



THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE WEST VIRGINIA'S PREMIER LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

March 15, 2021

Friends of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State,

It is with great disappointment we write to inform you that The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) has been cancelled for 2021, in accordance with the consensus decision of The American Legion Department of West Virginia Mountaineer Boys State Board of Directors.

Meanwhile, The American Legion Boys Nation, The American Legion Auxiliary Rhododendron Girls State, and The American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation are all committed to holding their programs, even if it is in a virtual capacity.

Since 1936, The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been West Virginia's Premier Leadership Academy, and this is officially the 4th time in its history that the program has been cancelled. This would have been the 83rd ALMBS. The ALMBS staff stands ready to provide an in-person camp when it is SAFE for our staff and participants. It is anticipated that the 2022 session of ALMBS will be held at WVU Jackson's Mill from June 12-18, 2022.

Throughout West Virginia, educators are working diligently to continue to engage students through unplanned and unprecedented distance learning opportunities. We salute ALL West Virginia teachers, guidance counselors, and administrators who have stepped up and continue educating our youth throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

We would like to extend a very heartfelt thank you to all the school personnel, American Legion comrades, Sons of The American Legion volunteers, sponsors, and our ALMBS staff and family for all their efforts put forth towards the potential for a 2021 program. ALMBS is truly blessed with your support and we look forward to working with you as we begin planning for the 2022 session.

We appreciate all our volunteers, alumni, veterans, and sponsors and encourage you to continue to remain safe and follow the guidance of your local health officials. If you have immediate questions that need to be answered, please contact us via email at almbs@wvboysstate.org. We will respond as quickly as possible.

Sincerely,
David "Robbie" Robinson, Director
Matthew Sampson, Assistant Director