

THE MOUNTAINEER

American Legion Boys State

By: The American Legion Department of West Virginia

American Legion Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, educational programs of assemblies, bands, choruses and government instruction for U.S. recreational programs.

high school students. It is a participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. American Legion Boys State was founded in 1935 to counter the socialism-inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first American Legion Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield.

American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a separate but similar program for young women called American Legion Auxiliary Girls State.

At American Legion Boys State, participants learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of franchised citizens. The training is objective and centers on the structure of city, county and state governments. Operated by students elected to various offices, American Legion Boys

American Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. In most cases, a sponsoring post, local business, community-based organization, or individual pays the Citizen's sponsorship to the program.

American Legion Boys State programs currently exist in all American Legion Departments except Hawaii. As separate corporations, American Legion Boys State programs vary in content and method of procedure, but each adheres to the same basic concept: teaching government from the township to the state level.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program is the second oldest in the nation and began in 1936. It is the only program to still be held where it was founded. The Boys State Board of Directors, in recognition of the exigencies of the war years, cancelled the program for the years 1943 and 1945.

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#ALMBS

A Week That Shapes a Lifetime!

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Why Do We March?

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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 eighty-three year history.

Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week visit us. 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 and prepares us for the Formal Review to honor the newly elected state officials and our Veterans on Wednesday.

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Title 4 U.S. Code § 4

“I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.”

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America should be rendered by standing at attention facing the flag with the right hand over the heart.

When not in uniform men should remove any non-religious headress with their right hand and hold it at the left shoulder, the hand being over the heart.

Persons in uniform should remain silent, face the flag, and render the military salute.

Members of the Armed Forces not in uniform and veterans may render the military salute in the manner provided for persons in uniform.

POW/MIA Society

www.pow-miafamilies.org/

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.

The League's sole purpose is to obtain the release of all prisoners, the fullest possible accounting for the missing and repatriation of all recoverable remains of those who died serving our nation.



What is Taps & When Is It Used?

Taps is now played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag and to signal the “lights out” command at day’s end.

Throughout the week of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State you will hear *Taps* sounded numerous times throughout the day. When heard, it is appropriate for you to stand in place and surrender a proper salute.

Words to Taps

Day is done, Gone the sun,
From the lakes, From the hills, From the sky,
All is well. Safely rest. God is nigh.

Fading light, Dims the sight,
And a star, Gems the sky, Gleaming bright,
From afar, Drawing nigh, Falls the night.

Thanks and praise, For our days,
Neath the sun, Neath the stars, Neath the sky,
As we go, This we know, God is nigh.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Awards

Awards are presented on the final day of the program and candidates are interviewed by the respective award selection committee.

BOYS NATION: Two Citizens will be selected to represent The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State at Boys Nation. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a Citizen. 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 and suitability for selection.

WILLIAM R. FUGITT MEMORIAL AWARD: This award, given in memory of long time Mountaineer Boys State Administrator William R. Fugitt, is given to the cottage that attains the best total score in the categories of City Government, County Government, Board of Education, Bar Examination, Legal Program, Daily Inspection, Athletics/Band Participation, State Election Participation, and General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week.

DR. JOHN T. DOMBROSKY AWARD: This award, given in memory of Dr. John T. Dombrosky who was a Mountaineer Boys State Citizen, Assistant Medical Officer and Chief Medical Officer, is presented to a 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. Previous recipients of the Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award shall comprise the Selection Committee.

LEGISLATOR OF THE YEAR AWARD: The Legislator of the Year award is given to a member of the Mountaineer Boys State 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 recipient of this award.

TOMMY E. JONES AWARD: This award, given in memory of long time Mountaineer Boys State Administrator Tommy E. Jones, will be awarded to the Citizen who contributes the most to the political process. Among the criteria for this award are: Enthusiasm, Sincerity, Honesty, Organizational Ability, and Creativity.

P. E. KERCHEVAL AWARD: This award, given in memory of longtime Mountaineer Boys State Chief Medical Officer and one of the original Founders of Mountaineer Boys' State, Dr. P. E. Kercheval, is given to a Citizen who is a participant in all of the activities of Boys State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards and demonstrates leadership.

FRANK TAYLOR JR. AWARD: This award, given in memory of longtime Mountaineer Boys State Legal Advisor Frank Taylor Jr., is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys State who

exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays high moral character with honor, respect and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, the recipient must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys State. Only Citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys State Bar Examination will be considered for this award.

DAVE FARRIS AWARD: This award, given in memory of longtime Mountaineer Boys State Counselor and Headquarters Staff member, Dave Farris, is presented to the 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. Only those Citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award.

AMERICANISM AWARD: This award will be bestowed upon the graduating Citizen who has shown the most patriotism throughout the week, demonstrating respect to the flag and to ceremonies. The Citizen should demonstrate integrity, enthusiasm, service before self, honor, and love of country.

"The measure of success is not always what you achieve but is often what you attempt."

From Coast to Coast: Jamie Summerlin's Inspiring Journey of Honor and Impact

Embarking on a remarkable journey on March 26, 2012, Jamie Summerlin, a dedicated veteran of the US Marine Corps, set out on an extraordinary mission. His goal was two-fold: to pay tribute to our Military and Veterans while raising funds for Operation Welcome Home, a West Virginia-based veteran's facility he co-founded in 2012. Starting from the scenic Coos Bay, Oregon, Jamie ran tirelessly across the nation, covering a staggering distance of 3,452 miles. Over the course of 100 days, enduring 10 pairs of running shoes, his resolute spirit impacted countless lives along the way. Ultimately, he triumphantly concluded his expedition in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, etching his name as the 48th person in history to complete a genuine Ocean to Ocean run across America.

Today, Jamie Summerlin assumes the role of CEO at Guidon Creative, an esteemed events management and promotion company renowned for its expertise in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Offering comprehensive consulting, management, and design services, Guidon Creative caters to events of all sizes, leaving an indelible mark on every occasion.

When he's not shaping the future of event management, Jamie finds solace in Morgantown, WV, alongside his beloved wife Tiffany. Proud parents to Nicholas and Shayna, they are currently relishing their status as empty-nesters, cherishing the memories of a vibrant family life.

For more captivating insights into Jamie Summerlin's extraordinary journey, visit: <https://freedomrunusa.com/>.



FLAG LOWERING: FBI Honor Guard

The flag lowering will be held prior to dinner every evening.

Behavioral Health Tip of the Day

Welcome to American Legion Mountaineer Boys State!!! Every day, a positive behavioral health tip will be offered in the ALMBS newspaper, The Mountaineer and through the broadcasting program.

Positive behavioral health is of the utmost importance, and staff and counselors are available to talk, and ensure you have the best experience possible this week.

Behavioral health begins with keeping in mind a few things for this week, and when you go back to your respective homes and schools. Those are: Community, physical health, intellectual health, environmental health, boundaries, and self-care. Both ALMBS journalism programs will highlight these topics all week.

REMINDERS FOR THE WEEK

Please write home and thank your sponsors. If you don't know who they are, see Marie in Headquarters which is Dorsey Center. Your sponsors pay the fee that allows you to attend Boys State. Any questions throughout the week, ask your counselors and other staff members who are in the blue and gold or solid blue shirts. Get involved and have a great week!!



Sponsors

Career Paths

Get your applications and/or filing papers filled out and ready to turn in beginning today. (Sunday) Refer to your manual for the filing fees. Cottage counselors will have copies of all the available applications you need. They will also have filing papers for city and county offices. State office filing papers need to be picked up at Headquarters. (Dorsey Center)

Deadline for filing for office is Monday, June 12, 2023, at 12:15pm. File for state offices at Headquarters.

Boys State Manual

The Boys State Manual is your guide for the entire week. It contains Boys State content and the daily schedule for the week. Please put your name, cottage, and ID number on your manual in case it gets lost. *(Please don't lose it!)*

EVENING ASSEMBLY: Mountaineer Boys State Americanism Team



Law Lecture and Bar Exam

The Law Lecture has been on the website for study purpose. Your counselors will conduct a review of the Law Lecture prior to today's lunch. *Good luck!* If you pass the Bar Exam, you are automatically an attorney. *Attorneys come in handy throughout the week!!!*

Daily Newspaper & Broadcast

The journalism print staff will produce a daily newspaper with information about the events during each day. Please read the newspaper. The journalism broadcast staff will produce multiple broadcasts throughout the week containing highlights of the day. *Broadcasts can be big surprises!!!*

***Print and broadcast advertisements are welcome and encouraged. Come to Southeastern Learning Center to get ad prices and get your ad in the paper or broadcast!*

Talent Show

Each cottage will have the opportunity to participate in the Friday "West Fork River Revue." If anyone plays a musical instrument and brought it with you, please talk to your counselors about being in the talent show. We usually have a lot of talent whether it be musical, comedy, dancing, etc. *It is an interesting talent show which may include messages from Girls State!!!*

Gift Shop

The Jackson's Mill Gift Shop is in the registration office and is open only during office hours. *Feel free to shop for some souvenirs!!!*

Cellphones

Cellphones may only be used during free times. They cannot be used during classes, assemblies, meals, or other Boys State official activities. *However, please call home during the week to let your family know you're still at Boys State and all is well!!!*

"Your ultimate adversary is often yourself."

-Bob Rogers

Men of Tomorrow

*Written by Roy Lee Harmon – Music by Margaret Nicely Leidig
The official song of Mountaineer Boys State*

VERSE

Someday the State we love will call for leaders strong and bold
To solve the problems great or small and we'll be enrolled
For service to our fellowmen, and we won't be afraid,
We're training now for service, then we'll lead the big parade.

CHORUS

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 home land
When Mountaineers are free,
Men of tomorrow, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,
Men of tomorrow . . . a group of all-American boys.

WORDS FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR...

The three most important things you can do to increase the likelihood of having a good time at Mountaineer Boys State are:

1. Develop and pursue a PLAN as to what you want to be/do.
2. Get Involved!
3. Don't hold back!!!

You only get this opportunity once so make the most of it. Ultimately, whether you have a great week, or not, is up to YOU.

Best Wishes!
Randall K. Kocsis, Administrator

MENU

LUNCH

CORN DOGS
FRENCH FRIES
BAKED BEANS
VEGETABLES WITH DIP
ASSORTED COOKIES
WATER AND PUNCH

DINNER

BAKED CHICKEN
ROASTED POTATOES
BROCCOLI WITH CHEESE
SALAD WITH DRESSING
CAKE WITH ICING
ROLLS
WATER AND TEA

*SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE
IN HEADQUARTERS FOR
PURCHASE, INCLUDING
CANDY, DRINKS AND
MORE*

Jackson's Mill Chapel
Nightly Devotions
Check Manual for Times

