



# The Mountaineer

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## WELCOME TO THE 77TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

The **77th Annual American Legion Boys State** officially began yesterday, June 8, 2014. Approximately 350 young men from all regions of West Virginia went through the registration process which included their cottage and party assignments, as well as their Boys State t-shirts.

After registration, the citizens were off to the cottages to meet their counselors, find a bed, have orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam. Each citizen was given an American Legion Boys State Manual of Government which will be their guide throughout the week.

The Boys State program offers opportunities for each citizen to have hands on learning in banking, journalism, law enforcement, legal, and political career paths.

The Boys State counselors and staff are volunteers who are available to help with any need that may arise whether it is career path questions or simply homesickness.

Throughout the week, scores will be given on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys State. Individual and cottage awards will be presented on Saturday for outstanding achievements during the week.

### A Brief History of Boys State



Pictured are the 1981 Boys State governor, Brent Walker, and the 1982 governor, James Goots. Their sons are attending Boys State this year. **BOYS STATE IS A TRADITION!!!**

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.

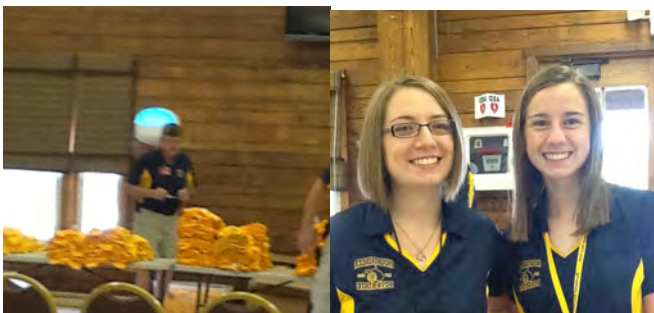
Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps.

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 Girls State, a similar program for young ladies.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and 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 their school and/or 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.

### Registration 2014





## The Mountaineer

The Mountaineer is the daily newspaper which is published by the Boys State journalism staff. The broadcast journalism staff will be presenting a daily broadcast each night at the assembly. Staff members, Betty Ann William and Earnie Horn will oversee this process with the assistance of Elizabeth and Rebecca Kocsis. Citizens report on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what is taking place at the city, county, and state levels of government

**"Got News?"** Stop by the journalism office located in the Southeastern Learning Center and let us know.

Advertisements are welcomed.

The newspaper office is located in Southeastern Learning Center.



News is due in the Mountaineer Office (Southeastern Learning Center) by 6:30 daily to ensure that it gets printed in the next day's paper.

Thank you!!!

## Samsung Scholarships

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis at the Dorsey Center by the assembly on Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

***If you completed the Samsung Scholarship online, please let Mr. Davis know by Wednesday.***

The following information should be turned in with the application:

1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

**The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the final assembly on Saturday, June 15, 2013.**



## The Pizzutis

35 years ago Citizen Pizzuti's dad was in Braxton Cottage, and he is in Braxton this year!

**Priceless!!!**

## Mountaineer Boys State Online

[www.mountaineerboysstate.org](http://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 Streaming Video!!!

Provided by YouTube <http://l.wvboysstate.org>

The website, maintained by the IT team, Jacob McCarty and Michael Sluss, 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 for the webcast schedules.**



### MBS Twitter

*If you'd like to post pictures or messages for your citizens use twitter #ALMBS*

*You can also follow us @WVBOYSSTATE*

**Or visit our account on <http://t.wvboysstate.org>**

### Join the conversation!

ALMBS also has a Facebook group where you can connect and converse with Alumni and keep in contact with your fellow citizens. You may join this group at <http://f.wvboysstate.org>.



Connect with your girlfriend at Girls State. You can follow them **@WVGIRLSSTATE.**

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

The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and recycling pop cans. Let's leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived.



## Thanks to our Sponsors

"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 citizens of Boys State are selected by their high school staff and/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. If you don't know who that is, see Marie in headquarters. Boys State stationery and envelopes are available in the Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.

## Dining Hall Schedule

**ORDER OF ENTRY for Monday, June 9, 2014.**

Right Entrance: Upshur, Harrison, Kanawha, Lewis

Center Entrance: Randolph, Monroe, Webster, Barbour,  
Marion

Left Entrance: Panhandle, Gilmer, Calhoun, Braxton



# WHY DO WE MARCH?

By now many citizens have grumbled about marching everywhere they go. The answer to that question is simple. 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 has a very good safety record in its seventy-five 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 citizens marching to class, 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!!!!**



# POW/MIA Recognition Day

*By Brent Bailey*

POW/MIA recognition day is the third Friday in September. It was chosen to salute all prisoners of war and soldiers who have gone missing in action, and a flag was created with it to bring recognition to unreturned soldiers- that flag is now officially a national flag. On this day there are ceremonies throughout the nation for remembrance of the fallen or unreturned, so as not to let the public forget. Our own West Virginia American Legion has created its own day, the American Legion Family Salute to All Veterans Past and Present, which is held September 19<sup>th</sup> at Holly Gray Park in Flatwoods. It is a remembrance and tribute to all veterans, past and present. The event was started by the West Virginia detachment of the Sons of the American Legion as something to promote the American Legion family and, according to our very own Bill Diedrich, an SAL member, it's "something to promote the American Legion family and educate the public that we're more than just a legion post in their town. It has ceremonies similar to the empty table Boys State witnessed earlier this week, a field of white crosses, and behind that are 25 POW/MIA flags for the 25 West Virginia men who went missing during Vietnam and were never recovered. There is American Legion literature available, a pavilion with memorabilia from all wars, and a replica a prisoner of war cage from Vietnam. All funds received at this event go towards the West Virginia Children's Hospital and the Legacy Fund (scholarships for children of soldiers killed in service of their country), both of which are American Legion programs. Ceremonies are from 10 to 2, and all Boys State citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor the men who gave everything for their country.

Thanks to Bill Diedrich for providing the information necessary for this article.



# JOURNALISM AD FEES

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**1/2 page \$599.00**

**Full page \$999.00**

## Broadcast

**10 seconds \$4**

**15 seconds \$6**

**20 seconds \$99**



To place an ad, come to Southeastern Learning Center

# MONDAY'S MENU!

### Breakfast

Breakfast Bagels

Hot & Cold  
Cereal

Fruit – Bananas

Orange Juice

Milk

### Lunch

Pepperoni Rolls

String Cheese

Chips

Applesauce

Salad

Cookies

Milk

### Dinner

Ham

Scalloped  
Potatoes

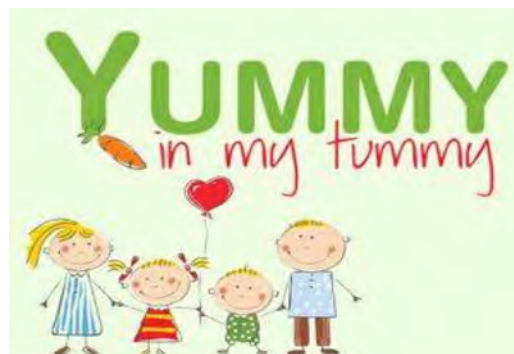
Peas & Carrots

Cole Slaw

Hot Rolls

Apple Crisp

Milk



West Virginia University

Jackson's Mill Farmstead

General Store hours

Monday - Saturday

10:00am – 5:00pm

MBS Concessions at the general store

Sunday - Thursday

9:00PM – 11:00pm

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American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Store

To purchase - See Jim Davis at Dorsey

License Plates	\$10.00
Back Packs	\$5.00
Frisbees	\$2.00
Water Bottles	\$2.00
Hats	\$5.00
License Plate Frame	\$2.00
Lanyard	\$2.00
Ink Pens	\$2.00
Pencils	\$1.00
<b>** All of the Above **</b>	<b>\$20.00</b>
Hoodies	\$25.00
Shorts	\$10.00
Pen Knife	\$5.00
Flashlight Keychain	\$2.00
White Boys State shirts	\$2.50 or 5 shirts for \$10.00
Post Card	\$ .50

# MONDAY'S SCHEDULE!!!!!!

Monday's Schedule is on page 14 of your Boys State Manual. Any changes in daily schedules will be announced by the Officer of the Day.



## ***Monday's Athletic Schedule***

**\*\*See page 20 of your  
Boys State Manual\*\***

Todd Morgan is the  
Athletic Director.



### **Tommy E. Jones Trophy Award**

The Tommy E. Jones Trophy will be awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who contributes the most to the political process. Among the criteria for this award are:

Enthusiasm                      Sincerity                      Honesty                      Creativity                      Organizational Ability

### **P.E. Kercheval Award**

The P.E. Kercheval Award will go to a citizen who is a participant in the activities of Boys' State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards, and demonstrates leadership.

### **Frank Taylor Jr. Award**

This trophy is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays a high moral character with honor, respect, and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, this young man must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys' State. All citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys' State Bar Exam may be considered for this award.

### **William R. Fugitt Memorial Award**

The Bill Fugitt Award will go to the cottage that attains the best total score in the following seven categories:

City Government              County Government              Board of Education              Law Examination  
Circuit Court                      Inspection Athletics/Band  
General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week

### **Dr. John T. Dombrosky Memorial Award**

The Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award will be given to the staff member or citizen who has displayed the attributes of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness with the Legion principles as exemplified by Dr. Dombrosky.

### **David Farris Award**

The David —Dave Farris Award is presented to the Boy's State citizen who contributes significantly to the city and/or county government aspects of the Mountaineer Boys' State program and exhibits the qualities of a good sense of humor, kindness, competence, and fairness for all. All citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award. Dave Farris was a citizen of Boys' State in the late 1970s. He was a long time Staff member who served in many positions. He was a Junior Counselor and served on the headquarters' staff. Dave played a vital role in the City and County governmental process at Boys' State in 1991. Dave was killed by an automobile accident a few weeks following the 1991 Boys' State.

### **Boys Nation Award**

Citizens who have been elected to a state office, Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, have served in the capacity of State Party Chairman, or have demonstrated extraordinary leadership are eligible to be considered as a candidate for Boys' Nation. Each candidate will be required to complete an application as well as go through an interview. The interview panel will seek input from the eligible candidate's counselors regarding the individual's character, leadership, participation, etc...

### **Legislator of the Year**

The Legislator of the Year shall be a member or officer of the Senate or House of Delegates who best exemplifies extraordinary character, enthusiasm for education, and a genuine devotion to the legislative process. The legislative advisors, chaired by the legislative coordinator, shall select the award.

## Monday's Speakers

### W.Va. House of Representative Member David McKinley

David McKinley has been a strong advocate for common sense, market driven reforms to help government operate more efficiently for many years. He also recognizes that the coal industry is the backbone of West Virginia's economy and the attacks on coal from Washington must be stopped. This is why David B. McKinley is proud to represent the 1st District of West Virginia in our nation's Capitol. Born in Wheeling in 1947, David attended public schools and worked his way through college graduating from Purdue University with a degree in Civil Engineering. After college he spent the next 12 years in the construction industry and taught night classes in local technical colleges. He then established McKinley and Associates – an architectural and engineering company that has grown to include offices in Wheeling and Charleston, WV and Washington, PA. During his career as a Professional Engineer, David has been on the Board of Directors of the state engineering society and on the Board of the National Society of Professional Engineers representing the interests of West Virginia. As a successful former small businessman, David has created hundreds of jobs and understands the vital role of small businesses in creating private sector jobs and strengthening the economy. He has been recognized twice by West Virginia Executive Magazine as one of the 50 most influential people in West Virginia. From 1981 through 1994, he represented the Third Delegate District in the West Virginia Legislature, serving primarily on the Finance Committee as well as the Banking and Insurance and Roads and Transportation Committees among others. His voting record reflects the interests of his constituents. In 1990, David was elected as Chairman of the West Virginia Republican Party Executive Committee and was one of three representing West Virginia on the Republican National Committee in Washington, D.C. As a Legislator and as State Chairman of the Party, David advocated conservative principles of smaller, less intrusive government and lower taxes. In 1994, he was recognized by the Charleston Gazette for working cooperatively with Democrats in the legislature and achieving the highest percentage of bills passed into law: demonstrating effective leadership and an ability to gain crucial bipartisan support on issues. During his tenure in the West Virginia Legislature he was also recognized by the Business and Industry Council for having one of the most conservative, pro employment voting records. In his various elections, he was consistently endorsed by the NRA, West Virginians for Life, newspapers across the state, and other conservative groups. As an individual with significant hearing impairment and a grandfather to a child with special needs, David McKinley is no stranger to overcoming the obstacles of disabilities. He also helped to direct the care for his 89 year old mother who suffered from dementia and recognizes the challenges of long term home care for our elderly. While in the state legislature, David authored the West Virginia law which prohibited insurance companies from cancelling insurance to individuals diagnosed with HIV. David is married to the former Mary Gerkin from New Martinsville, West Virginia and is a proud father of four children and six grandchildren. David is a seventh generation resident of Wheeling and West Virginia. He is passionate about the people of our state and has dedicated his life to creating jobs and opportunities, right here in his local community.



We are excited to introduce Inspire West Virginia to you! We are a brand new nonpartisan organization that helps young leaders improve their communities and strengthen our democracy.

We know that there are hundreds of high school students in West Virginia who already have the inspiration needed to keep our state strong and build to an even better future, our goal is to introduce them to each other and help them turn that inspiration into action.

Our programming starts this July with our inaugural High School [Leadership Academy](#) held at Marshall University from July 15th through July 17th. At the academy, students develop effective leadership skills, learn to build a team, and cultivate the knowledge and abilities needed to be a leader who gets things done in their community.

After the Academy, students commit to what we call "The Inspired Year." This yearlong program provides students the opportunity to become more involved in their communities by collaborating with classmates to lead civic action projects, organize voter registration efforts at their schools, and learn first-hand how our democracy should work with in depth and fun trainings and simulations.

Along the way, students develop lifelong friendships, demonstrate their leadership abilities, and prove that all it takes is a little inspiration to improve our state.



## WVU President E. Gordon Gee

Dr. E. Gordon Gee served as president of The Ohio State University from 1990 to 1997 and again from 2007 to 2013. Prior to his service at Ohio State, he led Vanderbilt University (2001-2007), Brown University (1998-2000), the University of Colorado (1985-1990), and West Virginia University (1981-1985). He returned to WVU to serve as president for a term in January 2014, and was confirmed as the permanent president in March 2014. Gee has served in higher education for more than three decades and in 2009 was named by Time magazine as one of the top-10 university presidents in the United States.

Born in Vernal, Utah, Gee graduated from the University of Utah with an honors degree in history and earned his J.D. and Ed.D degrees from Columbia University. He clerked under Chief Justice David T. Lewis of the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals before being named a judicial fellow and staff assistant to the U.S. Supreme Court. In this role, he worked for Chief Justice Warren Burger on administrative and legal problems of the Court and federal judiciary. Gee returned to Utah as an associate professor and associate dean in the J. Reuben Clark Law School at Brigham Young University, and was granted full professorship in 1978. One year later, he was named dean of the West Virginia University Law School, and, in 1981, was appointed to that university's presidency.

Gee has been a member of several education-governance organizations and committees, including the Big Ten Conference Council of Presidents, the Inter-University Council of Ohio, the Business-Higher Education Forum, and the American Association of Universities. He was chair of the American Council on Education's Commission on Higher Education Attainment and served as co-chair of the Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities' Energy Advisory Committee. In 2009, Gee was invited to join the International Advisory Board of King Abdulaziz University in Saudi Arabia.

Active in a number of national professional and service organizations during his tenures, he has served on the boards for the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame and Museum, Inc., Limited Brands, and the National 4-H Council. In 2011, Gee was appointed to serve as secretary on the Board of Directors of Ohio's economic development program, JobsOhio. In 2011-2012, he was asked by Governor Kasich to chair both the Ohio Higher Education Capital Funding Collaborative and the Ohio Higher Education Funding Commission. And in December 2012, he was asked to serve on the Columbus Education Commission.

Gee has received a number of honorary degrees, awards, fellowships, and recognitions. He is a fellow of the prestigious American Association for the Advancement of Science, the world's largest science organization. In 1994, Gee received the Distinguished Alumnus Award from the University of Utah, as well as from Teachers College of Columbia University. In 2013, he received the ACE Council of Fellows/Fidelity Investments Mentor Award and received the Outstanding Academic Leader of the Year Award on behalf of Historically Black Colleges and Universities. He is the co-author of 11 books, including Law, Policy and Higher Education, published in 2012. He is also the author of numerous articles on law and education.

Gee's daughter, Rebekah, is the Medicaid Medical Director for the State of Louisiana, and an assistant professor of Public Health and Medicine at Louisiana State University. She is also a Norman F. Gant/American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology/IOM Anniversary Fellow.

# Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of Tomorrow,  
We march along in happy ranks today.

We never borrow  
A bit of care or grief along the way.

Gladly we're learning  
The things a good American should know.

Gladly we're yearning  
To chart the way a patriot should go.

With lessons done  
Objectives won  
Good citizens we'll be;

We'll proudly stand

In our homeland

Where Mountaineers are free.

Men of Tomorrow

Good fellowship each one of us enjoys,

Men of Tomorrow

A group of all American boys.