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THE AMERICAN LEGION

DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN'S

BOYS STATE PROGRAM

Sunday, June 17th to Saturday, June 23th, 2012



Northwood University in Midland, MI

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**IMPORTANT - READ THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION
BEFORE ARRIVING**

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BOYS STATE COMMITTEE
2011 – 2012**

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I. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO BEFORE ARRIVING:

Before you arrive on campus June 17th, you should discuss transportation arrangements to and from Midland with your sponsor. Registration will be from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. so plan your arrival accordingly.

You also should check with your sponsor or local Legion Boys State Chairman to find out if there will be any orientation meeting for delegates from your area. If one is scheduled, plan to attend.

Complete the necessary forms that were sent to you as well as those online at www.michiganlegion.org/boysstate, have your parent or guardian provide the information requested, sign the forms and bring them with you and turn all forms into your city counselor the day of registration (June 17th). It is important to do this regarding the medical form to ensure prompt treatment should any medical problems arise. Also, please note any medication you will be taking.

Identify all of your personal belongings. All of your luggage should have identification tags.

SPECIAL NOTE TO PARENTS: Boys Staters **won't** have a working telephone in their dormitory room. However, in case of an emergency, a message can be gotten to your son by calling the Boys State office located in the Student Leadership Center room of the Student Union and Bookstore building at 989-837-4794.

II. WHAT TO THINK ABOUT BEFORE ARRIVING:

One of the key parts of the Boys State Program is the nomination and election process. Give some thought as to which office you would have an interest in – **see document entitled (Politics of Boys State)**. Set some goals for yourself! Think about any campaign materials you may need. While **no preprinted** campaign materials may be used, you may bring any supplies you may need to make signs or other items. Also, you will be able to purchase some campaign supplies in the bookstore located next to the Boys State Office.

Think about "**extra-curricular**" activities in which you could participate. We will have city basketball, volleyball, quiz bowl teams, weight room, a band, a newspaper and more.

III. WHAT TO BRING:

Bring clothing and shoes that are comfortable and cool. Boys State is not a "**dress-up**" program, although there will be times when a coat and tie may be appropriate - for example, participating in assemblies, city picture day, etc. There will be opportunities during the week for swimming and other inside and outside recreational activities.

You will need to bring towels, washcloths, pillows, bedding (sheets, sleeping bag, blankets, etc)

and personal toilet articles such as (deodorant, soap, shampoo, etc). If you have trouble getting up in the morning, bring an alarm clock - although our bugler will give you a nudge, too. **You may also want to bring a fan in case of hot weather.** Restitution for a lost room key will be collected at the time of check out. Replacement cost for a room key is **(\$35.00)**.

If you drive your own car to Boys State, give your keys to your city counselor for **safe keeping**.

Bring a musical instrument if you are going to be in the band.

A \$2.00 fee to cover the cost of the Boys State newspaper, **THE WHIRLIGIG**, will be collected at the time of registration.

Spending money. While the amount you bring is up to you, you will have several opportunities to spend money while at Boys State. **A bank** is provided for the safe keeping of your money in the Boys State Office located in the Student Leadership Center room of the Student Union & Bookstore building. We strongly encourage you to **deposit your cash shortly after your arrival.**

GENERAL PROGRAM INFORMATION

- REGISTRATION** Registration will be from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. on Sunday. Upon registering, you will receive a badge assigning you to one of the Boys State political parties, your room key, and other information. The Boys State delegate and/or his sponsor assumes responsibility for transportation to and from Northwood University.
- MEALS** Starting with Sunday lunch, all meals will be served cafeteria style and a wide variety of menu selection is provided. Those persons having special food needs should contact the Boys State Headquarters in Lansing as soon as possible so arrangements can be made.
- RECREATION** Competition between cities will be conducted in basketball, volleyball, and quiz bowl. Also available is weight room.
- Each city will choose an Athletic Director, who will work closely with the counselor in organizing the various teams and seeing that the city teams show up on time for scheduled events.
- BOYS STATE** The Boys State office is located in the Student Leadership Center room in the Student Union & Bookstore (**SU&B**) building and will open the Saturday prior to the start of Boys State. The Boys State Office telephone number is 989-837-4794.
- BOYS STATE BANK** The Boys State Bank will be located in the Boys State Office of the Student Leadership Center room of the SU&B building. Boys Staters are encouraged to open an account for the safe keeping of their money.
- ABSENCES** Absence from Boys State will be by written pass only. Passes will be approved only in the case of extreme emergency or by prior written permission from the parent and must be approved by the Director's office. No citizen is to leave the boundaries of Boys State.
- BOYS STATE CLINIC** Medical attention is available at all hours. Report sprains, cuts, scratches, blisters and sun burn to your counselor immediately. Explain any special needs, including medication, on your Medical Form. The Boys State Clinic is located in the Boys State Office of the Student Leadership Center room of the SU&B building. Medication needing refrigeration may be kept at the Boys State Office clinic.
- AUTOMOBILES** If you bring a car to Boys State, turn the keys into your

counselor as you will not be permitted to use the car while in attendance. Cars will be parked in designated parking lots. Even though the University patrols the parking area, The American Legion and Northwood University assume no responsibility for vandalism, theft, or damage to cars of Boys State citizens.

MAIL

While you are at Boys State, mail will be delivered daily. your mail should be addressed to you as follows:

THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE, The Boys State City your son is assigned to, c/o Northwood University, 4000 Whiting Drive, Midland, Michigan 48640.

BOYS NATION

Two Boys Staters will be chosen to represent Michigan at Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. held in July. Candidates will be nominated by city counselors and counties. A screening committee will interview the nominees, with the winners announced at the last Assembly.

CAMERAS

Citizens are encouraged to bring cameras, however, The American Legion cannot assume responsibility for lost or stolen personal property such as laptops, cell phones, etc.

REPORT

Each citizen will be expected to give a report to his sponsoring organization upon his return home.

CONDUCT

Since all delegates are classified as minors, they will be under the complete supervision of the Boys State staff from the time of their arrival until the time of their departure home. Any citizen violating the policies of Boys State, laws of the State of Michigan, or any rule of Northwood University, shall be subject to dismissal from Boys State.

Specific rules, regulations, and policies will be explained to you by our staff shortly after your arrival. Needless to say, however, as a representative of your school, your community, and your sponsoring organization, we expect behavior and conduct from you that is in keeping with good citizenship at all times.

Tentative Daily Schedule

Sunday, June 17, 2012

7:00-8:00	Breakfast for staff and U.P. delegates (Dow Cafeteria)
8:00-10:00	Boys State Registration (Check in outside Miner and DuBois)
10:00-11:00*	County/City Orientation (Expectations, procedures, elections, conventions)
11:15-12:00*	City Profiles
12:00-1:00	Lunch - Dow Cafeteria
12:30-1:30	Band Practice – Hach Center – Aerobics/Multi-Purpose Room
12:45	Athletic Director’s Meeting – Hach Center Lobby
12:45	Quiz Bowl Captain’s Meeting – Hach Center Room 113
12:45	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab – Selection of Editor
1:30-2:30*	General Assembly – Bennett Center East
2:45-3:45	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach & Bennett Center
4:00-4:45*	Bill Drafting Session – By City
5:00-5:40*	Local Govt. Convention Orientation – (Nationalists-Griswold Lower, Federalists-Griswold Lecture Hall)
5:45*	Retreat – Dow Commons
6:00-7:00	Dinner (Dow Cafeteria)
7:15-8:15*	City/County Conventions
8:45	Delegation Chair/Vice Chair/Interested State Candidates – Griswold Lecture Hall
9:30	Ballot Inspection – Jordan Hall 26 – Election Central
9:30	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
10:30*	Quarters
11:00*	Lights Out

***Denotes All Delegates Activity**

Tentative Daily Schedule

Monday, June 18, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:15-8:15	Breakfast
8:20*	Morning Colors – Dow Commons
8:30	City Pictures – Dow Commons
8:30	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
8:30-9:30	Band Practice – Hach Center Aerobics/Multi-Purpose Room
8:30	Election Inspectors – Jordan Hall 26 – Election Central
9:00-9:30*	City/County Campaigning
9:30-10:30*	Voting on City/County Nominations – Bill Drafting Pt. 2
10:30-12:00	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach & Bennett Center
12:00-1:00	Lunch – Dow Cafeteria
1:10*	City/County Meetings – Election Results
1:30*	State Conventions Convene – Griswold (Federalists-Lecture Hall, Nationalists-Bennett Center East)
5:15	State Conventions Recess for Retreat
5:15	Band Warm Up for Retreat
5:15	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
5:45*	Retreat – Dow Commons
6:00-7:00	Dinner – Dow Cafeteria
7:15*	State Conventions Reconvene
10:30*	Quarters
11:00*	Lights Out

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(Quarters/Lights Out may be adjusted per conclusion of State Conventions)

Tentative Daily Schedule

Tuesday, June 19, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:15-8:15	Breakfast – Dow Cafeteria
8:20*	Morning Colors
8:30	City Pictures
8:30	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
8:30-9:30*	General Assembly-Campaign Rally- Bennett Center East
9:30	Election Inspectors- Jordan Hall 26 – Election Central
10:00-11:00*	Town Meetings – Issue Identification – Voting – Miner & DuBois Halls
11:00-12:00	Lunch – Dow Cafeteria
12:30*	Inauguration of State Officials – Bennett Center East
1:45-2:45	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach and Bennett Center
2:15-3:00	Judges Orientation – Griswold Lower
3:00	Attorney Orientation – Griswold Lower
3:00	City Residents Orientation – Griswold Lower
3:30	Legislative Branch Orientation (Lt. Governor) – Jordan Hall 22
3:30	Governor’s Cabinet Orientation (Secretary of State) – Jordan Hall 21
4:15	Mayor’s & City Counsel Orientation – Miner Lounge
4:15	Interested Candidates for Governor’s Appointments – Jordan Hall 21
4:30	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
5:45*	Retreat – Dow Commons
6:00-7:00	Dinner – Dow Cafeteria
6:30	Mayor’s & City Counsel Ice Cream Social – Miner Lounge
7:00-8:00	City Officials / Residents – Griswold Lecture Hall Legislative Branch Part II – Jordan Hall Lobbyists (1 per county) – Jordan Hall
8:00-9:00	Judges, Prosecutors, Defense Attorneys, Supreme Court – Griswold Lecture Hall
9:00-9:30	Boys State Board of Trustees/State Board of Education Orientation – Jordan Hall 21 (Appointed by Governor)

Tentative Daily Schedule

8:15-9:30*

All Governments Functioning

State Government – Jordan Hall

Judicial Government – Strosacker Library

Local Government – Minor & DuBois Halls

10:30*

Quarters

11:00*

Lights Out

***All Delegates Activity**

Tentative Daily Schedule

Wednesday, June 20, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:15-8:15	Breakfast – Dow Cafeteria
8:20*	Morning Colors
8:30	Whirligig Meeting
8:30-9:15	Band Practice – Hach Center Aerobics/Multi-Purpose Room
9:15-11:15*	All Governments Functioning State Government – Jordan Hall Judicial Government – Strosacker Library Local Government – Minor & DuBois Halls Lobbyists – Jordan Hall
10:00-10:30	AGF Information Booth – Griswold Lecture Hall
11:30	Mayors & City Officials – Miner Lounge
11:30-12:30	Lunch – Dow Cafeteria
12:30-2:00	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach and Bennett Center
2:15-5:00*	All Governments Functioning
4:30	Governor’s Press Conference – Griswold Lecture Hall
5:15	Band Warm Up for Retreat
5:15	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
5:45*	Retreat – Dow Commons
6:00-7:00	Dinner – Dow Cafeteria
7:00-7:30	Lobbyist/Legislature Reception – Griswold Lecture Hall
7:30-8:00	AGF Information Booth – Griswold Lecture Hall
7:00-9:00*	All Governments Functioning
10:00*	City Rap – Miner & DuBois Residence Halls
10:30*	Quarters
11:00*	Lights Out

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Tentative Daily Schedule

Thursday, June 21, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:00-8:15	Breakfast
8:20*	Morning Colors
8:30-11:00*	All Governments Functioning
9:00-9:30	AGF Information Booth
11:30-12:30	Lunch – Dow Cafeteria
1:00-2:30	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach & Bennett Center
2:45-5:00*	All Governments Functioning
3:30-4:00	AGF Information Booth
4:30	Governor’s Press Conference - Griswold Lecture Hall
5:00	Whirligig Meeting
5:00	Band Warm Up for Retreat – Hach Center Aerobics/Multi-Purpose Room
5:45*	Retreat
6:00-7:00	Dinner – Dow Cafeteria
7:00-7:15*	Political Party Night Orientation with Cities – Miner and DuBois
7:30-8:30*	General Assembly – Political Party Night – Bennett Center East
8:30-9:30*	Political Party Break Out Sessions with Cities
10:00*	City Rap
10:30*	Quarters
11:00*	Lights Out

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Tentative Daily Schedule

Friday, June 22, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:00-8:15	Breakfast
7:20	Buses to Capitol in Lansing – Miner Parking Lot (Legislative, Supreme Court, Board of Education, Top 4 Positions, Lobbyists, Whirligig, U.P. Delegates)
8:20*	Morning Colors
8:45-11:00*	All Governments Functioning
10:00-10:30	AGF Information Booth
11:30-12:30	Lunch – Dow Cafeteria (Capitol bus riders have box lunches)
12:45-2:30	Games/Fitness/Quiz Bowl – See Athletic Schedule – Hach & Bennett Center
2:45-3:45	Applying and Paying for College– Griswold Lecture Hall
2:45-5:00*	All Governments Functioning
4:30	Governor’s Press Conference – Griswold Lecture Hall
5:00	Whirligig Meeting – Jordan 10 Computer Lab
5:00	Band Warm Up for Retreat – Hach Aerobics/Multi-Purpose Room
5:00	City/State Books Due at Boys State Office – Student Union
5:45*	Retreat
6:00-7:00	Dinner – Dow Cafeteria
7:30*	Boys State Olympics – Gerstacher Fields
9:00	Future Boys State Staff Meeting – Griswold Lecture Hall
10:00*	City Rap
11:00*	Lights Out

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Tentative Daily Schedule

Saturday, June 23, 2012

7:00	Reveille
7:15-8:15	Breakfast
8:45-9:30*	General Assembly – Closing Ceremony – Bennett Center East
9:30	Boys Nation Delegates and Alternates at Boys State Office
9:30*	Check Out of Residence Halls (Outside Miner & DuBois)
10:15	Lost and Found – Inquire at Boys State Office – Gerstacher Student Center
10:15	Close of 2011 Boys State Program

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WHAT IS BOYS STATE?

Boys State is...LEARNING. Delegates have the opportunity to learn more about their city, county, and state government in one week at Boys State than in an entire semester in a formal classroom setting. Boys Staters meet with elected and appointed officials to learn more about the duties and responsibilities of a variety of positions in government from people on the "inside." Additionally, in Boys State, each citizen has the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is just what he makes it. Here, each citizen "learns to do by doing."

Boys State is...POLITICS. The first half of your Boys State experience will expose you to the world of politics. You will nominate candidates for partisan and non-partisan offices on the city, county, and state level. You will also no doubt, be exposed to the "seamy" side of politics...the wheeling and dealing, the promises that cannot be kept, the vote trading, and the cajoling, to give a candidate or a party that "extra advantage."

Boys State is...GOVERNMENT. When the dust has settled from the conventions, campaigns, and elections, Boys State needs to be governed for four days by its elected and appointed officials. Boys Staters will find themselves performing exactly the same functions as real office holders in the everyday world. Education and University Boards must make policies for their areas of responsibility. City councils, county commissions, and the state legislature must make ordinances and laws for their constituencies. Executive departments and other administrators must see that laws and policies are properly interpreted.

Boys State is...INVOLVEMENT. Come to Boys State determined to become as involved as possible in the many activities that are available to you in this mythical 51st state. The more active and involved you are, the more you will benefit from the program.

Boys State is...FRIENDSHIP. You may arrive at Boys State knowing no one else. However, one of the fringe benefits of Boys State is how easy it is to get to know people, many of whom may remain your friend for the rest of your life.

POLITICS OF BOYS STATE

Upon arriving at Boys State each citizen is assigned to one of two "political parties." The political parties in Boys State are called "Nationalist and Federalists." There is even the possibility of minor parties in the top four offices. These parties are purely mythical and none of the principles typifying any of the existing political parties will be adopted by the parties in Boys State. Because of the time element and nature of the program, political party structure at Boys State, in some instances, differs from the realistic situation. The convention system will be utilized for the nomination of state, county, city and non-partisan officials at Boys State.

Each Boys State city has approximately thirty citizens and each city is as nearly balanced as possible between the two parties. Two cities comprise one county. Boys State cities are named after former Presidents of the United States. Boys State counties are named after former Governors of the State of Michigan.

During the nomination phase of the political process, four conventions are held. The first three conventions will be Sunday evening when the **County Partisan**, **City Partisan** and **County Non-Partisan** conventions nominate candidates for county and city offices. The County Partisan convention nominates candidates in each party in the **County** Sheriff, Clerk and Prosecuting Attorney. The City Partisan Convention nominates candidates from each party in the city to run for Mayor, and City Council (4). **At the County Non-Partisan Convention**, the entire county gets together to nominate its candidates for the Court of Appeals and the Circuit Court. Elections for these county and city offices will be Monday morning, with results announced Monday afternoon.

The fourth convention is held Monday afternoon. Much of Monday is devoted to nominating party candidates for state-wide offices at the State Convention. Each party in each city will also select a delegation chairman and vice chairman. The permanent chairman for each convention will be chosen by the city delegation chairman and vice chairman Sunday evening. Chosen at the state convention will be the party's candidates for the State Board of Education (8), the State Supreme Court (7), Attorney General, Secretary of State, Lieutenant Governor and Governor, as well as each county's candidates for State Senator (4), State Representative (8),

Tuesday morning a Campaign Rally will be held where the candidates for state-wide offices will be presented to the Boys State electorate. The state party chairman will organize his party's twenty-minute presentation. Gubernatorial candidates must be given a minimum of five minutes of the allotted time. During this time, gubernatorial candidates must address four issues.

Elections for state offices will be Tuesday morning. After the campaign rally, voting in all elections will be by optical ballot.

When a citizen has received the nomination for any office, he is thereby disqualified from seeking any other office on that ballot. In other words, a person cannot be nominated for both a city and county position or for a county non-partisan office. However, A person elected to a city or county position may be nominated to a state position. If elected, however, the individual will have to resign the city or county office and a special election held to fill the vacancy.

For all nominations and elections, **NO PRE-PRINTED CAMPAIGN MATERIAL MAY BE USED.**

Should you seek an elective position and not be successful, there are numerous appointive positions also available at Boys State. On the State level, these would include State Treasurer, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Director of the State Police, and clerks for the House and Senate, among others.

The City Council appoints three citizens to serve on the County Board of Commissioners, a City Attorney, a Chief of Police, a Fire Chief, a City Engineer, a City Assessor, a City Health Officer, a Street Commissioner, a City Recreation Board and three citizens to serve on the county school board.

Hopefully, every citizen of Boys State will hold either an elective or appointive position. The success of the program will require citizens to act as much as possible like their real world counterparts after the elections. This will require some "role-playing" by citizens so the positions in the program are given added substance. Between now and your arrival at Boys State you should become aware of the many issues faced by the courts, education boards, and city, county, and state levels of government. How would you deal with these different problems? You will have a chance to try out your ideas in the position you hold at Boys State. The more imaginative you are in this respect, the more successful and interesting the program will be for you.

Boys State is a **mythical** state, which attempts to deal with mythical problems in a simulated format. These mythical Boys State problems have their origins in the real problems facing city, county, and state governments on a daily basis. Included would be such things as: economic development, mass transit systems, highways, roads, bridges, parks, recreation areas, libraries, museums, cemeteries, police and fire protection, jails and prisons, negotiations with employee groups, unemployment, sources of energy (gas, oil, nuclear, solar), social services, mental health, budgets, waste disposal, zoning, health and safety standards and inspections, property assessment, taxes (sales, income, property), airports, reductions in federal funding for state and local projects, conservation, urban renewal, historic preservation, future planning, civil defense, disasters, affirmative action, education, etc., etc., etc. It would also be appropriate for the legislative and executive branches to discuss and recommend changes in the Boys State program to the Boys State staff.

Two awards presented at the last assembly are awards for Honor City and Honor County. These designations are given to the city and county that best deal with the above mythical problems. Selection is based largely on observed government activity within the city and county and also on the city and county book that is submitted.

The city and county books describe the government activity that occurred during **All Governments Functioning**. They describe actions of the city council or county commission, the courts, the clerk, the fire chief, the health office, the planning board, etc. They may also include maps showing the layout of the city or county with zoning plans for single family residential, industrial, and agricultural areas; plus, city or county facilities like parks, hospitals, jails, airports, etc. Finally, the city and county books can leave certain issues unresolved to be dealt with by future city and county officials.

HISTORICAL SKETCH OF BOYS STATE

The youth movement in the United States known as Boys State originated by the Illinois Department of The American Legion in 1934. The plan was adopted by the national organization in 1935, and has since been put into operation in all states except Hawaii. A Boys State is operated in the District of Columbia and also in France for Americans living in Europe.

Boys State began in Michigan in 1937. Most of the staff is made up of college students who are former Boys Staters who have had a continuing interest in the program. Senior staff members include educators, counselors and lawyers.

Michigan State University was the host for Boys State in Michigan which began in 1938. In the early days, Boys Staters slept on cots in the main room of Demonstration Hall. Assemblies were held in the same hall during the day. After World War II, the Quonset huts--which used to be located across from where Munn Ice arena is now located--provided shelter for Boys Staters. In 1954, Boys State moved to Michigan State University in Brody Hall, which is surrounded by six dormitories. Meals and assemblies were held in Brody Hall. The 2012 Boys Staters will be the fourth group to attend the program at Northwood University in Midland, MI.

From the beginning of Boys State, the program has grown in numbers to meet the needs of the youth in Michigan. The present program includes approximately 300 of the youth leaders of our state each year. Participants are selected by local high schools and Legion posts throughout the State of Michigan.

Thanks to Northwood University, Boys State, in Michigan employs the finest facilities in which to carry out the program. The program will receive the "red carpet" treatment for this year's session. Communities around the state goes all out to provide the necessary services to make the program the tremendous success it enjoys from year to year.

BOYS NATION INFORMATION

Two outstanding representatives from each of 48 Boys States are called upon to represent their state at American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, DC. It is here that the young leaders, who had excelled at their respective Boys States, are introduced to the structure and function of the federal government.

The first American Legion Boys Nation (then called Boys Forum of National Government) was held in August 1946 at American University in Washington, DC. It was officially adopted as a major youth activity by the 1946 National Convention. Three years later, its name was changed to American Legion Boys Nation.

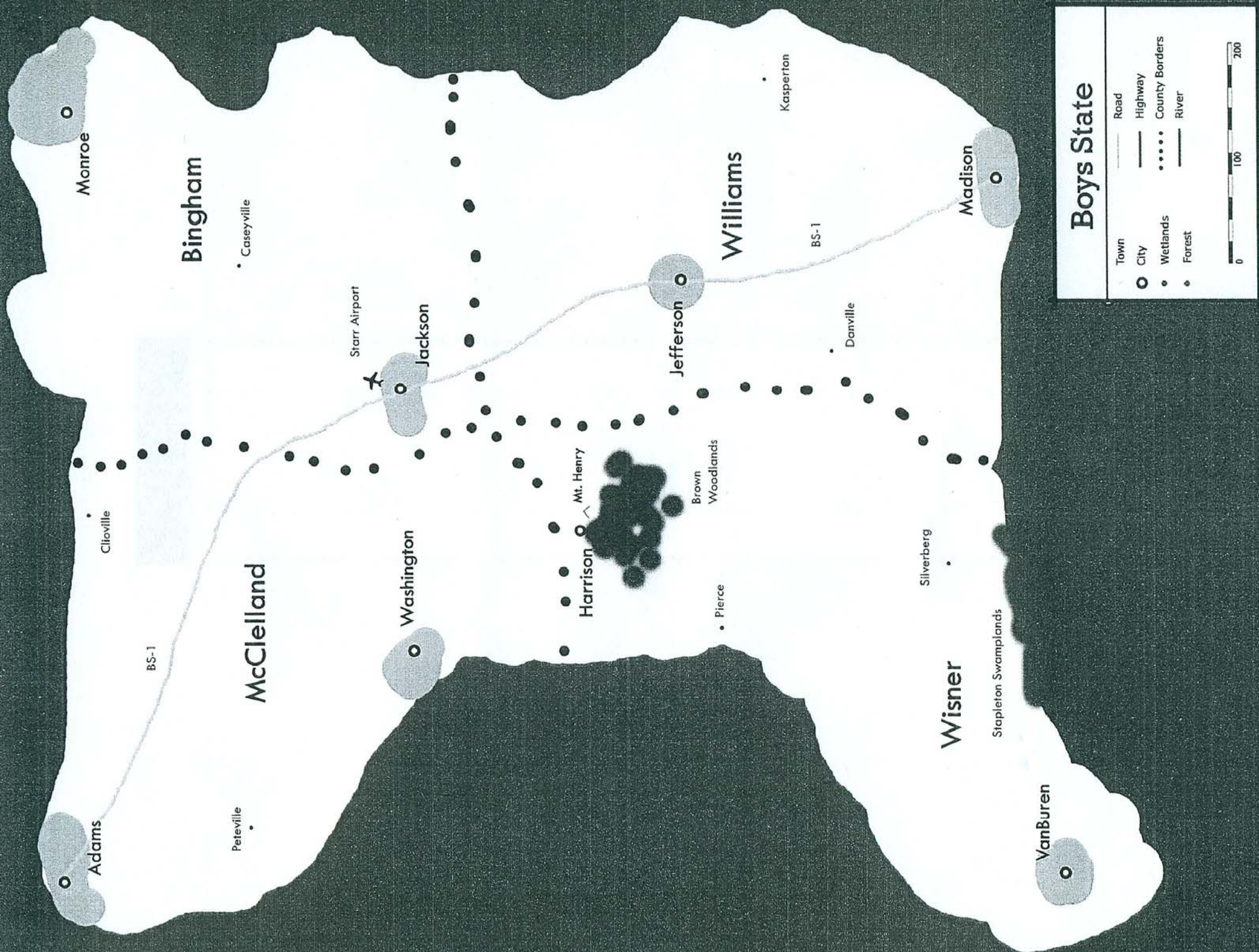
At American Legion Boys Nation, each delegate represents his Boys State as a Senator. These youthful lawmakers caucus at the beginning of the session, organize into committees and conduct hearings on bills submitted by delegates to the program.

The Boys Nation Senators are instructed on the proper method of handling bills according to the rules of the United States Senate. Actual participation in the political process is highlighted throughout the week to include the organization of party conventions and the nomination and election of a Boys Nation President and Vice President.

The week of government training in the Nation's Capitol combines lectures and forums with visitations to federal agencies, institutions, memorials and historical spots in and around Washington. During a visit to Capitol Hill, Boys Nation Senators meet with elected officials from their home states.

Boys Nation visits several historic and governmental sites in and around the Washington, DC area. Included are field trips to Arlington National Cemetery, the monuments and memorials on the National Mall, the U.S. Supreme Court, the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Capitol and the White House.

Since its beginning in 1946, Boys Nation has seen many of its graduates elected to public offices which include the Presidency of the United States, the United States Congress, as state governors and as state legislators. Many others became inspired to actively work for the campaigns of individuals seeking public office.



Boys State

- Town
- City
- Wetlands
- Forest
- Road
- Highway
- County Borders
- River





MICHIGAN CAMPUS

DIRECTIONS TO CAMPUS

Northwood University
4000 Whiting Dr
Midland, MI
48640

By Air

- MBS International Airport, serviced by United, Northwest, and many commuter flights, is 18 miles from the campus. Limousine service is available at the airport. The airport has several car rental agencies.

To the NU Campus from the airport:

- Leaving airport grounds, turn right (north) onto Garfield Road.
- Go approximately 4 miles and turn left (west) onto U.S. 10.
- Go northwest on US 10 (toward Clare) approximately 11 miles to the Eastman Road Midland exit (as you approach the exit, Midland Cinemas is on the right).
- Go left (south) on Eastman Road approximately 1 mile to Saginaw Road.
- Turn right (west) on Saginaw Road and travel approximately 1.5 miles to Northwood Drive; it will be on your left; follow Northwood Drive to enter campus.

By Car from Detroit (approximately 135 miles)

- Follow I-75 (north) beyond Saginaw to the US 10 intersection.
- Go west on US 10 (toward Clare) to the Eastman Road Midland exit (as you approach the exit, Midland Cinemas is on the right).
- Go left (south) on Eastman Road approximately 1 mile to Saginaw Road.
- Turn right (west) on Saginaw Road and travel approximately 1.5 miles to Northwood Drive; it will be on your left; follow Northwood Drive to enter campus.

By Car from Lansing (approximately 100 miles)

- Follow US 127 (north) to M-20.
- Go (east) on M-20 about 24 miles to Main Street of Midland (traffic light).
- Turn left on Main Street, go approximately 2 miles to North Saginaw Road (2nd traffic light). Please note: You may be going past a sign indicating the former main entrance for campus off Cook Road. Proceed to N. Saginaw Rd.; make a left-hand turn onto N. Saginaw Road and travel approximately .5 mile to Northwood Drive; it will be on your left; follow Northwood Drive to enter campus.

By Car from Grand Rapids (approximately 125 miles)

- Take US 131 expressway (north) to M-46 East.
- Go east on M-46. Proceed east to US 127.
- Follow US 27 (north) to M-20.
- Go left (east) on M-20 about 24 miles to Main Street of Midland (traffic light).
- Turn left on Main Street, go approximately 2 miles to North Saginaw Road (2nd traffic light). Please note: You may be going past a sign indicating the former main entrance for campus off Cook Road. Proceed to N. Saginaw Rd.; make a left-hand turn onto N. Saginaw Road and travel approximately .5 mile to Northwood Drive; it will be on your left; follow Northwood Drive to enter campus.

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