

American Legion “Hawkeye” Boys State

Camp Dodge – Johnston, Iowa
June 12-17, 2011

A TRAINING PROGRAM IN CITIZENSHIP AND DEMOCRACY

Iowa American Legion Hawkeye Boys State is a weeklong “Hands-On” experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Iowa government. Through the Boys State objective of “learning by doing”, young men will learn more about city, county, and state government in one week than they would in a entire semester of high school.

Boys State is an exercise in leading as well as following others. Elections are an opportunity to show the ability to perform under pressure and to show character in the face of victories and/or defeats. Boys State will test skill in solving problems and working effectively with in a team.

Boys State is an opportunity to gain pride and respect for our form of government and the price paid by people to preserve democracy. The week contains ceremonies and assemblies as well as marching pageantry. Iowa government leaders attend each year to offer their vision and advice. Daily flag raising and lowering ceremonies are conducted at Boys State.

Boys State is a chance to meet new people. With over 600 delegates in attendance, Boys State offers an opportunity to meet people who represent Iowa’s diversity in heritage and culture. One of the finest objectives afforded to young men by Boys State is the friendships they will form with other Boys State citizens, many of whom will become lifelong friends.

Guided by over 100 administrators and counselors, Boys State is made possible each year through the dedicated work of Legion members and other concerned organizations which partner with the American Legion to send the best of their youth to Boys State.

Congratulations,

You have been identified by your high school teacher, counselor, or church youth director as a candidate for Hawkeye Boys State. It has been recognized that you have exemplary qualities and would represent your community well because of your motivation and integrity. Please consider sending in this application if you are available to attend. Many members of local, state, and federal government have attended Boys State while in high school to include our current president.

Thank you,
Mary Clapp
First Vice Commander
American Legion Post #298
319-373-5138

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Hawkeye Boys State sponsored by the Iowa American Legion will be held at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa, Sunday, June 12 through Friday, June 17, 2011. Camp Dodge is an Iowa National Guard Camp. Johnston is near Des Moines.

About 600 young men who have completed their junior year of high school will be chosen by various Iowa Legion Posts. Three boys will be chosen to attend this year. These young men will be chosen from Linn Mar and Marion High School and Marion Home School.

Who of those applying will be selected? Students with a 3.3 GPA or above who obtain a recommendation from their school; those who guarantee they have the time from June 6-11 reserved for Boys State; patriotic, motivated young men having a genuine interest in politics/government; respected school leaders; must be citizens or legal residents of the United States.

The American Legion pays your entire costs: registration, lodging, food and a ride (if you need one) to and/or from Camp Dodge.

Boys State citizens will be divided into 32 cities. 4 cities make a county and 8 counties make up Boys State. The citizens hold Party caucus meetings, conventions, conduct campaigns and hold primary and general elections. Everyone has a job to fulfill either elected or appointed; from the Governor and his staff, to the legislators, to the Mayor and his council.

If you would like to know more about Boys State see our web site: www.iowaboysstate.org

The American Legion believes in both God and U.S. patriotism.

You should not apply:

- ◆ *If you would be offended by prayers proceeding and ending meetings or meals.*
- ◆ *If your values would be compromised by flag ceremonies or patriotic music.*

The Timeline:

Friday, April 8, 2011	Deadline for registration Form to: Mrs. Mary Clapp Attn: Boys State 2350 Edwin Drive Marion, IA 52302
Wed, April 13	Final notification of boys selected or chosen as alternate
Sun., April/May TBA	District orientation for Boys State at Marion Legion Post 298, Parents Welcome
Mon., May 30, 10:45am	Attend Memorial Day Service and Potluck. Certificates will be presented.
Sunday, June 12	Depart early from Cedar Rapids by bus to Camp Dodge, IA Bus departs approx. 8:00 a.m. from Westdale Mall.
Friday, June 17	Depart Camp Dodge and return to Cedar Rapids. Arrive back approx. 2:00 p.m.
Friday, June 24	One typewritten page describing assignments and activities at Boys State To be sent to Boys State Chairman, Mrs. Mary Clapp (see above)
Mon., July 11	Attend legion meeting of Legion Post Sponsor and present 3-5 minute presentation on your experiences and which you feel will be beneficial to your future goals. May bring pictures and awards for display. Parents to be recognized.

Security will assuredly be tight. Photos on the Registration Form and a photo ID in your billfold are a must. We are guests of the Iowa National Guard who will also be responsible for the security during our stay at their camp.

American Legion Hawkeye Boys State Questionnaire

Name _____ Nick Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ Zip _____ County _____

Age _____ DOB _____ School _____

GPA _____ Class Gov't Experience _____

Name of Parents or Guardian _____

Play a Musical Instrument? _____ What Kind _____

School Extra Curricular Activities _____

Out of School Activities _____

Awards and Achievements _____

Please write a few words stating why you want to attend Boys State (attach additional pages as needed)

Please mail this form to:
Mrs. Mary Clapp
2350 Edwin Drive
Marion, IA 52302
Attn: Boys State

Attach Wallet
Size Photo
Here
For Media Purposes