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2009 Boys Staters helped build a park for the City of Tuscaloosa.



2009 Boys Staters participates in flag retirement ceremony.

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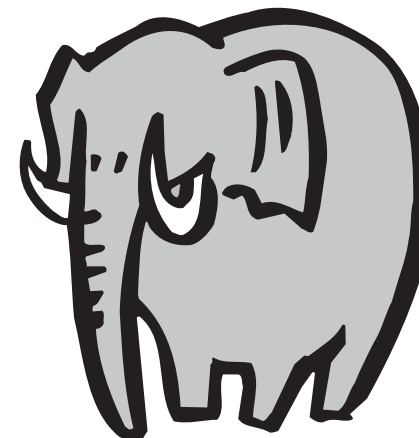
### BOYS STATE STAFF

The administrative officers, instructional counselors and supervisors of recreation, who are in charge of the program, are well trained and experienced leaders. They are men of high ideals, who are recognized as being responsible persons in their respective communities. These educators and leading citizens give free time to ensure the Boys Staters are given proper counsel and instructions.



The American Legion also sponsors Oratorical Contests, Boy Scout Units, American Legion Baseball and other children and youth programs promoting citizenship.

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**73RD ANNUAL**

# ALABAMA BOYS STATE

*"An exceptional opportunity to  
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## The American Legion

Department of Alabama  
May 30th - June 5th, 2010  
UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama

## FOREWORD

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the distinguished long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys States.

They are accomplished through a unique summertime program, one that emphasizes not classroom lectures or textbook learning, but participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with its governing bodies and elected officials.

Boys State was founded, and its courses of instruction designed, to supplement the information taught in high school civic classes. Boys State teaches that our form of government is good but that its preservation depends on intelligent, informed and loyal citizens in combination with an honest and impartial administration of government.

Young men chosen to be Boys State participants can look forward to a wonderful and challenging experience. All who attend can acquire a better understanding and regard for two of our nation's greatest benefits: freedom and democracy.

## PURPOSE

The purpose of Boys State is to educate our youth in the duties and privileges of American citizenship. It is a program of training in the practical aspects of government. The Constitution of the State of Alabama and its statutes are the patterns from which the fundamental laws of Boys State are developed. The responsibilities and duties of citizenship are taught at Boys State.

Citizens of Boys State will not only review their knowledge of the political machinery of a republic but will find themselves doing exactly the same chores as done by real office-holders in their every day work. They choose their own officials in accordance with regular electoral procedure. They learn the duties of the various city, county, and state officials. They introduce and argue their own bills in their own Boys State Legislature.

## PROGRAM

The Boys State study of government will be directed by authorities in Political Science and Government. The responsibilities and duties of each state officer are studied in the academic course.

Upon registration, the boys are placed in political parties within their cities. The political parties will write their platforms and nominate their candidates for the State offices. The cities and counties will make the laws that govern their cities and counties and elect their officials.

Boys Staters who are elected or appointed to an office will assume the role of that particular office. Each boy will have a role in the operation of the Boys State Government.

The Boys State Legislature will go into session and pass on bills that have been prepared during the week.

An organized recreational program has been scheduled to permit each per-

son in each city the opportunity to participate in the sports program and/or the music program. Bring a cheerful attitude, cooperative spirit and a willingness to have fun. A Boys State Band and Chorus will be organized again this year.

A specially designed Boys State Lapel Button and Certificate of Attendance will be awarded to each boy who fully participates in the program to its successful completion.

## A HIGH HONOR

To be selected to attend Boys State is one of the highest honors conferred on a high school student. Educators and leading citizens endorse the citizenship training program sponsored by The American Legion. Appreciative of the high public approval it has received, Boys State officials will make every effort to continue this year the high standards of its leadership, its program and to the conduct of the boys who attend.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Students that are descendants of war-time veterans are eligible and can apply for one of the ten (10) National Samsung Scholarships worth an expected \$20,000.00 each. Applications will be sent with each students Boys State acceptance letter. **National Samsung Scholarship Applications must be completed and turned into your counselor at Boys State.**

## SELECTION

The American Legion is proud of its tradition of gathering the most outstanding young men in Alabama for its Annual Boys State. Careful selection of those who attend has maintained this high standard. In order to contribute something to his local school, **ONLY OUTSTANDING YOUNG MEN WHO WILL BE IN THE SENIOR CLASS NEXT FALL ARE ELIGIBLE.** Future leaders are especially desired. The school authorities should have a part in making selections of young men for Boys State, as they have all records and are familiar with his character, leadership ability, and traits of good citizenship, which is a precaution to ensure the welfare of all who attend. Be sure that the young men selected read this pamphlet, so they understand the program and purpose of Boys State. We suggest the schools select no more than 7 students from each 6-A school, 6 students from each 5-A school, 5 students from each 4-A school, 4 students from each 3-A school, 3 students from each 2-A school and 2 students from each 1-A school.

## LEADERS FOR 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR

If you send outstanding students to Boys State, you will receive in return finer citizens and greater leaders. This program will bring out the best qualities in the individual. It will inspire each boy to make personal contributions of time and energy to make our state better.

## BOYS NATION

**Two outstanding students of Alabama's Boys State will be selected to attend Boys Nation, sponsored by the national organization of The American Legion, to be held in Washington, D.C., later in the summer.** Here they will participate in the program as it is projected on a national scale. All expenses will be paid by the National Headquarters, The American Legion, for those selected to attend.

## VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION PLEASE READ

**Bring casual clothing and swimming trunks, tennis shoes, athletic equipment, musical instruments, cameras, usual toilet articles. Dress will be Boys State T-Shirts (furnished by Boys State) and shorts, blue jeans or slacks.\* \* You must also bring your own twin sheets, blankets, pillows, pillow cases, towels, and soap plus toilet articles for the week.**

**Upon arrival at the University of Alabama, report to Boys State Headquarters on the campus, where Boys State officials will be waiting to register you. Registration will be from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 30th. Each student should arrive no later than 1:00 p.m. on that date in order to attend this important first session at 1:30 p.m. You may drive to Boys State but your **car "WILL NOT" be available to you during Boys State.****

**Dormitories on the campus will house all Boys Staters. Meals will be served in the cafeteria. The first meal will be served at noon Sunday, May 30th and the last meal will be breakfast June 5th. You will need only a **small amount of money** to cover snacks or an extra T-Shirt, etc.**

**If you desire further information, write American Legion, Department Headquarters, P.O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36101. Phone (334) 262-6638 or (800) 234-5544**

## IMPORTANT RESERVATIONS INFORMATION

The cost of room, meals and supervision this year will be covered by the annual fee of \$200.00. **IT IS URGENT THAT RESERVATIONS BE MADE PROMPTLY** in order that all plans may be completed. **At present plans are being made to accommodate 700 boys. ALL RESERVATIONS WITH FEE MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN THE DEADLINE, May 14th. 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.**

**Mail all applications, fees and correspondence to: Boys State, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1069, Montgomery, AL 36101. By May 14th no exceptions.**

## SPONSORS

American Legion Posts have the responsibility of sponsoring boys to Boys State. They are given preference in making reservations. In the past, however, many civic clubs, Sunday School classes, P.T.A.'s, other patriotic groups, and individuals have sponsored boys through their local Post by paying the fee and furnishing transportation money. These groups will be welcome to do so again this year.

In all 50 states where the program now is in effect, organizations such as Rotary, Lions, Elks, Kiwanis, Exchange, Shrine, Eagles, Junior Chambers of Commerce, Young Businessmen's Clubs, Optimist Clubs, school organizations and other fraternal, patriotic and civic groups have assisted the Legion in carrying out this program. Legion posts not desiring to sponsor a boy should offer this opportunity to some local group. It is desirable to have at least one boy from every community in Alabama at Boys State.

## BOYS STATE OFFICIALS

1 District Judge from each City	House Members from each City
1 Mayor and 5 Councilmen (Mayor-Council)	State Senators from each City

## City Officials – Appointed

City Clerk	Sanitation Director
Chief of Police	Recreation Director
City Attorney	

## County Officials – Elected

1 County Commissioner from each City	1 Tax Assessor elected County-wide
1 President or Commissioner elected County-wide	1 Tax Collector elected County-wide
1 Probate Judge elected County-wide	1 Sheriff elected County-wide
1 Circuit Judge elected County-wide	1 Circuit Clerk elected County-wide

## State Officials – Elected

Governor	1 Pres. Judge of the Court of Civil Appeals
Lieutenant Governor	4 Assoc. Judges of the Ct. of Civil Appeals
Attorney General	1 Pres. Judge of the Court of Crim. Appeals
Comm. of Agri. & Ind.	4 Assoc. Judges of the Court of Criminal Appeals
Pres., Public Ser. Comm.	State Auditor
2 Asso. Comm., Pub. Serv. Comm.	State Treasurer
Chief Justice, Supreme Court	Secretary of State
8 Assoc. Judges of Court of Crim. App.	

## State Officials – Appointed by the Governor

Chief of Staff	Exec. Sec. to Governor
Director of Personnel	Bodyguard to Governor
Asst. Director of Personnel	Legal Advisor to Governor
State Health Officer	Press Secretary
Dir., Dept. of Archives & History	Admin. Asst. to Governor
Director of Finance	Director of Aeronautics
Commissioner of Revenue	Dir., Dept. of Veterans Affairs
State Highway Director	Dir., Publicity and Information
Adjutant General	Superintendent of Banks
Deputy Director, Army Div.	Director, Civil Defense
Deputy Director, Air Div.	Director, State Docks
Dir., Dept. of Corrections & Inst.	Superintendent of Insurance
Dir., Dept. of Conservation	Director, AL Program Development Office
Chairman, Pardons & Parole Board	Director, Human Resources
2 Members of Board	Director, Building Commission
Executive Director of Board	Director, Dept. of Public Safety