

May 2019

Dear Boys State Delegate:

Your application has been accepted, and I am delighted to welcome you into the Boys State Class of 2019! This packet contains material you should review immediately for any necessary action that needs to be taken at this time, and you should review it again before coming to Boys State. This packet contains all of the material you will need to have before attending the program. An instruction manual will be provided to you at registration for use during the week of the program.

This packet contains the following material:

1. A Boys State program flyer to show your parents if they have not had a chance to see one.
2. A congratulatory letter of acceptance including orientation material for the program (when to register, what to bring, etc.).
3. A graduation invitation to give to your parents. Your family is invited to attend a reception on Friday, June 28, at 6:45 P.M. in the foyer of the Dana Center for the Humanities. Graduation will take place at 7:30 P.M. in the Koonz Theatre, following the reception. Graduation will conclude the program.
4. A Saint Anselm College [campus map](#). The Boys State dormitory is the Living Learning Commons, which is building 40 on the map
5. A Medical Emergency form. This is an extra one in case you did not receive one from the school or you misplaced it. This must be completed by a medical professional and turned in to Boys State on June 23.
6. If you are the descendant of a wartime veteran as indicated on the application, you are eligible to compete for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. American Legion New Hampshire Boys State will select a winner who is guaranteed to win \$1,000 and the opportunity to compete for one of 10-12 national awards worth approximately \$20,000 each. So if you are eligible, please review the application information and complete the application package before your arrival at Boys State. The application is at: <http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application>. **In 2008 and 2017, New Hampshire Boys State students were national finalists and received up to \$20,000.**

Other scholarship opportunities will be available to all Boys State delegates and will be explained to all during the program.

Congratulations once again on being accepted to Boys State. To recap, you need to read the orientation material now and once again before coming to Boys State, you need to get your medical form filled out and bring it with you to Boys State on June 23, and if you are eligible, fill out the Samsung Scholarship application online and you will also bring that with you to Boys State on June 23. Finally, please give your parents the program flyer, the graduation invitation (pink sheet) and the Saint Anselm College map for their information. The full URL for the map is:

<https://www.anselm.edu/sites/default/files/Documents/About%20Saint%20Anselm/SaintAnselmCampusMap2018.pdf>

Thank you for your cooperation. All of this material is also available on the Boys State website which we invite you to visit before coming to the program. The web address is: www.nhboysstate.org.

If you have any questions, call the American Legion headquarters at (603) 856-8951. We look forward to working with all of you from June 23 to June 28 at Saint Anselm College in Manchester.

Sincerely,

Alexander Henlin
Boys State Committee

Enclosures

**REGISTRATION WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, JUNE 23, IN THE LIVING LEARNING
COMMONS AT SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE FROM 3:00 P.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.**

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
CONCORD, N.H.**

Congratulations on being accepted as a citizen of the 72nd annual session of American Legion New Hampshire Boys State. Boys State is a mythical fifty-first state organized and administered for citizenship training purposes under the auspices of the American Legion.

Your selection as a representative of your school to attend this year's session of American Legion New Hampshire Boys State should be considered an honor by you and your community. The benefit that you gain from this program and the resulting benefit to your community will be determined entirely by the amount of effort you put forth in your activities while at the program.

The reaction of the more than 5,000 alumni of American Legion New Hampshire Boys State has too frequently been that the program was excellent, but that the individual failed to obtain full benefit because he failed to become actively involved in the many activities that are available throughout the week. There will be lots of study and hard work, and an evaluation test at the conclusion of the program. There will also be periods of relaxation built in.

Please be sure that you have a Medical Certificate completed and that you bring it with you to Boys State. An extra copy is enclosed in case you misplaced the one you may have received from your school.

It is requested that you read and understand the following Decalogue of Conduct.

DECALOGUE OF CONDUCT

While the governmental program of Boys State is in the hands of the boys themselves, the Boys State Chairman, Committee and Director feel the responsibility of its trust and have seen fit to establish a Decalogue of Conduct to which all boys admitted to citizenship must adhere. Boys who violate the letter or the spirit of these regulations are subject to dismissal from Boys State. The sponsoring Legion Post of the boys dismissed is given full information regarding the circumstances in connection with such dismissal, as are the high schools where the students attend.

The Decalogue of Conduct, while in attendance at New Hampshire Boys State, is as follows:

1. No citizen shall bring, obtain, or retain fireworks, firearms, knives or other weapons while attending Boys State.
2. NO CITIZEN SHALL BRING, PROCURE, RETAIN OR DRINK ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR USE OR POSSESS ANY FORM OF ILLEGAL DRUGS. Citizens of Boys State will adhere to the pertinent Federal and State laws by giving the authorities unqualified cooperation in the investigation of any violation or alleged violation of the laws pertaining to the use of drugs or alcohol by any citizen of Boys State. VIOLATORS WILL BE EXPELLED AND LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES NOTIFIED OF SUCH INCIDENTS.
3. No citizen shall leave the campus without permission of the Director unless he is a member of an organized party accompanied by a Counselor. The Director and Staff may also designate campus buildings or areas as off limits to Boys State. Citizens violating either part of this rule will be subject to immediate expulsion.
4. No citizen shall trespass in portions of buildings not definitely assigned to the citizens of Boys State.
5. No citizen shall appropriate, deface or destroy Boys State property, the property of another citizen, or the property of the university. Violators will be liable and charged for such damages.
6. No citizen shall operate an automobile while at Boys State. All keys for automobiles driven to Boys State shall be turned in to the Director upon registration. The vehicle will be parked in a designated area and the keys will be returned on Friday before graduation.
7. No citizen shall participate in games of chance, or in any form of gambling.
8. No person shall haze another, or attempt to do him bodily harm in any form or manner, either as an individual or as a member of a group.
9. No citizen shall be offensively boisterous or rowdy in his personal conduct in meetings, in the dormitories, on the grounds, or while away from the grounds of Boys State, nor shall he use lewd, profane, or obscene language, or signs, or possess obscene pictures or printed material.

10. Citizens shall not violate the rules of common courtesy and decency in interactions with each other. They shall be amenable to rules, ordinances, and statutes of the government of Boys State, and shall cooperate with all the duly elected or appointed citizen-officers. They shall respect the authority of the Director, Assistant Director, and Counselors, and shall conform to requests made by them.

“Tip Sheet”

The following information is provided to assist you in preparing for your stay at Boys State. Careful consideration of these tips will serve to make your experience at American Legion New Hampshire Boys State more convenient and comfortable.

TRANSPORTATION: Transportation to and from Boys State is the responsibility of the boy's parents. If a problem arises concerning transportation to or from Boys State, please contact the local American Legion Post. Those individuals providing transportation should remain until the boy is registered in the event a problem arises concerning his registration.

DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL: Boys State will open for registration on Sunday, June 23, 2019, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. in the Living Learning Commons at Saint Anselm College in Manchester (refer to the [online map](#)). Upon arrival, all citizens will report to the registration desk in the main lobby of the Living Learning Commons. After registration and checking the Master List of American Legion New Hampshire Boys State, pick up your luggage and proceed to your assigned room. You will be provided with program materials at registration.

A MEDICAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF REGISTRATION. NO BOY WILL BE ADMITTED WITHOUT THIS FORM. NO EXCEPTIONS.

ROOMS: For the most part, two boys are assigned to a room. You are to tidy up your own room for the room check held every morning after breakfast. Showers and toilet facilities are plentiful.

MEDICAL SERVICES: Competent medical help is close at hand. Every effort possible will be made to safeguard the health of, and prevent accidents to, the citizens.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: The medical insurance provided by the American Legion is intended to be used as a supplement to any insurance carried by the family. This insurance will only become the Primary Carrier when there is no family policy in force.

BEDDING: ONLY A MATTRESS IS FURNISHED FOR THE BEDS. You must bring your own blanket, 2 sheets (regular twin bed), one pillow and one pillow case.

CLOTHING – WHAT TO BRING:

1. Casual clothing (slacks, sport shirt, etc.)
2. ONE dress shirt, tie, sport jacket, dress trousers or slacks (To be worn for graduation only)
3. Several pairs of sport shorts
4. Six (6) pair of underwear
5. Three (3) pair of jeans or cords
6. Two (2) pair of sneakers or sandals
7. One (1) pair of shower clogs or flip-flops
8. Toilet articles, including towels, soap, shaving equipment, deodorant, etc.
9. Musical instruments (Talent show), non-electric or amplified (Optional, if you have one)
10. Personal music player (iPOD, MP3, PDA players, etc.) (Optional). Cell phones and personal music players can only be used at designated times to be announced by staff.
11. Basic recreation equipment, if desired (baseball glove, frisbee, football, softball, etc.)
12. Camera (optional)
13. Notebook, pencil and pen
14. Minimal amount of spending money (for vending machines)
15. Medical Certificate (MOST IMPORTANT)
16. See above for **BEDDING**

**BOYS STATE T-SHIRTS WILL BE ISSUED AT REGISTRATION
AND MUST BE WORN DURING THE WEEK.**

RECREATION EQUIPMENT: Tennis balls, tennis shoes or sneakers, racket, supporters, baseball and glove or any other athletic equipment desired may be brought to Boys State. DO NOT bring spiked shoes or golf clubs.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Pencils, pens, stationery and envelopes, paper or notebook of some kind, should be brought by each citizen.

FOOD: All citizens are to go to all meals while at Boys State. NO EXCEPTIONS.

MONEY: It is suggested that each boy bring change or \$1.00 bills for vending machines (\$10.00 to \$15.00 max.). Snacks and drinks are provided by the American Legion during the week.

LOSS OF CLOTHING OR EQUIPMENT: Every possible effort will be made to safeguard the property of citizens, but American Legion New Hampshire Boys State cannot assume any responsibility or liability for loss or damage to personal property. Valuables, other than cash, may be turned in to the Director's office.

ATTENDANCE: Citizens will not be permitted to leave Boys State for any reason other than extreme emergency. There can be **NO OTHER EXCEPTIONS** to this rule. Citizens will participate in all scheduled events.

RETURN HOME: Citizens may check out any time after the graduation ceremonies on Friday, the closing date.

ADVANCE BRIEFING: One comment frequently offered by former citizens of Boys State is that they wish it were possible to receive a complete advance briefing on the program. Advanced orientation may be conducted through your local Legion Post or District.

JUST A TIP: Whether you are a Federalist or a Whig, support your party. Be sure that your party nominates the best man for the job. When you go to the polls to vote, vote for the man you think will best serve your town, city, county, executive council district, or state. During each day, give the best that you can. Get to know your fellow citizens. At American Legion New Hampshire Boys State the dignity and importance of the individual citizen is paramount. Get in there and be counted. **REMEMBER THE BOYS STATE SLOGAN – “DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON ME”.**

SPECIAL NOTE: Due to the limited dormitory capacity, we would appreciate it if you would notify us, at once, if you have any change in plans since you made your application, and do not expect that you will be able to attend Boys State. Please contact The American Legion at (603) 856-8951.

**PARENTS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS ARE
CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND BOYS STATE GRADUATION
ON FRIDAY, JUNE 28 AT 7:30 P.M.
AT THE DANA CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES.
GRADUATION CONCLUDES THE PROGRAM.
RECEPTION PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AT 6:45 P.M.**

You may receive mail while at Boys State. To assure timely delivery, have it sent to:

Your Name
Boys State
Saint Anselm College
Conference & Event Services
Campus Box 1800
100 Saint Anselm Drive
Manchester, NH 03102

HAVE A GREAT WEEK!



(PLEASE GIVE THIS INVITATION TO YOUR PARENTS)

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
AND BOYS STATE CITIZENS
CORDIALLY INVITE
YOU TO ATTEND THE
2019 BOYS STATE
GRADUATION CEREMONIES**

ON

FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 2018

AT 7:30 P.M.

IN THE DANA CENTER FOR THE HUMANITIES

(RECEPTION PROVIDED BY THE AMERICAN LEGION AT 6:45 P.M.)

KOONZ THEATRE

SAINT ANSELM COLLEGE

MANCHESTER, NH



AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION

INSTRUCTIONS: Please print and complete in full. **This form should be retained by the applicant and must be turned in to Boys State on June 23, 2019.** Part III must be completed by a medical practitioner. (The information sought in this form is identical to the information on Parts 4-6 of the application. The student may bring the completed Parts 4-6 of the application, with appropriate signatures, to registration in lieu of this form.)

PART I - BASIC EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Applicant's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent's Names: _____ E-Mail: _____

Home Address: _____
(Street) (City) (Zip Code)

Home Phone No. _____ Business Phone No. _____

If there is no answer at either of the above, in an emergency call:

Name: _____ Phone No.: _____

Name of Family Physician _____ Phone No. _____

Physician's Address: _____

MEDICAL INSURANCE:

Name of Insurance Company: _____ Policy No.: _____

Parent's Name Insurance is in _____ Employer _____

APPLICANT'S MEDICAL HISTORY:

Date of last physical examination: _____ List any current medications:

Is there a history of Asthma, Heart Conditions, Diabetes or Epilepsy: ☐ yes ☐ no

Is your son allergic to: Medications _____ Sulfa _____ Penicillin _____ Other _____

Do you give permission to medical personnel, in the case of an emergency, to administer Anesthetic and/or Emergency treatment as required?

☐ yes ☐ no

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

(OVER PLEASE)

PART II - UNDERSTANDING INSURANCE LIABILITY

I understand that the insurance provided by the American Legion for _____ is supplemental and will in no way replace any existing insurance maintained by the applicant or his Parents/Guardians. This insurance will cover only those incidents directly related to Boys State which The American Legion shall be liable for.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PART III - HEALTH STATUS CERTIFICATION

This is to certify that I have examined _____ of _____ and find him physically fit to participate in the American Legion Boys State Program. He does not have any communicable diseases.

Signature/Examining Physician _____ Date _____

PART IV – TRANSPORTATION

I understand that during the week, the American Legion has arranged for transportation to Concord to visit with state legislators at the capitol building. I grant permission for the American Legion to transport my son.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

PART V – PUBLICITY WAIVER

I understand that as part of the New Hampshire Boys State program, persons associated with the program and news media may photograph, videotape, or record my son engaged in program activities. I hereby

☐ Give Permission
☐ Do Not Give Permission
(check the appropriate box)

for the American Legion, New Hampshire Boys State to use my son's likeness in promotional materials for the program.

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

BRING THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOU TO BOYS STATE ON JUNE 23, 2019



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
121 South Fruit Street – Suite 103
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 856-8951**

The American Legion – Department of New Hampshire is proud to announce the 72nd annual session of **Boys State**, the week that shapes a lifetime! Our 2019 program will take place from **Sunday, June 23, through Friday, June 28**, on the campus of **Saint Anselm College** in **Manchester**.

Boys State is a **six-day training course in study and practical application of problems of self-government**. It is not meant to take the place of a course in Civics or Government as taught in high schools of the state, but is planned so students may put into practice the theories of American Government as taught in the classroom, through operation of the city, town and state offices as organized under the plans of Boys State. **We welcome you to join us!**

**72nd American Legion New Hampshire Boys State
June 23 – 28, 2019
Saint Anselm College
Manchester
www.nhboysstate.org**

BOYS STATE PURPOSES: American Legion Boys State is a practical application of the duties, responsibilities and privileges of American Citizenship. Its purpose is to awaken within the youth of our Nation a sincere conviction that a well-informed, intelligent, participating citizenry is most vitally needed to protect and preserve our American traditions.

Boys State grows out of the American Legion's faith in our young people, and its firm belief that the future leaders of our country should be given the tools necessary to keep it: a deep appreciation of active citizenship, an understanding of democracy, a familiarity with our American form of government, and the discernment to select – and to be – productive leaders.

American citizenship is a priceless possession. America is a free land, and believing that principles of democracy as guaranteed by our constitution have made us a great and powerful nation. The American Legion hopes to assure this freedom to our citizens of future generations. In order to accomplish this purpose, youth must be trained not only in theory of government, but in its actual practice and operation. We believe that a prepared and trained youth will more effectively preserve and perpetuate this precious heritage and be ready to assume the trust and responsibilities that go with American Citizenship.

All participants will be tested at the conclusion of the program to evaluate the quality of the material presented and the effectiveness of the program. **All students will be eligible to apply for American Legion New Hampshire Boys State scholarships, totaling over \$7,000.**

THE PROGRAM: "LEARN BY DOING" - When the students arrive on campus, they will be assigned to a city or town, to the House or Senate, to an Executive Council District, and to a mythical political party. Conduct of the program will function under the basic laws of the State of New Hampshire using the existing constitution and existing laws as a guide. The citizens of Boys State have their own legislature, introduce and argue their own bills and conduct their own elections. Each student has a chance to learn for himself that government is just what he makes it.

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

TIME AND PLACE: American Legion New Hampshire Boys State will be held on the campus of Saint Anselm College in Manchester beginning on the afternoon of Sunday, June 23, and ending after graduation on the evening of Friday, June 28, 2019. All students will be housed on campus, and meals will be provided by the college dining service.

ELIGIBILITY: BOYS WHO WILL HAVE COMPLETED THEIR JUNIOR YEAR in 2019, and are ready to enter their Senior Class in the Fall will be accepted if they meet the following requirements: 1) maintain a scholastic average of 80 or better; 2) must be of good character and health; 3) should have outstanding qualities of leadership, good citizenship and courage; 4) submit a draft bill or resolution (instructions enclosed); and 5) submit a nonrefundable student application fee of \$25.00.

PLEASE NOTE: Post Commanders and High School Principals: In making final selections, please pick the boys who are the leaders. By selecting the best available students, a high quality program is maintained and the consensus is not that anyone can attend Boys State. It should be an HONOR to attend Boys State as the representative of your school and community. To be clear, however, there is **NO LIMIT ON THE NUMBER OF QUALIFYING STUDENTS** that can be sent from any school.

FEES/SPONSORSHIPS: The only cost to the student is a nonrefundable application fee of \$25.00. The tuition fee of \$335.00 for each student attending Boys State will be borne by the American Legion Sponsor. The sponsor can be an American Legion Post, individuals, civic, school or community organizations. These fees cover the cost of instruction material, board, room, recreation, and expenses incidental to Boys State, with the exception of transportation to and from Saint Anselm College and personal expenses. All checks should be made out to: THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF NH, and transmitted to Department Headquarters together with an Application Form and Draft Bill properly completed. If unsure of which Legion Post to contact locally, please call headquarters at (603) 856-8951 or refer to the American Legion website listings of local Posts at www.legionnh.org.

At the conclusion of Boys State, each boy attending will be expected to fulfill his obligation to report to his sponsor telling of his impression of Boys State.

HEALTH - MEDICAL: DELEGATES TO BOYS STATE will be protected by a supplementary group health and accident policy. This policy is NOT intended to replace any primary coverage already carried by the boy or his parents; it is additional coverage. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents or illness, but Boys State will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness should they occur. Each boy must **bring** with him on the first day of the program a medical certificate (form enclosed), showing that he has been examined by a medical practitioner and is in good health.

STAFF: ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND COUNSELORS are trained and experienced leaders of young men. Experienced counselors of excellent character and an ability to deal with young men are selected for staff. Most are Boys State Graduates. Junior counselors are recent Boys State Graduates who have shown maturity and an interest in the purposes of Boys State. Instructors and lecturers will be some of the most outstanding personalities available. They include political incumbents, former elected officials, Senators, Representatives, Mayors, Selectmen, Attorneys, Judges and other officials.

VISITORS: MEMBERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION, SCHOOL OFFICIALS, SPONSORS AND PARENTS are invited and urged to visit Boys State at some time during the session. Visitors are requested to make their presence known to a Staff Member upon arrival. Visitors are especially invited to the graduation ceremonies on the final day of the session.

For additional information or applications, see your guidance counselor, visit the Boys State website at www.nhboysstate.org or contact:

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE TO AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS
IN CONCORD BY MAY 24, 2019**

- *Saint Anselm Abbey buildings

- ### 23. Davison Hall (dining)

1. **Introduction**

- ### 39. Bertrand Hall (residence)

