South Dakota American Legion

77th ANNUAL SESSION

Boys State

May 27 – 31, 2019

Northern State University

Aberdeen, SD
THE AMERICAN LEGION

- Founded in 1919
- Association of war-time veterans
- 2.2 million members in U.S.A.
- 18,000 members in South Dakota
- 241 Local American Legion Posts
AMERICANISM

- One of the 4 Pillars of the American Legion
- Citizenship
- Flag Education
- Furtherance of Our Democracy
CONGRATULATIONS!!

You are here because you have been identified by your local school and sponsor as one of the most outstanding young citizens in your school and community.
South Dakota Boys State was founded at Aberdeen in 1940 and has a two-fold purpose.

- First, to better help youth understand and appreciate the American system of government and way of life including the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.
- Secondly, to give a better knowledge of the fundamental principles of government within the State of South Dakota.
WHEN AND WHERE?

All Boys State citizens must report to the Johnson Fine Arts Center on the campus of Northern State University in Aberdeen on Monday, May 27th between 12:30 pm and 2:00 pm.
ATTENDANCE

Citizens are required to remain in attendance during the entire session and must report to Boys State no later than 2:00 PM, Monday, May 27th and remain until 2:00 PM, Friday, May 31st, 2019. Early Releases are very uncommon.
UNABLE TO ATTEND?

If a boy is registered to attend Boys State and then is unable to attend, he should as soon as possible notify his American Legion Post or sponsor and Boys State Registrar:

Rick McDonald (605) 484-7136
WHAT TO BRING?

- Medical Statement/Claim Waiver
- Release of Information for photos
- Samsung Scholarship Application (completed)
- Ample clothing for a week
- Casual clothing with shoes
- Bedding to include pillow (sleeping bag)
- Towels/shaving/toilet articles
- Pen and pencil
- Need only a limited amount of spending money
- Coat & Tie for Governor’s Banquet
OPTIONAL ITEMS TO BRING

- Clothes hangers
- Tennis shoes
- Swim trunks
- Camera
- Radio
- Band Instrument
- Softball glove, tennis/racquetball racquets/balls, protective eye wear
THEFT
LOSS OF PROPERTY

Although reasonable precautions are taken to protect individual property, Boys State WILL NOT be responsible for the loss or theft of personal property.

ROOMS WILL NOT BE LOCKED!!

THE AMERICAN LEGION
SOUTH DAKOTA BOYS STATE
TRANSPORTATION

- Transportation to and from Boys State is the responsibility of the sponsoring American Legion Post.
- Bus Schedule, Monday May 27th
  - 4:30 AM – Spearfish, Holiday Inn
  - 5:15 AM – Sturgis, Pizza Ranch
  - 6:00 AM – Rapid City, Post 22
SD Boys State Media Team

- The Media Team will be under the direction of the Media Team Advisor.
- The Media Team will be responsible for producing a daily newscast and assisting the updating of social media associated with Boys State.
- The team will attend all flag ceremonies and other assemblies when not on specific assignments.
BOYS STATE MUSIC

- BAND
- CHORUS

Both will present a concert. Citizens are encouraged to bring their instruments. Bass drums and Bass Horns are provided.
LIVING AT BOYS STATE

- Two to a room
- All citizens of a city on same floor of same dormitory
- Rooms will be inspected daily at 8:30 a.m.
- City counselor resides on same floor
- Respect the facilities of Northern State University
FACILITIES

• Barnett Center
• Wolves Den
• Student Union
• Book Store
• Athletic Fields
**DAILY ROUTINE**

- **6:30-7:00 AM** – Wake-up
- **Breakfast**
- **8:25 A.M.** - Flag Ceremony
- **Classes/Assemblies**
- **12:00 PM** - Noon Meal
- **Classes/Assemblies**
- **4:00 PM** - Afternoon recreation
- **5:30 PM** - Flag Ceremony & Evening Meal
- **Classes/Assemblies**
- **9:45 PM** - Recreation period
- **10:45 PM** - Citizens in room
- **11:00 PM** - Lights out
MEALS

• ALL MEALS ARE PROVIDED
• SERVED ACCORDING TO SCHEDULE
• DINING IN WOLVES DEN
• OPEN SEATING
THE WEEK PROGRESSES

- City/Municipal Government
- County Government
- State Government
  - Executive
  - Legislative
  - Judicial
  - Citizens Forum
RULES

• Must attend all formations/activities – be prompt
• No tobacco products are allowed
• Citizens are forbidden from providing gifts to individuals, counselors, or other individuals connected with Boys State
• Intoxicating liquors, drugs, narcotics, and gambling, including lotteries are prohibited
• Show respect for Boys State facilities
• Proper conduct, proper language, positive attitudes
• Not allowed to leave campus – driving of cars is prohibited
• Cars will be parked and not moved during Boys State
• Counselor is final authority, except for dismissal
• Dismissal by decision of the Director after hearing – Director’s decision is final. Word of dismissal will be forwarded to the organization sponsoring the boy(s) involved.
Health Services

- Health Services are available on Campus.
- Morning Sick Call
Two delegates will be selected as Boys Nation Delegates.

Two delegates will be selected as Boys Nation Alternate Delegates.

If a Boys Nation Delegate is unable to attend – an alternate will attend instead.
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

• Each Citizen receives a certificate

• Special recognition for
  – Governor
  – Outstanding Citizen
  – Outstanding Speaker/Orator
  – Walter Travis Memorial Scholarship
  – Edward Elkins Memorial Scholarship
Contact the American Legion Post or group that sponsored you as a citizen to Boys State and offer to give them a report on your experiences at American Legion Boys State.