

ALMBS CITIZEN PACKET

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE

JUNE 10 – JUNE 16

2018

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students and is *West Virginia's Premier Leadership Academy*. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his city, county, and state government. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been a program of the American Legion, Department of West Virginia since 1936.

At the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected or selected to the various offices and positions. Activities are varied and include many facets of government such as elections, legislative sessions, and legal proceedings. Law enforcement presentations, assemblies, guest speakers, band, chorus, recreational programs, a college/career fair, and a talent show are also held.

Male high school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. Expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, community-based organization, or local individual(s).

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PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- Read entire contents of this packet.
- Obtain physical examination and bring completed Medical Certificate and notarized "Affidavit of Consent and Permission" to Registration/Check-In. A previously obtained physical, which had occurred within the year (365 days) prior to the day of Registration/Check-in, is acceptable and should be attached to the Medical Certificate. The "Affidavit of Consent and Permission", which requires a parent/guardian signature, must be notarized and brought to Registration/Check-In.
- Attend an orientation session. (See enclosed schedule, additional sessions may be scheduled after publication; visit online at <http://e.wvboysstate.org> for an updated schedule.)
- Complete the following forms: Proposed Legislation Form, Order Form, ALMBS Pledge, Medical Certificate, notarized Affidavit of Consent and Permission, and Summer Foods Household Application.
- Visit website <http://wvboysstate.org>.
- Follow us on Twitter at: <http://t.wvboysstate.org>, like our Facebook page at: <http://f.wvboysstate.org>, and join the discussion on our Facebook group at: <http://fg.wvboysstate.org>.
- Study law lecture. (<http://packet.wvboysstate.org>)
- Develop plan. (What you want to do/be at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.)
- Develop backup plan(s). (If first, second, third, etc. plans fail.)
- Pack personal belongings/items, including one pair of navy blue shorts, musical instruments, etc. per enclosed instructions.
- Arrive at WVU Jackson's Mill Assembly Hall on Sunday, June 10, 2018, between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.(early arrival is recommended) with completed Proposed Legislation Form, Order Form, ALMBS Pledge, Medical Certificate, notarized Affidavit of Consent and Permission, and Summer Foods Household Application, personal belongings, musical instruments, etc. and no more than \$75.00.



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ATTENDANCE

You are attending the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) on the recommendation of your school officials and members of the American Legion within your community. We ask you to uphold the confidence placed in you. Please conduct yourself in a manner to reflect credit, not only upon yourself, but your school and community as well. **Being selected to attend ALMBS is an honor which should not be taken lightly.** You will be expected to show proper respect to the Flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and you are expected to participate in the singing of the National Anthem. If you are not willing to do these, please make the notification below so that a replacement can be found for you.

The staff reserves the right to dismiss any citizen for failure to follow camp rules, regulations and policies, and/or for engaging in behavior that is deemed by the staff to be inappropriate and/or disruptive.

If you will not be able to attend, immediately notify your school's recommending official, your local American Legion representative, and the American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667. This will allow an alternate to be selected to replace you.

You are expected to remain in attendance the entire session. All attendees of ALMBS agree to stay the entire duration of the program. Requests for excused absences from the program will only be approved by the Director in the event of an emergency and must be presented to the Director by the attendee's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

All expenses associated with your attendance at ALMBS have been provided by your local American Legion Post or another sponsoring organization, business, or individual. If you fail to make notification in a timely manner, you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be liable for reimbursement of the \$250.00 application fee. If you leave the camp early for any reason, you will be required to reimburse the balance of your meal and lodging fees to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

QUESTIONS

If you have any questions, you may contact Director Jim Davis at jim.davis@wvlegion.org, (304) 481-4021; Assistant Director Robbie Robinson at robbie.robinson@wvlegion.org, (304) 582-3210; or Administrator Randall Kocsis @ randall.kocsis@wvlegion.org, (304) 672-9991. You may also contact us through the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website at <http://wvboysstate.org>.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special dietary needs, please address those needs with the American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667 or through their website <http://wvlegion.org> prior to camp.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE STAFF

The staff of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is comprised of over 75 highly motivated and qualified individuals who work with one goal in mind: To make your week at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State one of the most rewarding, educational, and worthwhile experiences of your life. The staff is drawn from the ranks of the American Legion, West Virginia State Police, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section, other Agencies of West Virginia Government, United States Military Services, professional career fields, the American Legion State Headquarters staff and former ALMBS Citizens who distinguished themselves during their participation in the program. All staff members are volunteers and receive no financial compensation for their participation. The staff is always available to assist you should a question or problem arise.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE WEBSITE

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has a website that can be accessed at <http://wvboysstate.org>. All information and any updates contained in this packet can be located directly at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. The website will be updated daily with information about the Citizens' activities, including: election results, daily newspaper, pictures, assemblies, speakers, etc. There will also be live video feeds of major events during the camp, check our website daily for a list of scheduled events that can be streamed. ALMBS maintains a web presence through the following mechanism: Twitter (<http://t.wvboysstate.org>), Facebook (<http://f.wvboysstate.org>), YouTube (<http://y.wvboysstate.org>), and Zenfolio (<http://p.wvboysstate.org>). Please check us out and subscribe to the social media system for which you are a member.

ORIENTATION SESSIONS

Review the enclosed Orientation Schedule and locate an Orientation Session that you can attend. You and your parents are requested to attend an Orientation Session. School officials, sponsoring organizations, and alternates are welcome and encouraged to attend an Orientation Session as well.

The purpose of the Orientation is to acquaint you and your parents with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program. The Orientation Session will last approximately 90 minutes. You will meet others who will be attending ALMBS and will have an opportunity to ask questions about the program. **Please bring this information packet with you to the Orientation Session.**

PROPOSED LEGISLATION

You are requested to draft and bring with you a piece or pieces of proposed legislation using the enclosed "Proposed Legislation Form". This should be on any issue that you feel is relevant to the State of West Virginia. Generally, proposed legislation is a law, rule, regulation, policy, etc. that you would like to see enacted in West Virginia. Write out your idea(s) and what you want accomplished. You do not need to worry about proper legislative form. Your proposed legislation will be given to the ALMBS Legislature for their consideration. Legislation passed at ALMBS will be forwarded to the West Virginia Legislature for review and consideration.



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You will find enclosed the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Pledge. You and your parents are asked to review its contents, sign it, and bring it with you to registration on Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

PERSONAL COSTS

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Order Form provides you with a detailed listing of the items for which you may incur a personal expense. The order form should be completed and brought with you to registration. Please make checks payable to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

The following items can be purchased at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State:

- **ALMBS T-SHIRT** - The Citizens of ALMBS are required to wear the T-Shirt throughout the entire week as part of the official uniform for the camp. Each boy receives one (1) shirt upon registration. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 each. It is recommended that at least two additional shirts be purchased. Laundry of the ALMBS shirts is completed throughout the week.
- **ALMBS PHOTO PACK** – The ALMBS Photo Pack will contain one (1) 8x10 Cabin Photo, and one (1) 8x10 Camp Photo. The cost for the ALMBS Photo Pack is \$20.00.
- **ALMBS COMMEMORATIVE COIN** – The cost per coin is \$10 and can be obtained during registration or prior to the Formal Review on Wednesday.
- **PIZZA** - There is an organized pizza party Friday evening. The cost per boy to participate is \$3.00. Participation is not required.
- **DONATIONS** – ALMBS operates solely on donations to sponsor boys. The current cost per boy that is paid by sponsors is \$250.00. If you are interested in making a donation to help the program, you may do so. This is not a requirement for you to attend ALMBS. Any donations made are 100% tax deductible and can be made in any denomination.

Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines and a snack store is operational; no more than \$20 should be brought for this expense.

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE AND AFFIDAVIT OF CONSENT AND PERMISSION

Have the Medical Certificate completed. Bring the Medical Certificate and notarized Affidavit of Consent and Permission and information packet with you to the camp Registration/Check-In.

Every precaution is taken to avoid accidents at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Participants who do not already have group accident-sickness medical insurance coverage are insured under a group policy that has been obtained by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, Inc. This policy is excess coverage to any other valid and collectible group insurance plan (this exclusion does not apply to individual accident and sickness policies). Should an unforeseen need arise for this insurance program, more detailed information will be sent directly to you at that time by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, Inc. A copy of the policy is available for review upon request from the Director.



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Most years the program is fortunate to have a licensed Medical Doctor and a Registered Nurse on staff to assist with any medical issues, as well as, Paramedic(s) and Emergency Medical Technician(s). Additionally, on the Saturday before ALMBS begins, the ALMBS Staff is trained in Adult Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (C. P. R.) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) operation, basic first aid procedures, recognition of an emergency (medical or otherwise) and the Emergency Notification and Response Plan that is utilized at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Finally, Certified Life Guards staff the swimming pool during all hours of its operation.

SUMMER FOODS HOUSEHOLD APPLICATION

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program is enrolled in the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Summer Food program administered through the West Virginia Department of Agriculture. This program allows us to provide wholesome, home cooked, locally grown foods for many of the meals throughout the week. The way we are able to provide the enhanced food is through a grant provided by the USDA for summer camps. One requirement of this grant is the collection of a "Summer Foods Application" from each parent (enclosed). Please complete the form and bring it with you to registration on Sunday between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a direct descendant (e.g. child, grandchild, great grandchild, stepchild) of a US wartime veteran and participate in the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Program, then you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. All applications must be submitted using the online application system at <http://samsung.wvboysstate.org> prior to arriving at ALMBS.

If eligible, complete the application online, upload the required Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty and submit your application online prior to your arrival at camp. This is the only year that you can apply for this scholarship, so make sure that you apply if you're eligible. Extra points are awarded towards your application for American Legion Family membership. If you are a member or have recently joined, you will need to upload a copy of your membership card or your receipt from joining when you are completing your application. **Applications MUST be submitted online prior to your arrival at ALMBS.**

If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, you may contact the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance Cabinet Secretary, Dennis Davis, at (304) 558-3661 or through your local Field Office (locations can be found by visiting <https://veterans.wv.gov>). They may not have copies of every DD-214, but they may be able to tell you how to get a copy.



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COLLEGE CREDIT

To enhance your Boys State Leadership Academy experience, West Virginia University has partnered with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State to offer you an exciting opportunity. By being selected and attending Boys State, you are eligible to enroll in a course designed specifically with you in mind. By enrolling in Leadership In Action before attending ALMBS, you will be exposed to the theory and application of leadership. This course is designed to help you develop a better understanding of your role as a community leader and start your journey in to higher education. This course will be considered an elective credit at WVU. WVU holds regional and many specialized accreditations. Thus, credits can transfer to a majority of colleges and universities nationwide. The cost for this opportunity is \$150.00 and is payable directly to West Virginia University.

SRVL 293 is designed as an introduction to community-based leadership. The purpose of this course is to provide Mountaineer Boys State Citizens with the tools to develop their purpose, practice civic leadership skills, and apply the knowledge to their local communities. To accomplish this task, we have divided the course in to 3 parts. Part I provides an academic background in academic community engagement, which is presented to students via journal article assignments and project-based research. This section will also include 10 hours of direct community service. Part 2 is the hands-on activities that occur during your week at camp. Through hands on learning each student in the class will reflect on camp projects with instructors. Part 3 is the application of the knowledge learned to benefit a community agency. The student will be assigned a community nonprofit to complete a direct or indirect service project (10 hours of service). At this juncture students should be able to critically achieve the intellectual integration and awareness needed to adapt to changes and challenges in their personal, social, and professional lives giving them the ability to be thoughtful leaders in a democratic society.

The course is a 2 credit hour course and runs for three weeks - June 4th – June 22nd. To take advantage of this opportunity, **YOU MUST APPLY AND BE ADMITTED TO THE WEST VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM by May 18, 2018.** <https://www.access.wvu.edu/apply> You must complete the online application for admission to the High School Access Early College Program, AND you must complete the Enrollment Authorization Form. Both steps can be started/completed at the web address above. If you have questions about the application process or experience difficulty in the process, please contact WVU by phone at (304) 293-9420 or by e-mail at accessWVU@mail.wvu.edu.

TRANSPORTATION

All transportation to and from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State ***must*** be furnished by parent(s) or sponsor(s). The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Board of Directors voted to ban automobiles being driven to camp by Citizens. ALMBS is a very intense program and the Board made this decision out of concern for the safety and well being of the Citizens on their drive home.

You should arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. Early arrival is recommended. The Graduation Ceremony will begin on Saturday morning promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m. **For safety purposes, Citizens are prohibited from bringing their own vehicle to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.**



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Traveling South on I79: Taking Exit 105, turn right toward Jane Lew, and travel approximately 1/2 mile to the intersection of Route 19. Turn left and follow Route 19 South for approximately 7 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn right onto Jackson's Mill Road and go approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling North on I79: Using Exit 99, turn left toward Weston, onto Route 33 West and travel approximately 2 miles. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling West on Route 33: Continue straight on Route 33 under the Interstate 79 interchange. At the fourth traffic light (approximately 2 miles), turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling East on Route 33: Take Route 33 into Weston, and then follow signs for Route 19 North. After approximately 4 miles, (the Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark), turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

LOCATION

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is held at WVU Jackson's Mill near Weston, West Virginia. This facility is nestled in the most beautiful hills of West Virginia and offers every comfort and recreational facility of a modern camp. The native stone Mount Vernon Dining Hall, 14 spacious and healthful county cottages, a tennis court, softball fields, volley ball courts, swimming pool, and other facilities make WVU Jackson's Mill an ideal home for the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. ALMBS has been held at WVU Jackson's Mill since the beginning of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program in 1936.

You will be randomly assigned to one of fourteen (14) cottages. The cottages range in size from the smallest (Barbour) which houses approximately fourteen (14) Citizens to the largest (Panhandle) which houses approximately fifty-five (55) Citizens. Each cottage will be managed by a Senior Counselor and one (1) to three (3) additional Counselors, depending upon the cottage's size. You will be assigned a bed, mattress, pillow, bed sheets, pillowcase, and blanket. You will be provided instruction on the proper way to maintain your living quarters and a daily inspection of the cottages will be conducted by an Inspection Staff.

Citizens are permitted to bring cellular/smart telephones, and other electronic communication devices; however, these private communication devices are to be used during scheduled free time. The use of these private communication devices at any other time, to include after "lights out" can be disruptive and will be confiscated if used at any time other than scheduled free time. An attendee's parents will be notified if it becomes necessary to confiscate a private communication device and all confiscated communication devices will be returned at the conclusion of the camp. You will be provided three meals daily in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, and you may eat as much as you like. There is a Gift Souvenir Shop and vending machines located on the grounds.



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REGISTRATION

Registration/Check-In for the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will promptly begin at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2018, at the Assembly Hall, WVU Jackson's Mill. Registration/Check-In will close by 10:30 a.m. and ALMBS will be operational at that time. Early arrival is recommended. **The following items must be brought with you to Registration/Check-in: Proposed Legislation Form, Order Form, ALMBS Pledge, Medical Certificate, notarized Affidavit of Consent and Permission, and Summer Foods Household Application.** During Registration/Check-In, you will be issued the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Manual and one (1) American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-shirt. Additional ALMBS T-shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 each. It is recommended you purchase at least two (2) additional T-shirts at the time of Registration/Check-In. Additional T-shirts will be available for purchase throughout the week. The official ALMBS Citizen uniform consists of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-shirt and suitable pants. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-shirts will be worn at all times. The ALMBS T-shirts will be washed by staff members one time midway through the week. The wearing of caps/hats or other head cover (except for religious purposes) is prohibited at all times except during athletics. It is recommended that you eat breakfast prior to Registration/Check-In. Numerous restaurants are located in and near Weston, West Virginia. Your first meal will be the afternoon meal on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

WHAT TO BRING

The following items must be brought with you to Registration/Check-In: Proposed Legislation Form, Order Form, ALMBS Pledge, Medical Certificate, notarized Affidavit of Consent and Permission, and Summer Foods Household Application. You should bring one travel bag with a week's supply of underclothing, sleepwear, comfortable and respectable pants (to include long and short), **one pair of navy blue shorts**, comfortable socks and shoes (at least one pair preferably dark) such as athletic shoes, shaving and toilet articles, face and bath towels, soap, one light jacket or sweater, rain gear (poncho), swimming trunks, sun screen, insect repellent, a notebook, at least two No. 2 pencils, **musical instruments**, fan, portable radio, flashlight, camera, snacks, sleeping bag. You may also bring a pair of house slippers, baseball/softball gloves, athletic shoes, tennis racket and tennis balls, etc. **If you are a member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), please bring your Uniform Cover with you to ALMBS. All personal equipment should be marked with your name or identifying mark.** The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is not responsible for personal items and it is recommended that all of your items be marked with your name and contact information.

If you are elected to a state office (Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Supreme Court Justice, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate) or if you are appointed State Superintendent of Schools, you will be required to wear a dress suit during the Inauguration, Formal Review, and Evening Assembly on Wednesday. Those not elected to a state office will be required to wear the ALMBS T-shirt and navy blue shorts during the Formal Review and Evening Assembly on Wednesday Evening. If you are a member of the SAL you will be permitted to wear your Uniform Cover for the Formal Review and Evening Assembly.

It is recommended that **no more than \$75.00 in spending money be brought** for optional expenses. Pizza and refreshments will be ordered on Friday evening. Souvenirs, postage stamps, etc. are available for purchase in the



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Gift Shop. Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines and a snack store is operational. Please review, complete and bring the enclosed Order Form with a method of payment to registration.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Do not bring campaign literature, cards, signs, pins, hats, or other objects that can be used for soliciting votes. Items used to prepare campaign materials are not permitted. These would include markers, paper, poster board, etc. The use of these items will result in your immediate disqualification from the office you are seeking. Campaign materials will be available for purchase (with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State currency). This allows each Citizen to start on an equal basis.

Do not bring illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, any type of weapon, fireworks, or pornographic material. Possession of these items is strictly prohibited. Violators will be immediately dismissed from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State and may be subject to arrest. Additionally, a dismissed Citizen's High School Principal and sponsoring American Legion Post will be notified of the dismissal and the reason for it.

Do not bring laptops, netbooks, iPads, portable DVD players or other expensive electronic equipment. These devices are not necessary for your stay at the program and have generally proven to be disruptive during the camp. Each cabin is equipped with a laptop computer for use of the citizens while at the program.

Do not bring anything that is extremely valuable. All personal items are your responsibility and should be labeled with your name and contact information.

VISITORS

Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) are welcome to visit you at any time during the week. The preferred time is 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Individuals (Guests), other than your Parent(s)/Guardian(s), are permitted so long as your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) accompanies them. On Wednesday evening, at 6:30 p.m., the Formal Review will be held. The Formal Review will be followed by the Evening Assembly which will be held in the Multipurpose Arena; which is located adjacent to Louis Bennett Field (the airstrip). This would be the best time for your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Guests to visit you during the week. You will be permitted to visit with them, for approximately thirty (30) minutes after the Evening Assembly.

Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Guests are strongly encouraged to attend the Formal Review. It will begin promptly on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. GUESTS SHOULD PLAN ON ARRIVING NO LATER THAN 6:00 PM in order to allow time for parking and to assemble in front of the Multipurpose Arena; which is located adjacent to Louis Bennett Field (the airstrip). **When traveling to the Formal Review, your Guests should drive past the entrances to the main grounds of Jacksons Mill and take the first road to the left past the Jackson Cemetery. ALL VEHICLES TRANSPORTING GUESTS TO THE FORMAL REVIEW MUST BE PARKED ADJACENT TO THE MULTIPURPOSE ARENA WHICH IS LOCATED IN THE AIRSTRIP AREA OF THE JACKSON'S MILL PROPERTY.** Staff members will be present to assist in directing arriving vehicles to the Parking Area.

It is also recommended that your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Guests bring lawn chairs and cold bottled water. Small coolers are permitted during the Formal Review and Evening Assembly. After the Formal Review, the Evening



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Assembly will be held in the Multipurpose Arena. This assembly will last approximately one (1) hour. If your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Guests are a member of any of the American Legion Family organizations, it is requested that they wear their Uniform Cover for the Formal Review and Evening Assembly. All visitors, other than those attending the Wednesday activities (Formal Review and Evening Assembly), must report to General Headquarters in the Dorsey Center to sign in.

Your Parent(s)/Guardian(s) and Guests are also encouraged to attend the Graduation Ceremony that will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Exhibition Hall (Livestock Unit); which is located past the Main Pavilion near the Pool on the upper end of the grounds. This ceremony will end by 11:00 a.m.

DEVOTIONS

Non-denominational devotion services, under the guidance of staff members, are held nightly at the Chapel. Citizens who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. Citizens may volunteer to lead these services.

A MODEL STATE

A real state with all the subdivisions of government is placed in operation by the Citizens under capable leadership. This fifty-first State of the Union is headed by the elected Citizens' Governor. Officials (state, county, and municipal) are elected through primary and general elections. Every function of government is in operation throughout the week. This includes courts, law enforcement, boards of education, other governmental units, a newspaper, and a bank.

ALMBS has its own House of Delegates and State Senate. The West Virginia State Code is followed with such additional measures as the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Legislature adopts.

Each Citizen participates in this serious, but fascinating, leadership academy. **You will have a job.** There is no public assistance at the ALMBS. You will be paid a salary (in ALMBS currency) based upon the job(s) you perform. **Begin planning now regarding the type of job you want to pursue at ALMBS.** You may run for elected office(s) at the state, county, and/or city level. You may pursue employment with the ALMBS Journalism Department or the ALMBS Bank. You can pursue employment opportunities in Law Enforcement at the state, county, or city levels (ALMBS State Police, DNR Police Officer, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Chief of Police). You may also pursue a career as an Attorney, providing you pass the ALMBS Bar Exam. As an Attorney, you will represent clients in hearings, trials, and other legal matters. Employment opportunities also exist in the ALMBS Department of Homeland Security/National Guard and in Emergency Services at the county level. **Please review the enclosed American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Job List to see all of the available jobs at ALMBS. You will have one of the "Full Time" jobs by Wednesday morning so it is recommended you pursue a job that interests you.**

You will learn that the orderly process of law is indispensable and that the preservation of our institutions and our freedoms is the duty of every Citizen.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE POLITICAL PROCESS

Numerous opportunities exist for you to run for political office at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. You will be provided specific instruction on how to run for the various offices upon your arrival at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

You are encouraged to run for at least one office. At the state level, you may run for Governor, Auditor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Justice of the Supreme Court. You may only run for one state office. At the county level, you may run for Sheriff, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Assessor, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, State Senator, House of Delegates, Magistrate, Circuit Judge, or Board of Education member. At the city level, you may run for Mayor or City Council member. **A Citizen shall be permitted to run for election for only one office at each level (State, County and City). A Citizen can hold only one elected office.**

*All candidates for State Office will be given an opportunity to address all the Citizens of their respective political party at the party caucus on Monday afternoon - prior to the primary election. **This is a critical phase in the state election process that often has a significant impact on the results of the state primary election.** State office candidates will be given approximately one (1) minute to provide their address. They are encouraged to give significant thought to their address's content and delivery.*

You must pass the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bar Exam in order to be eligible to hold the offices of Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Judge, and the position of Attorney.



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CAMPAIGN GUIDELINES

In order to assure fair and honest campaigns at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, the following guidelines will be observed by all candidates:

- No campaign materials can be brought from home. This is to ensure that all Citizens start out on an equal footing and develop a campaign of his own effort and initiative.
- Campaign materials may be purchased on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday afternoons/evenings at Headquarters. The cost of campaign materials are paid from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State currency or campaign contributions (ALMBS Currency collected from other Citizens).
- Personal Computers and word processors are not permitted to be used by candidates for the ALMBS Offices.
- Campaigning and posting of campaign materials is not permitted inside Mount Vernon Dining Hall.
- No campaign signs are to be affixed to a point that is higher than one can reach standing on a chair. Additionally, no campaign signs are to be affixed to any lamppost, fire equipment, exit signs, automobiles, or stairwells.
- The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State asks for the use of common sense in any candidate's campaign. All campaign signs should be in good taste, free from obscene language, and suggestive or lewd designs.
- The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State also asks each candidate to be responsible. After elections are over, each candidate is required to remove his campaign signs and dispose of them in a proper manner.
- All nicknames must be approved by the ALMBS Political Process Coordinator. No obscene/off-color nicknames will be tolerated.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE LEGAL SYSTEM

Study the "Law Lecture" prior to ALMBS. **ALL Citizens are required to take the ALMBS Bar Exam after the noon meal on Sunday.** A thorough study of the "Law Lecture" is recommended to enhance your possibility of receiving a passing score on that examination. The ALMBS "Law Lecture" can be found on the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates a fully functioning legal system and is chaired by members of the staff who, by profession, are Attorneys, Judges, and Administrative Staff Personnel within West Virginia Courts. Each American Legion Mountaineer Boys State county will prepare and present a court trial that will be reviewed and evaluated by visiting Attorneys from the Harrison County Bar Association. The ALMBS Courts hear a variety of cases that involve the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State laws.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE JOURNALISM STAFF

At ALMBS, a daily newspaper and nightly news broadcast are produced to keep citizens informed about daily events and upcoming schedules. A General Manager oversees both productions. The newspaper staff is comprised of a newspaper editor, reporters, photographer, and graphic design editor; while the news broadcast will have a manager, reporters and cameramen. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be



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available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening, if necessary.

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE BANK

One of the most important educational and functional segments of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program is the ALMBS Bank. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bank gives each Citizen an opportunity to learn personal financial management and responsibilities. Several positions including President, Vice President, Accountant(s), and Teller(s) are available for those interested in learning about banking institutions. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening, if necessary.

Upon arriving at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, each Citizen is given a checking account with \$1,000.00 in ALMBS currency. From that account, the Citizen pays a variety of taxes, license fees, registration fees, and other costs related to maintaining a household and employment within a city, county, and state. In addition, Citizens pay taxes on their real property (bed). Each Citizen will make deposits and withdrawals in his account by earning monies through a position of employment within the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Citizens will also be given a Savings Account. Monies earned through participation in activities such as athletics, band/choir practice, and training sessions in the Bank, Journalism, National Guard/Homeland Security, Law Enforcement and Emergency Services programs will be deposited into a Citizen's Savings Account. A Citizen will be able to transfer monies from his Savings Account to his Checking Account but will not be able to transfer monies from his Checking Account into his Savings Account. Incentives exist for Citizens who have the highest balances in their Savings Accounts at the end of the week.

There is no unemployment or public assistance within the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Each Citizen must find some form of employment, through Elective Office, Appointive Office, the Journalism program, the Bank, as an Attorney, or through the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bureau of Employment Services. Wages paid in any ALMBS position are dictated either by West Virginia law or the budgetary action of the ALMBS employers. Non-governmental ALMBS Attorneys will be paid a flat \$150.00 an hour for their services.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates a functioning Division of Public Safety (State Police) and a Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement Section (DNR Police Officers) which are chaired by West Virginia State DNR Police Officers and State Troopers who are assigned to ALMBS. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State DNR Police Officers and State Troopers attend a Police Academy during the week and perform many law enforcement responsibilities within the program. A minimum of one Citizen from each county is selected to be in the State Police and most counties have one Citizen who is a DNR Police Officer. The ALMBS DNR Police Officers and State Police may be selected to participate in flag-raising and lowering, command functions during the Formal Review, and other duties. Participation in the ALMBS DNR Law Enforcement Section and State Police is a demanding endeavor and it is recommended that only Citizens, who are strongly interested in Law Enforcement careers and plan to involve themselves in few of the other opportunities at ALMBS, pursue



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these occupations. These occupations involve a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as scheduled free time. Those interested in pursuing a law enforcement career are encouraged to bring a flashlight, 8½ x 11" notebook, rain gear, and camouflage clothing/outerwear. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening; if necessary.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE NATIONAL GUARD/HOMELAND SECURITY

There exists at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State a functioning National Guard/Homeland security component. The mission of this component is to successfully mobilize and deploy soldiers, units and resources as necessary to meet missions and to add value to the ALMBS. The ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component exists to play a key role during floods, fires, and other disasters and is involved in helping during natural and manmade disasters and civil emergencies. This component will work closely with ALMBS Law Enforcement section and will receive some of the same training. Members of the ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component may be selected to participate in flag-raising and lowering functions as well as command responsibilities during the formal review. Approximately ten (10) individuals will be selected from the Applicants to be in the National Guard/Homeland Security component. Those individuals will receive specialized training throughout Sunday evening - Wednesday in preparation for their duties. Additionally, the applicants selected for the National Guard/Homeland Security component, on Sunday evening, will receive a \$1,000.00 signing bonus in ALMBS currency. Based upon the recommendation of the staff advisor(s) to this program, one of the Applicants, upon successful completion of training, will be appointed by the elected ALMBS Governor to be the Adjutant General. This career path, like the Law Enforcement career path involves a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as free time. Approximately five (5) to ten (10) individuals, from the ALMBS unemployment rolls, may be assigned to the ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component on Wednesday morning as "enlisted" individuals. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening, if necessary.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates a functioning Fire Department, 9-1-1 dispatch center, and Emergency Medical Services station throughout the week. These departments are overseen and operated by the County Emergency Services Director(s). These brave young men will participate in an Emergency Services Academy which will encompass aspects of county based Emergency Medical, Firefighting, and 9-1-1 communications training. (Please note: No citizen will be asked to participate in any form of danger or dangerous environment.) After participating in the academy, citizens will take on responsibilities throughout the week to ensure safety of their fellow citizens and respond to/participate in various scenarios that will show them how the workings of government bodies directly affect the emergency services in the state. A minimum of one citizen from



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each county or combined county is selected to join the ranks of this program. Participation in the ALMBS Emergency Services is a demanding endeavor and it is recommended that only citizens who are strongly interested in careers such as: Firefighters, 9-1-1 Dispatchers, Emergency Medical Technicians, Paramedics, and or County Emergency Service Directors, plan to involve themselves in this program. These occupations involve a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as scheduled free time. Those wishing to pursue this career path are encouraged to bring a flashlight, and notebook. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought along when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening if necessary.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE DIVISION OF CORRECTIONS

The American Legion Division of Corrections (DOC) is responsible for establishing and operating The Mountaineer Boys State Jail and Prison; under the strict supervision of Staff Advisors. The DOC is comprised of up to thirteen (13) Corrections Officers who receive training in a Corrections Academy. The Corrections career path involves a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as scheduled free time. The Commissioner of the DOC is appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate, from the ranks of the Corrections Officers. Applications for the position of Corrections Officer will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Applications may also be available at <http://packet.wvboysstate.org>. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening if necessary.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE BAND

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State traditionally has an excellent band. The band plays for assemblies, flag raising, Formal Review, political rallies, and other events. **BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!** Citizens who participate in the band will have plenty of time to participate in other activities and will receive compensation (in ALMBS currency) for each of their performances. There are some items you will want to bring such as a flip folder, lyre, reeds, valve oil, etc. If you have a music stand, you may also want to bring it. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State does not own any instruments, so please be sure to bring your own, especially tuba players. We encourage all wind players to participate, especially horns, baritones, trombones, trumpets, saxes, clarinets, and flutes. Percussionists need to bring snares and tenors. We normally borrow one bass drum and set of cymbals, but feel free to bring them if you can. **Guitars, dulcimers, banjos, harmonicas, and any other types of instruments are also welcome.** Guitar players are reminded to bring your amp. Each night, when time permits, an informal gathering of musicians is permitted to occur. This allows those interested to showcase their talents. Additionally, a talent show will be held on Friday evening and musicians may want to participate. If you are interested in participating in the ALMBS Band, please visit <http://packet.wvboysstate.org> and practice the provided music prior to your arrival.



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THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

The National Headquarters of the American Legion conducts a program called the American Legion Boys Nation, which is held in Washington, DC. This program picks up the instructional process on government where respective American Legion Boys State programs leave off. Through hands on participation, young men learn about the Federal Government and its process. The American Legion Boys Nation delegates meet with legislators from both Houses of Congress, Administration Officials, and usually have an opportunity to meet the President of the United States. Delegates will tour many historic sites in and around Washington, DC and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

The American Legion Boys Nation follows the national political process and culminates its program with the election of the President of the Boys Nation Senate. The American Legion Boys Nation is conducted at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia. Two (2) ALMBS Citizens will be selected to represent West Virginia at Boys Nation. **This is the highest honor bestowed upon a Citizen of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.** Only those American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Citizens who are elected to a state office, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and each political party chairman, are eligible for selection to attend American Legion Boys Nation. In extremely rare circumstances, the American Legion Boys Nation selection committee will consider a Citizen for American Legion Boys Nation who did not obtain one of the above offices, but who has excelled in all aspects of the program. The American Legion National Headquarters pays for the transportation, housing, and meal costs of all delegates to the American Legion Boys Nation. Alternates will be selected in the event a principal delegate is unable to attend.



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COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

These questions and many others will be covered at the Sunday Evening Assembly by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Staff. If you have any questions at any time, ask your Counselors.

- **CAN I BE A PARTY CHAIRMAN AND RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE?** Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city).
- **CAN I RUN FOR A CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME?** Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city). A Citizen can hold only one elected office.
- **DOES PLAYING IN THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE BAND KEEP ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE POLITICAL PROCESS?** No. Playing in the band is an added benefit. As a band member, you can take part in all aspects of the political process and you also receive compensation (ALMBS currency) for each performance.
- **HOW DO I FINANCE MY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN?** Political campaigns are financed with your personal funds (ALMBS currency) and by obtaining campaign contributions (ALMBS currency) from other Citizens.
- **AS A VOTER, HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN?** You are limited to contributing \$50.00 per office to any candidate.
- **DO CANDIDATES HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR CAMPAIGN MONIES?** Yes. Any winning or losing candidate must file a Campaign Contribution and Expense form with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Secretary of State.

A FEW DO'S AND DON'TS

- **DO.....**Extend yourself to the fullest within the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.
- **DON'T.....**Think you can't do something without trying first.
- **DO.....**Come to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State with an open mind and a willingness to become involved.
- **DON'T.....**Think you are coming to a recreation camp.
- **DO.....**Come to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State with enthusiasm and a willingness to show pride in your country by paying proper respect to the flag.
- **DON'T.....**Hesitate to keep your local American Legion Post and sponsor informed of what you are doing. They are proud to have you represent them.
- **DO.....**Be proud of being selected to attend the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. It is an honor afforded only to a special group of young men each year.



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JOBS LIST

Upon arrival at ALMBS, you will be encouraged to pursue one or more of the available career paths. The career paths are Political, Legal, Law Enforcement, Banking, Journalism (newspaper/broadcast) National Guard/Homeland Security, Corrections, and Emergency Services. The jobs listed below are a complete list of all jobs available at ALMBS. The salary reflected will be paid in Boys State money and the pay period will be one month. You are highly encouraged to pursue a career path or paths that interests you. If you are not successful in securing a job by the end of Tuesday night, your name will be provided to the Unemployment Office advisor and you will be assigned to a job. You will have one of the full time jobs listed below, by Wednesday morning.

| Elected Positions..... | Salary |
|--|---------|
| Governor..... | 150,000 |
| Secretary of State..... | 95,000 |
| Auditor..... | 95,000 |
| Treasurer..... | 95,000 |
| *Attorney General..... | 95,000 |
| Commissioner of Agriculture..... | 95,000 |
| *Supreme Court Justices (5)..... | 136,000 |
| *Circuit Judges (10)..... | 126,000 |
| State Senators (20)..... | 60,000 |
| House of Delegates (1 for every 7)..... | 60,000 |
| Magistrates (10)..... | 60,000 |
| Sheriffs (10)..... | 60,000 |
| *Prosecuting Attorneys (10)..... | 70,000 |
| Circuit Clerks (10)..... | 50,000 |
| County Clerks (10)..... | 50,000 |
| Assessors (10)..... | 50,000 |
| County Commissioners (30)..... | 47,500 |
| Mayors (10)..... | 47,500 |
| City Council Members (30)..... | 35,000 |
| County Board of Education..... | 30,000 |
| Federalist Party Chairman..... | 75,000 |
| Nationalist Party Chairman..... | 75,000 |
| Appointed Positions..... | Salary |
| Cabinet Secretaries (1 each) | |
| Department of Environmental Protection Secretary..... | 75,000 |
| Education & Arts..... | 75,000 |
| Governor's Cabinet Secretary..... | 75,000 |
| State Superintendent of Schools..... | 200,000 |
| Educational Broadcasting Director..... | 70,000 |
| State Fire Marshal..... | 70,000 |
| State Police Superintendent..... | 70,000 |
| Lottery Director..... | 70,000 |
| Highways/Public Works Commissioner..... | 70,000 |
| Motor Vehicle Director..... | 70,000 |
| Natural Resources Director..... | 70,000 |
| Natural Resources Law Enforcement Chief..... | 68,500 |
| Employment Services Director..... | 70,000 |
| Supreme Court Clerk..... | 50,000 |
| Supreme Court Crier..... | 47,500 |
| Governor's Chief of Staff..... | 65,000 |
| House Clerk..... | 32,500 |
| Senate Clerk..... | 32,500 |
| House Sergeant at Arms..... | 30,000 |
| Senate Sergeant at Arms..... | 30,000 |
| House Door Keeper..... | 28,000 |
| Senate Door Keeper..... | 28,000 |
| Police Chief (10)..... | 30,000 |

| Early (Sunday) Application Positions | Salary |
|--|-----------------|
| State Police (20)..... | 45,000 |
| Natural Resources Police Officers (14)..... | 42,250 |
| National Guard/Homeland Security | |
| Adjutant General..... | 70,000 |
| Colonel..... | 60,000 |
| Lieutenant..... | 50,000 |
| Sergeant..... | 40,000 |
| Private First Class (approximately 9)..... | 27,500 |
| County Emergency Services Directors/Fire Chiefs (10)..... | 47,500 |
| Journalism Staff (13) | |
| General Manager..... | 70,000 |
| Newspaper Editor..... | 50,000 |
| Broadcast Manager (1-2)..... | 50,000 |
| Staff Reporters (3 full time)..... | 35,000 |
| Photographer..... | 30,000 |
| Cameraman (2)..... | 30,000 |
| Graphic Design Editor..... | 25,000 |
| Bank Staff (7) | |
| President..... | 100,000 |
| Vice-President..... | 80,000 |
| Loan Officer..... | 50,000 |
| Staff (3 full time)..... | 27,500 |
| Staff (13 part time)..... | 12,500 |
| Other Full-Time Positions..... | Salary |
| Corrections Officers..... | 28,500 |
| Department of Highways/Public Works Laborers..... | 20,000 |
| Bureau of Employment Services Laborer(s)..... | 22,500 |
| Department of Environmental Protection Laborer(s)..... | 20,000 |
| Division of Motor Vehicles Laborers..... | 20,000 |
| Lottery Department Laborer(s)..... | 20,000 |
| Division of Natural Resources Laborer(s)..... | 20,000 |
| National Guard Private (as needed)..... | 20,000 |
| Part-Time Positions – may be held in conjunction with a full time position | |
| Sheriff Deputies (20)..... | 12,500 |
| Circuit Clerk Deputies (10)..... | 12,500 |
| County Clerk Deputies (10)..... | 12,500 |
| Assessor Deputies (10)..... | 12,500 |
| Magistrate Clerks (10)..... | 12,500 |
| *Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys (10)..... | 12,500 |
| Court Reporters (10)..... | 25,000 |
| Coroner (10)..... | 10,000 |
| *Defense Attorneys (10)..... | 5,000/case |
| Reporters (part time, 1 per cottage)..... | 500/piece |
| Athletic Directors (10)..... | 2500 |
| Band Member..... | 500/performance |
| Choir Member..... | 500/performance |
| Athlete..... | 500/event |
| * indicates a position that requires a passing score on the Bar Exam | |