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#### WELCOME TO THE 76<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

The **76th Annual American Legion Boys State** officially began yesterday, June 9, 2013. Approximately 400 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.

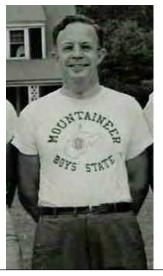
The Boys State program offers opportunities for each citizen to have hands on learning in banking, journalism, law enforcement, legal, and political career paths.

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.

#### Attention:

The 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Boys State group picture will be taken on **Wednesday** at **noon** on the field.



Pictured: Emmett Stine - 1949

#### 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 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.

#### Attention:

All news will be due at the newspaper office by **6:30** nightly.

From the AL website www.legion.org



#### **College Credit Offered**

College credit is available for attending Mountaineer Boys State for the 4th year in a row. The ACE Network, a non-profit organization created to support Boys and Girls State has arranged for 3 hours of general education elective credit through Clemson University.

Citizens may visit www.ed190.com for more information and register for the online course.

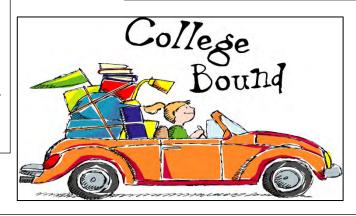
#### The Mountaineer

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 Williams, Amanda Sluss, 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.



#### **Samsung Scholarships**

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis at the Dorsey Center by the assembly on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

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.

#### **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 Streaming Video!!!

Provided by USTREAM LIVE! 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

#### MBS YouTube

Help us reach 1,000 subscribers. We would like to begin live streaming directly through YouTube. You may check out all of our historical videos and footage from this year's camp at <a href="http://y.wvboysstate.org">http://y.wvboysstate.org</a>.

#### 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.

#### 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.

# MONDAY'S SPEAKERS!

Assembly – News Broadcast

Oliver Luck – WVU Director of Athletics

Bob Inglis – Former Congressman

## 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 19th 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.





# **JOURNALISM AD FEES**

Print

1/8 page \$125.00

1/4 page \$250.00

1/2 page \$500.00

Full page \$1000.00

Broadcast

10 seconds \$500,00

20 seconds \$1,000.0

30 seconds \$1500.00



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

Sunday - Thursday

9:00PM — II:00pm

### American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Store

### To purchase - See Jim Davis at Dorsey

License	Plates	\$8.	.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

White Boys State shirts \$4.00 or 4 shirts for \$10.00

Post Card \$ .50

All of the Above \$20.00

# MONDAY'S SCHEDULE!!!!!

Monday's Schedule is on page 13 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 18 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 aware 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. Dace 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 wells 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.

# 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.