Boys State cannot express enough our immense gratitude for Usher; we thank him for taking time out of his week to make a long journey from Kansas to Alabama and delivering such a potent message to the over 600 Alabama Boys State attendees. Clint put it best when he capped off his speech: "Clint Usher doesn't suffer from cerebral palsy, cerebral palsy suffers from Clint Usher."

## Talent all across Boys State

By Avry Zow

Looking to see some of the most talented boys in the state of Alabama perform a play and showcase their musical ability?

Look no further as our fellow Boys State delegates will be displaying their talents in full view at Morgan Auditorium. The shows will begin at 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm on Friday May 31. Following the performances there will be an awards ceremony.



Today's  
Weather

### Getting that summer feeling yet?

Well if you haven't noticed, today's high was 92 degrees with a low of 68 and clear skies for the afternoon.

If your trying to stay cool. I suggest bringing a hat, some sunglasses, staying hydrated, and catching that nice pool feeling around your spare time at Boys State.

### And Tomorrow?

**High 95 Low 70**

**Chance for rain 10%**

Primary Election Winners

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nationalist</b>	<b>Federalist</b>
Governor	Walton Ferguson	Chris Baker
Lt Governor	Colby Lewis	Luker Davidson
Attorney General	Mason McCool	Will Murphy
State Auditor	Seth Brown	Samuel Melton
State Treasurer	Joseph Shrontz	Eric Wang
Secretary of State	Reid Freeman	Isaac Stubbs
Comm of Ag & Ind	Jason Saucier	Jay Moore
US Senate P1	Christian Goodsen	Connor Garrett
US Senate P2	Jackson Mucci	Jake Lawrence
President PSC	Aaron Stewart	Brandon Wilson
Associate Comm of PSC1	Blake Williams	Blake Daniels
Associate Comm of PSC2	Kendall Garner	Steven Cornelius II
Chief Justice	Heisman Olszewski	Copeland Johnson
Associate Justice P1	Josh Shelton	Jace Robinson
Associate Justice P2	Koby Flippo	John Medley
Associate Justice P3	Patrick Ahearn	Alexander Converse
Associate Justice P4	Dylan Peterson	Will Sawyer
Associate Justice P5	David Spath	Stratton Orr
Associate Justice P6	Ben Lightfoot	Joseph Suggs
Associate Justice P7	Thomas Otts	DJ Luster
Associate Justice P8	Hunter Lewis	Patrick Gamble
Civil Appeals Associate P1	Noah Hunter	Tristan Lollar
Civil Appeals Associate P2	Casey Martin	Caleb Wales
Civil Appeals Associate P3	Josh Hedayat	Kendall Sherrod
Civil Appeals Associate P4	Campbell Brown	Isaac Phillips
Civil Appeals Associate P5	Benjamin Mathis	Thomas Gipner

Crim Appeals Associate P1	Caleb Smith	Mason Barnes
Crim Appeals Associate P2	Andrew Miller	Adam Burroughs
Crim Appeals Associate P3	Coulson Aaron	Heath Varmette
Crim Appeals Associate P4	Grant Hershbine	CJ Reeves
Crim Appeals Associate P5	Brayden Smith	Arthur Penn



Results from 5/28

Cities	Softball	Basketball	Ultimate Frisbee	Soccer	Volleyball	Academic Bowl
1-9	3-5	32-15	2-8	2-2 city one lost by PKS	2-0	160-110
3-4	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent	absent
2-10	8-7	21-56	6-5	1-8	0-2	120-80
6-8	3-6	23-28	2-6	3-0	2-1	60-110
5-7	10-0	28-29	7-5	*	0-2	30-140

\*Score unavailable