

**THE AMERICAN LEGION**



**2019 ARIZONA BOYS STATE**

**Our 73rd Session**

**June 2 – June 8, 2019**

**On the campus of  
NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**

***Governmental Youth Seminar***

***Sponsored by***  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA**  
***and***  
**NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY**  
**POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

**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 51<sup>st</sup> 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. 19<sup>TH</sup> 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.

**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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### 2019 BOYS STATE POST INFORMATION

The 73rd Arizona Boys State Session will be held at Northern Arizona University, June 2 – June 8.

Several points of information that you should be aware of are included in this letter. Please read all information carefully and call Department Headquarters if you have questions.

**2019 REGISTRATION HAS GONE ONLINE!!!** You may obtain a copy of the printable registration form at <https://azboysstate.org/apply/form>. Each school has been assigned a code for the delegate(s) that will be attending.

**The sponsorship fee is \$300.00.** As the sponsoring Post, you are responsible for this fee for each of the boys allotted to your Post. Posts throughout Arizona accomplish this in several different ways. Your Post may wish to finance the full sponsorship fee. The high school may have funds to assist with this. You may receive outside donations or donations from members of your Post. It is up to each individual Post to determine where the money comes from.

**The application fee is \$150.00.** This fee is non-refundable. This fee is not included in the \$300.00 sponsorship fee. The student is responsible for this fee, but the Post may wish to pay it.

**Contributors** are given individual recognition for their involvement. ***Please provide a list of all parties contributing to this program and the amount they donated. We want to make sure that the contributors get mentioned for their donation.*** If your Post collects the contributions, deposit them to the Post account then write one check to the Boys State program.

**The schools in your area** have already been notified of this year's program. Letters were sent to each school last week. Included for their information was the 2019 brochure, a cover letter explaining selection criteria, and a letter for each student. This letter gives them the website and code to use for ONLINE registration. It is imperative that you and the school counselor communicate. **All registrations/applications are due by APRIL 10<sup>th</sup> to Department. Please don't wait until the last minute to coordinate with the schools.**

**Transportation** is the responsibility of the parent/guardian. No transportation is provided by the Boys State Program or The Department of Arizona.