

To: 2012 Boys Staters and Parents

From: Boys State Director
The American Legion
Department of Michigan
Attn: Boys State Office
212 N. Verlinden, Ste. A
Lansing, Michigan 48915

Subject: Important 2012 Boys State Forms as Backup Copies

Following this memo are the forms for this year's 2012 Boys State Program that you received in the mail: medical, field trip permission slip, parental/guardian consent photo/image for yearbook, letter of understanding, marching band, house/senate bill, yearbook on dvd and red cross boys state blood drive. These forms are backup copies to use just in case your originals become damaged.

Fill out all mandatory forms such as the medical (no physical examination is necessary), field trip permission slip, parental/guardian consent photo/image for yearbook and letter of understanding and turn these forms into your boys state city counselor on registration day (June 17th).

Optional forms to turn into your boys state city counselor on registration day (June 17th) are the marching band, house/senate bill (to run for House of Representatives or Senate), yearbook on dvd (along with payment) and red cross boys state blood drive.

If you have any questions, unable to attend the program or have some type of change in plans, please contact Deanna at the Department Headquarters Office in Lansing by telephone at (517) 371-4720 ext. 11 or by email at programs@michiganlegion.org.

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter.

E-mail:programs@michiganlegion.org

Website:www.michiganlegion.org/boysstate

Name of Program The American Legion, Department of Michigan Boys State Program

Dates Attending June 17 - 23, 2012

**AUTHORIZATION FOR PURPOSES OF PROVIDING MEDICAL TREATMENT
NORTHWOOD UNIVERSITY**

Your son will be involved in a Northwood University Program on the above date(s). We are asking you to complete this form to give an appropriate medical facility permission to treat him for minor injury or medical problems. In the event of serious injury or illness, you will be contacted; treatment will proceed before contacting you only if the situation is urgent and does not permit delay.

Child's Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ Name of Primary
Care Physician _____

_____ Address _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

INFORMATION NEEDED ABOUT CHILD: YES NO IF YES - INDICATE OR LIST BELOW

Is there any chronic problem or illness? _____ _____ _____

Has the person been treated recently for
some medical problem? _____ _____ _____

Are there any allergies to medications or
local anesthesia? _____ _____ _____

List any medications now being taken
For treatment of any medical problem _____

Date of last Tetanus Shot _____

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION:

Policyholder's Name and Relationship to Patient _____

Policyholder's Complete Address _____

Name and Address of Insurance Co. _____

If you have HMO or PHP insurance - list the emergency treatment authorization phone number _____

Name and Address of Employer _____

All Policy Numbers (please identify) _____

I, _____, as parent/legal guardian of _____

do hereby authorize Nelson O'Bryan to seek any medical and/or surgical treatment necessary for treatment necessary for the care my child.
Program Director's Name

The above-designated Program Director is hereby authorized to incur medical costs necessary to provide medical treatment for said child, for which I shall be fully responsible. Also, I authorize the medical facility to release any and all information required to complete insurance claims and also authorize insurance payment directly to the medical facility.

Signature _____ Relationship to Child _____

Daytime/Work Emergency Phone Number _____

Complete Address _____

THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPT. OF MICHIGAN BOYS STATE PROGRAM

Field Trip Permission Form

Your son (**only if selected to an elected position**) will be attending a field trip to the following:

Date June 22, 2012 *Time* 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Location Northwood University in Midland, Michigan to Capitol Building and Other Government Offices located in downtown Lansing, Michigan and back to Northwood University in Midland, Michigan

Transportation Midland Public School System

Notes If your son has any special needs that our staff must be aware of while attending the field trip, list them here:

Please give this permission slip to your Boys State City Counselor on **June 17, 2012**.

I give permission for my son (Print Full Name):

To attend the field trip to: **Capitol Building and Other Government Offices in Lansing, Michigan** On: **June 22, 2012**

From: **Northwood University in Midland, Michigan**

In case of an emergency, I give permission for my son to receive medical treatment. In case of such an emergency, please contact the person listed below:

Name: Phone:

Parent/Guardian Signature:

Date:

PARENTAL/GUARDIAN PHOTO AND VIDEO CONSENT FORM
FOR BOYS STATE DVD YEARBOOK

We are providing you this parental/guardian consent form to both inform you and to request permission for your son's photo/image to be published in our Boys State dvd yearbook and website.

Pursuant to law, we will not release any photo/image without prior consent from you as a parent/guardian by using this form.

Check one of the following choices:

I GRANT permission for photo/image of my son to be published in the Boys State yearbook and on the internet.

I DO NOT GRANT permission for photo/image of my son to be published in the Boys State yearbook and on the internet.

Boys State Attendee's Name: _____
(Print Name)

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____
(Print Name)

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____
(Sign Name)

Relationship to Boys State Attendee: _____
(Print Relationship)

Date: _____

LETTER OF UNDERSTANDING

**Return to your boys state city counselor on registration day
June 17th.**

By accepting the nomination of your sponsoring organization to attend Boys State, you are agreeing to adhere to the following conditions:

- 1. To participate in an active, constructive, and positive way.**
- 2. To cooperate with the Boys State staff at all times.**
- 3. To attend the entire seven-day session unless excused by written permission from parent that should be attached to this form.**
- 4. To stay within the boundaries announced by the Boys State staff.**
- 5. To respect university property and the property of others.**
- 6. To be courteous and respectful to guests and speakers.**
- 7. To refrain from the use of alcohol and controlled substances.**
- 8. To leave squirt guns, water balloons, skateboards and fireworks at home.**
- 9. To obey the rules of the program and not hinder its smooth operation.**
- 10. To have a good time and learn!**

Boys Stater

Parent/Guardian

Date

If you plan on running for the House of Representatives or Senate, read the following information and fill out the bill form before you arrive and bring with you to Boys State on June 17, 2012.

Bill Writing Ideas and Tips

Ideas For Your Bill

Ideas for bill can come from many places. Often citizens, interests groups or legislators themselves will come up with ideas for bills.

- The bill should be something that you care about and believe in.
- There are many ideas for bills that can be found in your own communities. Think of some issues that your community is faced with and how you would attempt to fix them. Look in your local newspaper or watch your local television news for ideas and information.
- Other ideas can come from issues that are facing the State of Michigan right now. Again your local newspapers and television news are great sources of information.

Tips For Writing Your Bill

A bill is a proposal for some call to action, and when writing a bill there are some things that you should keep in mind.

- **Single Purpose:** Your bill should have a single purpose and effect. There should be no more than one action per bill.
- **Importance to Boys State:** Does this bill serve the public interest of the citizens of Boys State? Also ask yourself, who is effected by my bill? The wider the variety of people that you are effecting, the better.
- **Feasibility:** Is your bill realistic? Can your idea be carried out and who will pay for it? Cost is always a factor.
- **Debatability:** Can your bill be debated? Is there an opposing side to your idea? If not you may want to rethink it and come up with another bill idea.
- **Constitutionality:** Make sure that you bill is constitutional and would not be in violation of any laws. This may take some research on your part.
- **Penalties:** What would be the penalties if a citizen violated the idea you are proposing? It may be helpful to think about this or do some research on this.
- **Applicability:** Is this an issue that the state has the power to deal with? You might want to check to make sure your issue is appropriate to the state legislature.



THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
YEARBOOK DVD ORDER FORM for only Boys Staters

I WISH TO ORDER _____ BOYS STATE ***YEARBOOK DVD (S)*** AT
\$8.00 EACH

ATTACHED PLEASE FIND: () CASH
 () CHECK
 () MONEY ORDER

IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ _____

NOTE: IF PAID BY CHECK OR MONEY ORDER, PLEASE MAKE PAYABLE TO:

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE PROGRAM

SEND PAYMENT TO:

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN
212 NORTH VERLINDEN, Ste. A
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48915

MAIL YEARBOOK TO:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY & ZIP: _____

YEARBOOKS WILL NOT BE SHIPPED UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER, 2012



American Red Cross



**2012 MICHIGAN BOYS STATE
AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE PRE-REGISTRATION**

See the next page for more information. Bring completed form with you to the Boys State Program and turn it in at the time of registration to your Boys State City Counselor.

(Please type or print clearly)

Name _____ Birth date _____
Last First M.I. MM/DD/YYYY

Address _____
Street City ZIP + 4

High School _____

Phone (____) _____ e-mail _____

I am interested in: Donating Blood

Note: Blood donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent – available at redcrossblood.org/students/sixteen) on June 17, 2012, weigh a minimum 110 pounds, be in good health, and present a donor card or positive photo ID (i.e. passport, driver's license) upon donation.

For BGS Staff Use Only

BGS City _____ County _____ Dorm _____ Room # _____

Comments:



Michigan Boys State Partners with the American Red Cross

Michigan Boys State participants will organize and operate a valuable community service project – a blood drive with the American Red Cross!

More details will be available later, but be thinking about what role you might like to perform in this project:

- Giving blood
- Advertising & recruiting
- Planning and organization

WHY IS BLOOD DONATION IMPORTANT?

- **By donating blood once, you could help up to three people!** Every donation of whole blood can be divided into three parts – red cells, platelets and plasma – which could potentially help three different individuals.
- Every two seconds, someone in the United States needs blood. More than 30 million blood donations are needed every year to ensure blood will be there for patients who need it.
- **In the Great Lakes Region alone, more than 700 units of blood are needed every day** to meet the needs of patients in hospitals across Michigan.
- Blood products are needed by many different kinds of people – those who need organ transplants, patients undergoing surgeries, premature babies, accident victims, cancer patients, those with sickle cell and other blood disorders, and burn victims – ***you may not even realize you know someone who has needed blood.***
- **There is no substitute for blood donations.** Patients depend on the kindness and generosity of volunteer blood donors to provide blood they need.
- Being part of the volunteer blood program allows you to help make sure blood will be available if ***someone you love*** needs it.
- Donating blood is ***one SMALL thing you can do to help someone else in a very BIG way.***

Sign up for your donation time in the Boys State Office located in the Student Union & Bookstore Building.



Learn more about American Red Cross Blood Services:
1-800-RED-CROSS | redcrossblood.org