

*Boys State participants
placing campaign
posters*



*Boys State
Candidates begin
their debates*



*Marching in the
parade on campus*



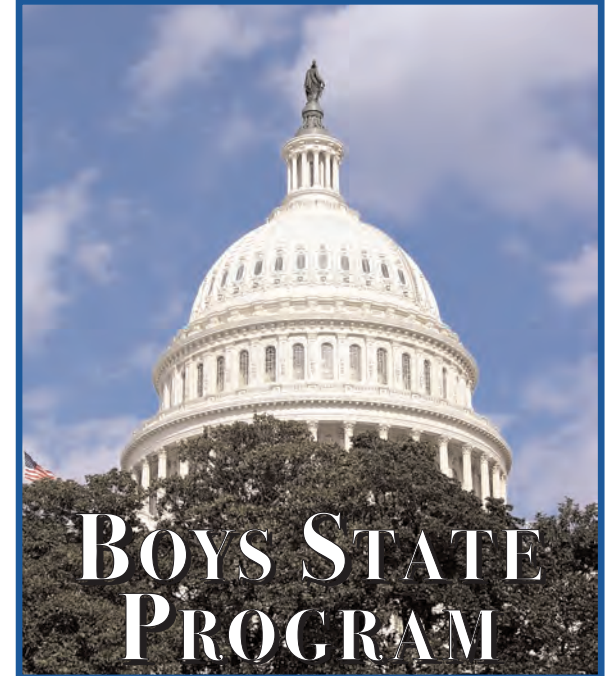
*Boys State
Lobbyists at the
State Capital*



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**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**



**BOYS STATE
PROGRAM**

BOYS STATE IS...

Boys State is a fun and interactive educational program sponsored by American Legion Departments across the country to help young men learn about government and how it works.

LEARNING

POLITICS

GOVERNMENT

INVOLVEMENT

FRIENDSHIP



The boys are divided into cities and counties.

Q. Why should I attend?

A. Boys State attendees go home changed. You will leave with memories and leadership experience that will last a lifetime. Many Boys State alumni later become presidents and politicians. An alumnus of Michigan Boys State returned home and successfully campaigned for mayor in Hillsdale, MI!

Q. What happens at Boys State?

A. You will campaign for a position in the virtual state. Once the elections are completed, then all participants will run the government in the state.

Q. What isn't Boys State?

A. Boys State is NOT a boot camp, a sports camp, or a vacation.

Q. Where is the Boys State Program located and how long is the program?

A. We are located on the campus of Northwood University in Midland, MI. The program is held on the third week of June, from Sunday to Saturday.

Q. Who can attend Boys State?

A. Any male high school junior, who is 15 years old by June 1; or any young man who is enrolled in an accredited home-schooled program in the equivalent of their junior year of high school and will be 15 years old by June 1. Attendees should have an interest in government.

Q. Who can sponsor a young man and what is the cost of the program?

A. Anyone can sponsor a young man to attend the program for example: American Legion Post, Sons of the Legion, American Legion Auxiliary, business (private or public), club, organization, school, or parent etc. The cost to the sponsor is \$310 per boy.

Q. How does a young man in his junior year of high school apply for the program?

A. A young man can contact any of the above mention resources and ask if they would be willing to sponsor him to attend the program. Once the sponsor has agreed to pay the sponsorship fee, the sponsor needs to fill out a Boys State Reservation form, make out a check or money order for the boy(s) being sponsored and send everything to:

American Legion Department of Michigan
Attn: Deanna Clark
212 North Verlinden Ave. Ste. A
Lansing, MI 48915

Q. Where can I get a Boys State Reservation form?

A. All American Legion Posts will have a Boys State Reservation form and all Michigan high school guidance counseling offices will have them as well. If someone doesn't have a reservation form, you can obtain one from our website at:

<http://www.michiganlegion.org>

Alternatively, you can contact the Department Programs Secretary Deanna Clark at 517-371-4720 ext. 11 or by email at:

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