



Delegate being awarded a leadership scholarship by a senior staff member.



Boys State Director Pete Johnson presents Alabama Head Coach Nick Saban with funds raised by Boys State delegates and staff for the Nick's Kids Foundation.



The American Legion conducts a flag retirement ceremony in presence of Boys State delegates.



The 86th Annual Alabama Boys State

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BOYS STATE STAFF

The administrative officers, staff counselors and recreational supervisors of this program are well trained and experienced leaders. They are men of high ideals, who are recognized as responsible persons in their respective communities. These educators and leading citizens give free time to ensure Boys State delegates are provided with proper counsel, instruction and a fulfilling experience at Alabama Boys State.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

The American Legion believes that the survival of our republic rests on training our youth in the ideals and objectives of American government. Boys State is a unique summer program that does not rely on lectures and textbook scenarios, but hands on experience and participation in a model state government.

Boys State was founded to supplement the curriculum taught in high school civics classes. The program teaches that the preservation of our democracy depends on informed citizens electing responsible officials to administer our government.

PURPOSE AND MISSION

Boys State seeks to educate our youth in the duties and privileges of American citizenship. It is a program of training in the practical aspects of government. Boys State offers delegates instruction in the machinery of American politics by placing delegates in the same positions of decision making as their real-life counterparts. This instruction will give delegates a view of government from the municipal, county and state levels.

The curriculum at Boys State is directed by an experienced staff well versed in many areas of expertise. The duties and responsibilities of each elected and appointed office at Alabama Boys State are studied in the academic course.

Upon registration, delegates are assigned to a political party. The delegates will discuss and vote on a platform for their respective parties and nominate candidates for state offices. Delegates will also elect leadership in their cities and counties.

Delegates will also have the opportunity to take part in an organized recreational program that will give them the opportunity to participate in sports, band, chorus and theatre. In the spirit of citizenship and civic participation, delegates will also have the opportunity to participate in a large-scale community service project.

A HIGH HONOR

Selection as a Boys State delegate is one of the highest honors conferred on a high school student. Everyone from educators and leading citizens endorse the citizenship training programs sponsored by the American Legion.

The American Legion is proud of its tradition of gathering the most outstanding young men in Alabama for its Annual Boys State. **ONLY OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN WHO ARE RISING SENIORS ARE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND.** Students who are nominated to attend should possess high character, leadership ability and good citizenship.

If you send your outstanding rising seniors, you will receive in return more outstanding citizens and greater leaders. This program will bring out the best qualities in the delegate. It will inspire all who attend to make personal contributions in time and energy to make Alabama better!

***NOTE: IF THE SELECTED DELEGATE CHOOSES NOT TO ATTEND BOYS STATE, PLEASE SELECT ALTERNATES. WE DESIRE TO HAVE AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH SCHOOL.**

SCHOLARSHIPS

Delegates who are descendants of wartime veterans are eligible and can apply for one of ten National Samsung Scholarships worth \$20,000 each. Applications will be sent with each students' Boys State acceptance letter. **THE NATIONAL SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION WILL BE COMPLETED ONLINE.** Numerous universities across the state and country award scholarships for those who attend Boys State.

SPONSORS

American Legion Posts have the responsibility of sponsoring students to attend Boys State. In the past, many civic groups, churches, PTAs, patriotic groups and individuals have sponsored students through their local posts by paying the registration fee and furnishing transportation. These groups will be welcome to do so again this year. It is desirable to have at least one student from every community in the state.

RESERVATION INFORMATION

The cost of room, board and supervision this year will be covered by the fee of \$225.00. **IT IS URGENT THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE PROMPTLY** in order that all plans may be completed. Currently, plans are being made to accommodate 700 delegates. **ALL RESERVATIONS WITH FEE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 12th, 2023.**

When dormitory space is exhausted, reservations will be closed. The sponsoring organization will be responsible for and arrange for transportation to and from Boys State for the sponsored delegate.

WHAT TO BRING TO BOYS STATE?

Delegates can bring rain gear, swimming trunks, athletic shoes, athletic equipment, musical instruments, towels, sheets, blankets, pillows, pillowcases, soap and dental care items. Also bring casual clothing including jeans, shorts, or slacks to wear. Each delegate will be provided and will be required to wear Boys State t-shirts (furnished by Boys State) during the week.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Upon arrival at Troy University, report to the Boys State Headquarters on campus for registration. Registration will be held from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Sunday, May 28th. Each delegate should arrive no later than 1:00 pm in order to attend the first session at 1:30 pm. Delegates may drive their own vehicles to Boys State, but the vehicles **WILL NOT** be available to them during Boys State.

Dormitories on the campus will house all delegates. Meals will be served in the cafeteria. The first meal will be served at noon on Sunday, May 28th and the last meal will be breakfast on June 3rd. **Delegates will only need a small amount of money to cover snacks, an extra Boys State t-shirt, etc.**

BOYS NATION

Two outstanding Alabama Boys State delegates will be selected to attend Boys Nation in Washington, DC in late July. It is sponsored by the national organization, The American Legion. Here they will participate in the program as it is projected on a national scale. All expenses will be paid by the national organization for the delegates selected to attend.

BOYS STATE OFFICIALS

ELECTED BY CITIES
Mayor (1 per city) State Representatives
City Council (5 per city) State Senators
District Judge (1 per city) State Board of Education
Constitutional Convention Delegates

APPOINTED BY CITIES
City Clerk City Attorney
Police Chief Public Works Director
Fire Chief Recreation Director

ELECTED BY COUNTIES
Probate Judge (1 per county) Sheriff (1 per county)
Revenue Commissioner (1 per county) Circuit Judge (1 per county)
County Commissioner (1 per city) Circuit Clerk (1 per county)
County Commissioner (1 at large) District Attorney (1 per county)

ELECTED STATEWIDE
Governor Chief Justice of Supreme Court
Lieutenant Governor Associate Justices of Supreme Court
United States Senator Place 1 (8 elected)
United States Senator Place 2 Associate Judges of Court of Criminal Appeals
Attorney General (5 elected)
Auditor Associate Judges of Court of Civil Appeals
Treasurer (5 elected)
Secretary of State President of Public Service Commission
Commissioner of Agriculture and Industries Associate Public Service Commissioners
(2 elected)

APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR
Chief of Staff Legal Advisor to Governor
Executive Secretary to Governor Press Secretary
Bodyguard to Governor Administrative Assistant to Governor
Director of Personnel Communications Director
Director of Veterans Affairs Director of Medicaid Agency
State Health Officer Superintendent of Banks
Director of Archives and History Director of State Port Authority
Director of Finance Commissioner of Insurance
Director of Transportation Secretary of Labor
Adjutant General Director of Tourism
Assistant Adjutant General, Army Division Director of Law Enforcement Agency
Assistant Adjutant General, Air Division Commissioner of Revenue
Director of Department of Economic & Community Affairs Secretary of Commerce
Chairman, Board of Pardons & Paroles Director of Civil Defense
Pardons & Parole Board Members (2) Commissioner of Human Resources
Executive Director, Pardons & Parole Board Commissioner of Mental Health
Commissioner, Conservation & Natural Resources Commissioner of Corrections
Director of Environmental Management Director of Emergency Management Agency