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69th Mountaineer Boys State Begins

The 69th Annual American Legion Boys State was officially underway yesterday afternoon. At 12 noon, Clarence Walton, Director, and Steve Sluss, Administrator, opened registration for the 2006 Boys State citizens.

Approximately 325 young men from all regions of West Virginia went through the registration process.

This year's Boys State program includes a banking system, a newspaper and the opportunity for hands on learning. Citizens will also have the opportunity to become a State Trooper or Conservation Officer. The Boys State counselors and staff are always available to help with any needs that may arise. If you need help with your campaign or are homesick, please let us know.

Throughout the week, you will be scored on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys State. Each cottage will receive a daily cottage inspection score.

The newspaper will be staffed by citizens under the guidance of Betty Ann Williams and Jimmy Gemondo. The citizens will be reporting on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what's happening at the state, county, and city levels of government. We encourage you to get involved in everything offered this week—it's a once in a lifetime opportunity!

Have a great time, learn alot about state government, and make many new friends.

Mountaineer Boys State Online

www.mountaineerboysstate.org

A Brief History of Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young ladies called Girls State.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Boys State is currently conducted in 49 Departments of The American Legion. Hawaii does not conduct a program. As separate corporations, Boys States vary in content and method of procedure, but each and every Boys State adheres to the basic concept of the program - that of teaching government from the township to the state level. —

—from the AL website—www.legion.org

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Mountaineer Boys State is the 2nd oldest Boys State program in the Nation!!!

Schedule - Monday

June 12, 2006

6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters
 7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall. **Inspection points to be deducted at this and subsequent meals for late arrivals.**
 7:20 FLAG RAISING
 7:25 BREAKFAST
 8:25 - Noon FILE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES
 8:25 Make up Bar Examination at GHQ. All citizens who did not take the Bar Examination on Sunday will take the make up Bar Examination.

GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

- GROUP 1 - BRAXTON, PANHANDLE
- GROUP 2 - MARION, KANAWHA
- GROUP 3 - CALHOUN, LEWIS, GILMER
- GROUP 4 - RANDOLPH, UPSHUR, MONONGALIA
- GROUP 5 - BARBOUR, WEBSTER, MONROE

	8:25—9:00	9:10—9:45	9:55—10:30	10:40—11:15	11:25—12:00
GROUP 1	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedures	Voting Procedure	Press Relations	Leadership
GROUP 2	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Press Relations	Leadership	Decision Makings
GROUP 3	Voting Procedure	Press Relations	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedures
GROUP 4	Press Relations	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure
GROUP 5	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Press Relations

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

Decision Making	West Virginia Building
Parliamentary Procedure	Flameway
Voting Procedure	EEC Building
Press Relations	Jackson Lodge Basement
Leadership	Assembly Hall

12:05 In formation at Dining Hall
 12:15 Lunch
 **After Lunch — Staff Photo in front of Dining Hall
 1:15 - 3:15 Party Caucuses Federalists in Assembly Hall
 Nationalists in WV Building
 Parties Organized with Advisors. Meet the State Office Candidates
 3:30 - 4:45 Athletics & Swimming
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet in the EEC Building #5
 Newspaper Staff organized and working - GHQ rear office
 Bank Staff organized and working - Agriculture Hall of Fame
 5:15 In Formation at Dining Hall
 5:30 Dinner
 6:15 - 7:15 Athletics & Swimming
 State Police & Conservation Officers meet in EEC Building
 Newspaper Staff organized and working
 Bank Staff organized and working
 7:15 - 8:00 Band Practice
 8:00 ASSEMBLY
 **After Assembly — Primary Elections. All citizens proceed directly to their cottages to vote.
 State Election results posted at GHQ.
 Campaign material for General Election available for purchase (Boys State currency) at GHQ
 **After Voting — Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working. Police Academy in session.
 11:00 Devotions (As time permits) at Panhandle cottage
 11:30 All evening activities end.
 11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.
 12 Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND LIGHTS OUT. **Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores.**

Urgent!!!

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIPS

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis, Assistant Director, at Harrison Cottage by dinner on Wednesday, June 14, 2006. The following information should be turned in with the application:

1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. Transcript from High School
4. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

Thanks to Our Sponsors

The question is often asked on who foots the bill for Boys State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?

Civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, the American Legion and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to Boys State. The WV Department of the American Legion pays for the administrative cost.

All delegates of Boys State are selected by the High School Principal or by local American Legion Post officials.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend Mountaineer Boys State by supplementing the cost of the program. Boys State stationery and envelopes are available in Harrison Cottage.

Nick J. Rahall, II, of Beckley, Raleigh County, was the speaker for the evening meal on Sunday evening. He was first elected to the US House of Representatives in 1976 at age 27.

We thank Representative Rahall for taking time out of his busy schedule to spend some time with us.

Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of To..mor..row, we march along in happy ranks today.

We never bor..row, a bit of care or grief along the way.

Glad..ly we're learning the things a good American should know.

Glad..ly we're yearn...ing to chart the way a patriot should go.

With lessons done, objectives won

Good citizens we'll be;

We'll proudly stand in our home land

Where Mountaineers are free.

Men..of To..mor..row, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,

Men..of To..mor..row, a group of all American boys.

The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and depositing it in trash cans. Also put the pop cans in special containers where available, so we leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we

**Don't
Pass It
Up,
Pick It
Up!!**



ATHLETIC SCHEDULE MONDAY, JUNE 12, 2006

FIRST SESSION 3:30

Area 1 Volleyball (beside Braxton)	Area 2 Volleyball (beside Softball)	Area 3 Frisbee (behind Chapel)	Area 4 Softball	Area 5 Basketball (behind Gilmer)
BARBOUR MONONGALIA	LEWIS —N RANDOLPH —N	BRAXTON - F MONROE —N	CALHOUN MONROE —F	GILMER PANHANDLE —N
KANAWHA PANHANDLE—F		LEWIS — F UPSHUR	MARION —N RANDOLPH - F	MARION — F WEBSTER

SECOND SESSION 6:15

GILMER PANHANDLE —N	LEWIS - F RANDOLPH —F	BARBOUR MONROE—F	BRAXTON MONROE- N	CALHOUN PANHANDLE—F
MARION — F WEBSTER		KANAWHA RANDOLPH —N	LEWIS—N UPSHUR	MARION—N MONONGALIA

General Store Hours located in the Historic Area

Monday	1pm—5:30 pm; 9pm—11 pm
Tuesday	10 am—5:30 pm; 9pm—11pm
Wednesday	10 am—5:30pm
Thursday	10 am—5:30 pm; 9pm—11pm
Friday	10 am—5:30 pm
Saturday	10 am—5 pm

Mountaineer Boys State Online www.mountaineerboysstate.org

Parents and friends back home can keep up with all the happenings here at Mountaineer Boys State by accessing the official website. During the week of Boys State, the website will transform itself into Mountaineer Boys State Live!!!

The website, maintained by Michael Sluss and Jacob McCarty, will include election results, the daily schedule, athletic results, pictures and much, much, more. Be sure to have everyone at home check out the website!!!!

Breakfast

Eggs
Sausage
Biscuits
Cold Cereal
Hot Cereal
Fruit

Lunch

Pepperoni Rolls
Chips
Macaroni Salad
Corn
Salad
Rice Crispy Treats

Dinner

Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Italian Blend
Rolls
Salad
Vanilla Pudding

Why Do We March?

By now many delegates grumble about marching everywhere they go. Many want to know WHY we have to march. Marching is the most efficient and more importantly the SAFEST way to move large groups of people in the limited amount of time we have. Mountaineer Boys State have a very good safety record in its sixty-eight year history. Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, we are visited by many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week. Seeing the delegates marching to their classes, to the dining hall, and to the assembly hall is quite impressive and adds to the prestige of Boys State. Marching is as much a part of Boys State as the American Legion itself.

So, Hup...two... three... four.... and have fun!!!!

Why I am proud to be a West Virginian by Steve Sluss

We have all heard the jokes when we tell people we are from West Virginia. The first thing most people do is look at our feet to see if we are wearing shoes. I had the opportunity to speak in Chicago a few years and it was a privilege for me to tell them about West Virginia. Next time someone starts to make a West Virginia joke, you say, "Let me tell you about the West Virginia where I'm from."

Most people know that West Virginia has some of the most beautiful mountains and scenic views. Most people do not realize that West Virginia is home to some of the best skiing on the East Coast. We also have world class white water rafting. Our state parks offer some of the best vacations in the country - but there is more.

West Virginia has a great work force. The FBI center in Clarksburg is a good example. The FBI did not want it moved to West Virginia, but once it came here, they loved it. They have grown to respect the West Virginians who work there. Toyota feels the same way. They are so impressed with the West Virginians that work at their plant in Buffalo has expanded. Diamond electric, another Japanese company in WV has announced plans to expand as well.

Many people don't realize the West Virginians who have made major contributions. General Chuck Yeager, was a WV boy who was the first person to fly faster than the speed of sound. Booker T. Washington, a great scientist and Pearl Buck, a world renowned author were West Virginians. In the field of entertainment, West Virginia has provided the world with country music stars Kathy Mattea and Brad Paisley. Comedians Soupy Sales and Steve Harvey hail from WV. Don Knotts, who played Barney Fife and starred in other shows and movies is from Morgantown. Bob Denver wasn't born in WV., but he calls WV his home. In fact he said "WV is so beautiful, they ought to put a fence around it and charge people to visit it."

West Virginia has produced business leaders like: Alex Schoenbaum, who founded the chain of Shoney's Restaurants; Milan Puskar of Mylan Pharmaceuticals; and HECKS department store founder Fred Haddad. Everyone has heard of a little company called CISCO, which makes networking components and rivals Microsoft. Its CEO is a man named John Chambers from Elkview, WV. His father still lives there.

We also have Fayette County native T. Joseph Lopez, who started as an enlisted man in the Navy and rose to become a four star Admiral. He was Commander in Chief of the Allied forces in Europe before he retired. Captain Jon McBride who piloted the Space Shuttle Challenger and others before he retired is a West Virginian.

We have political leaders who have made contributions to the world. John W. Davis of Clarksburg was the Democratic nominee for President in 1924. Before that he was Solicitor General of the United States and Ambassador to Great Britain. You all know John D. Rockefeller, IV who is a Senator from WV and chooses West Virginia for his home. Of course there is Senator Robert C. Byrd who has made major contributions to WV in his capacity of Senate President Pro Tem, Majority Leader and Appropriations Chairman. Did you know that Cyrus Vance who was U.S. Secretary of State under President Jimmy Carter was from WV? There was Jennings Randolph of Elkins, who had such a passion for the right of 18 year olds to vote that he made it one of his major issues from the time he started in Congress in the 1930s to when the Randolph Amendment finally passed in the 1970s.

Most of you know that Anna Jarvis started the very first Mothers Day in Grafton in 1911. However, did you know that a lady named Marian McQuade of Oak Hill, worked hard to create a day to honor those people we call Momaw and Poppaw or simply Grandma and Grandad? Thanks to her efforts, President Jimmy Carter created Grandparents Day by executive order.

West Virginia has given us sports legends Jerry West, Mary Lou Retton, Hal Greer, Sam Snead, Chad Pennington and John Kruk. Five years ago, a young man named Steven Dye was a citizen of Mountaineer Boys State. This year, Steven set the record for the most 3 pointers (443) of any college basketball player at a four year college.

This is the West Virginia where I live. In spite of the jokes and the comments, West Virginia has made major contributions to the world. You have every right to hang your head high and be proud of this state. You are our future. One day, when the torch has passed, you'll make your mark and be among the great Americans who were also proud to say they, too came from West Virginia.

