

*The American Legion  
Oregon Boys State  
Citizens Handbook*

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*Our 74<sup>th</sup> Year*



*"A Week to Shape a Lifetime"*

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## PREFACE

This web site information has been prepared to acquaint you prior to your arrival at The American Legion Oregon Boys State program held at the University of Oregon. This document outlines The American Legion Oregon Boys State program — in broad terms how the program is structured, what we, The American Legion, expect from you, what will be offered to you, and what is provided to enable you a better understanding of our form of government.

The goal of the staff is to educate and train you, a leader of tomorrow, in understanding one of this country's most precious freedoms: the democratic form of government. It is hoped that you will use the knowledge gained from this information to take an active role in the Oregon Boys State program.

Upon finishing The American Legion Oregon Boys State program, you will join highly respected alumni of over 30,000 plus. Among the ranks are former and present Governors and Senators from Oregon, judges, lawyers, educators, professional men, military leaders, and numerous state and local government officials. Many of these individuals credit their success, in part, to the experiences they gained by attending Oregon Boys State.

**Please review the information contained in this web site with your parents. Many questions that both you and your parents may have about The American Legion Oregon Boys State program will be answered. This web site should be utilized as a guide; your Citizens Handbook (provided upon your arrival) will provide additional information, updates, omissions and corrections for this year's program.**

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## **What Is The American Legion Oregon Boys State?**

It is a week of individual participation and **ROLE PLAYING** in the operation of our Democratic form of government, the organization of a political party and the practical application of the knowledge gained from both.

During your week at The American Legion Oregon Boys State, you will learn many facets of the political system; from electing a Mayor to drawing up a platform, adopting caucus rules, and selecting nominees for Governor of The American Legion Oregon Boys State.

You will learn how government operates on a city level, county level, and state level of government as well as the duties of the offices associated with each level.

Opportunities will be available to broaden your skills by attending special training sessions of law, leadership, speech writing and presentation, legislature, and law enforcement; conducted by selected members of The American Legion Oregon Boys State Staff and outside experts.

## ***What Is The American Legion?***

The American Legion is the largest and fastest growing veteran's service organization in the world, with a membership of over 2.7 million members in the 50 United States and 7 foreign countries.

All members of The American Legion are honorably discharged men and women who served their country on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during the periods of World War I, World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, Grenada, Lebanon, Panama, Desert Storm and the War on Terrorism either at military bases in the United States or overseas.

The American Legion was the originator and author of the GI Bill of Rights, which has benefited millions of ex-servicemen and women since its passage in 1944.

More recently, The American Legion was the largest single contributor to the building of the WWII and Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial in Washington, D.C. with over 1.5 million dollars donated by our members and departments to the Viet Nam Veteran's Memorial project as an example.

Since the founding of The American Legion in 1919, this organization has been a moving force in the area of fair treatment of the nation's veterans, their wives and children, and especially the disabled veterans.

The American Legion has conducted programs for many years, which have been designed to benefit the youth of our nation. Notable among these programs are The American Legion Baseball, The American Legion Boys State Program, The American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, The American Legion School Awards Program, and The American Legion Americanism and Government test. We are the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest sponsor of Boy Scout Troops in the Nation.

The American Legion founded the Boys State program in 1935 and since that time The American Legion Boys State Program, regardless of what state conducts it, remains one of the premier youth programs in the nation today.

The American Legion Department of Oregon, which conducts The American Legion Oregon Boys State Program, is one of the departments in The American Legion organization with a membership of almost 25,000 members who belong to the American Legion Posts throughout the state.

The National Headquarters of The American Legion is located in Indianapolis and serves as the main office of the National Commander of The American Legion.

The theme of The American Legion is "Still Serving America."

## ***History of The American Legion Boys State Program***

The creation of the concept of the Boys State program is credited to Mr. Hayes Kennedy, who in 1935 was a teacher at the Loyola University Law School in Chicago and Americanism Chairman of the Illinois Department of The American Legion.

Mr. Kennedy was concerned about a project underway by the Communist Party to show the uselessness of Democracy and advocated the virtues of the Communist System. Mr. Kennedy felt that a counter movement should be started among the ranks of the nation's youth to stress the importance and value of our Democratic

form of Government, and to maintain an effort to preserve it.

The Illinois Department of The American Legion approved Mr. Kennedy's project and in June 1935 the very first Boys State in the nation was held on the Illinois State Fairgrounds.

From that beginning in Illinois in 1935, the program swiftly spread among other American Legion Departments. By 1941, 34 states were conducting a "Boys State" program. Today, The American Legion conducts a Boys State program in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Hawaii is the only state that does not have a Boys State program.

## ***The American Legion Oregon Boys State Staff***

The Staff of The American Legion Oregon Boys State is comprised of highly motivated and qualified individuals, who work with one goal in mind: to make your week at The American Legion Oregon Boys State one of the most rewarding, educational and worthwhile weeks of your life, one which you will remember for many years to come, and one which, in some small way, may assist you as you pursue whatever career in life you choose to follow.

Reflective of the value of The American Legion Oregon Boys State program is the fact that many of the Boys State staff members you will meet during the week are former Oregon Boys State Alumni themselves, who devote one

week during the summer to the program, taking time out from their own careers and vacations to do so.

**ALL THE AMERICAN LEGION OREGON BOYS STATE STAFF**, including the Chairman, will be housed in the Bean Complex for the duration of the program. The staff of The American Legion Oregon Boys State is always available to assist and you should never hesitate to approach any member of the Boys State staff if a question or problem arises.

The American Legion Oregon Boys State staff offices will be found on the first floor of Bean Resident Complex.

## ***The American Creed by William Tyler Page***

"I Believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people; whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom,

equality, justice and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes."

"I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it; to support its Constitution; to obey its laws; to respect its flag; and to defend it against all enemies."

## ***The American Legion Oregon Boys State Registration***

**SUNDAY, June 20, 2010, starting at 11 AM, ENDING AT 2 PM.** Upon your arrival on campus of the University of Oregon, proceed directly to Bean Complex located at the corner of E 15<sup>th</sup> Ave and Moss St.

You will see a sign, which says "The American Legion Oregon Boys State Registration."

Upon entering the Bean East Complex you will find registration tables to assist you in

finalizing the registration process and to start your "week to shape a lifetime" at Boys State.

At your assigned table, please give the individuals seated there your name. These individuals are staff members and counselors assigned to you for the week. The counselors will show you to your room, tell you the name of your Residence Hall, give you a room key and provide you with the week's schedule of daily

activities, your Oregon Boys State T-shirt and University of Oregon information packet.

Your counselor has other instructions for you; you are free to move your luggage into the Residence Hall. Time will be spent reading and understanding the Boys State manual you receive upon your arrival.

The first meal will be the evening meal at approximately 5 PM, so eat lunch prior to registration and sign-in.

## **Boys State General Information**

### ***What to Bring?***

At the time of registration there is a \$25.00 fee (unless pre-paid) for 2 tee shirts (required apparel) and a group photo. City & County pictures and a CD of your activities during the week will also be for sale. A Friday night pizza party (about \$15.00), snack items from the store, and a minimum of \$35.00 for parking if you bring a vehicle, your responsibility. Shaving kit and toilet articles, enough for the week (recommend minimum of two towels), sports clothes, a suit or sport jacket (if you currently

own one), tie(s), 3 or 4 pairs of dark pants, shirts, and underclothes as you will dress well for outside speaker, program events and Recreation center events. If personal sports equipment is brought to Boys State, the citizen will assume full responsibility during his week at Boys State. The University of Oregon provides linen. Do not bring excessive amounts of money, only what you feel you might need as buffet meals are provided three times each full day while at Boys State.

### ***Housing***

As a Delegate to The American Legion Oregon Boys State, you will be housed in one of 8 Residence Halls within the Bean Complex on the campus of the University of Oregon: DeBusk, Moore, Wilcox, Caswell, Parsons, Henderson, Gano, and Thornton Halls.

The Residence Hall you will reside in and your room number will be given to you at the time you register on Sunday, June 14th between 11:00 am and 2:00 PM.

You will be staying in a 2-person room and will be given a key only to your room. The key, T-shirt, nametag, and a meal card are your responsibility while at The American Legion Oregon Boys State. The key and meal card must

be returned before you leave for graduation on Saturday. Should you lose your key or meal card, report it immediately to your counselor. **MINIMUM CHARGE FOR LOST KEYS AND/OR MEAL CARD IS \$25.00.**

The University of Oregon provides linen. Your linen will be changed once during the time you are at The American Legion Oregon Boys State and your Counselor will advise you of the day. You may also wish to bring a small fan, as rooms are not air-conditioned.

There will be NO changing of assigned rooms except at the direction of the Chairman of The American Legion Oregon Boys State.

### ***Mail***

As part of your first day at The American Legion Oregon Boys State, you will fill out a post card that will list the University of Oregon address, name of the Residence Hall you are

assigned to, and the name of The American Legion Oregon Boys State City.

Incoming mail will be given to your counselor to be given to you. Mail to be addressed:

Boys State Citizen  
The American Legion Oregon Boys State

Living & Learning Conference Center  
University of Oregon  
Eugene, OR 97403

## **Dining**

While at The American Legion Oregon Boys State, your meals are provided at no cost to you. The meal cost is paid by your sponsoring American Legion Post or outside sponsor.

You will eat in the dining area, which is assigned to your Residence Hall and The American Legion Oregon Boys State City.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner meals are served daily at the following approximate times:

Breakfast 7:00 AM

Lunch 12:00 Noon

Dinner 5:15 PM

A shirt and shoes are required in the dining area, and **no swimming trunks or baseball caps are permitted.**

## **Personal Cars**

**The American Legion Oregon Boys State program assumes no liability for theft, damage or loss incurred if you drive a vehicle to attend the program. Parking fees of \$56.00 (minimum charge) is the responsibility of the person bringing the vehicle to Boys State. Payment and display of required parking pass is the responsibility of the vehicle owner.**

However, once you arrive at Boys State and have registered, you must park your car in the University of Oregon assigned parking lot and will not be allowed to drive it again until your

departure. Upon your registration at Boys State, you will be directed to a designated Delegate parking area. After parking your car, you will be required to turn your keys in to The American Legion Oregon Boys State Chairman, who will hold them until the end of Boys State. Campus security police patrol the parking lot.

Once signed in at The American Legion Boys State you will not be allowed to leave until after graduation on Saturday. **NO EARLY RELEASES!**

## **Telephones**

Bringing your cell phones, pagers, or other outside communication devices to Boys State is allowed as long as they are turned off during program activities. The distractions and interruptions these outside devices introduce will

not be tolerated, nor will The American Legion cover the loss of an outside device. Use of your personal communications devices will be limited to non-activity periods due to lack of public communications located within Residence Halls.

## **Medical Care**

The American Legion Oregon Boys State will have a 24-hour medical care. Hospital emergency facilities are only 5 minutes away. **ANYONE USING MEDICATION MUST**

**REPORT, WITH MEDICATION, TO THE NURSE OR DIRECTOR IMMEDIATELY ON REGISTRATION DAY FOR PROPER HANDLING.**

## **Insurance**

You are protected by The American Legion with a group insurance policy underwritten by Sentry Insurance. Should a need arise for insurance coverage, full details will be provided to you and your parents or guardian by The American Legion. This policy is excess

coverage to other collectible insurance plans. **THIS MEANS IN THE EVENT YOU INCUR MEDICAL BILLS WHILE AT BOYS STATE, THE BILLS WOULD BE PROCESSED THROUGH YOUR**

**PARENTS' OR GUARDIANS' GROUP**

**INSURANCE FIRST.**

## **Departure**

Boys State citizens will be free to leave The American Legion Oregon Boys State after returning from Graduation (approximately 12 PM, noon), Saturday, June 26, 2010.

Boys State Citizens will be given "EARLY" release for two reasons: medically documented illness or disciplinary action by the Director. IF

SCHEDULE CHANGES REQUIRE EARLY DEPARTURE, OR CITIZEN IS NO LONGER ABLE TO ATTEND BOYS STATE PROGRAM, WE REQUEST YOUR NOTIFICATION SO ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE TO MAXIMIZE THE \$275.00 INVESTMENT IN YOUR ATTENDANCE.

## **The American Legion Oregon Boys State Awards & Honors**

### ***First Citizen Award***

During The American Legion Oregon Boys State, one individual will be selected by The American Legion Oregon Boys State staff as the "First Citizen" of 2010 Oregon Boys State session. He is selected because of leadership ability, enthusiasm for the program and above

all for participation. The "First Citizen" is automatically asked to return to 2011 Oregon Boys State and serve in this office and help in selections of "First City/County" and many other training aspects of the program.

### ***The American Legion Samsung Scholarship Program***

Application program and application form is provided to you for consideration of your submission. Submission requires proof of military service to be attached for minimum of one direct descendent of Combat period service to be considered for the Samsung Scholarship. While this is a National scholarship program, Oregon Boys State awards one scholarship to a participant of our program. Additionally, the

award winner is submitted to our national organization for consideration at the national level for Samsung \$20,000 scholarship. The competition at the national level includes all 49 Boys and Girls State programs nationwide for the limited award of the scholarship. **Please note that you must submit this application to The American Legion Oregon Boys State Chairman upon arrival at this year's session.**

### ***The American Legion Boys Nation***

Two Citizens of The American Legion Oregon Boys State are selected for a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Oregon in the weeklong Boys Nation program, which draws together all 98 Boys State representatives to experience and learn the workings of Government on a national level. Delegates to Boys Nation will meet with top Legislators from both Houses of Congress when in session, administration officials, and have a possible opportunity to meet the President of the United States. Boys Nation delegates will also tour many historic sites in Washington and participate in the laying of a wreath at the Tomb

of the Unknown Soldier. The American Legion Boys Nation follows the national political process and culminates its program with the election of the President of Boys Nation. The American Legion Boys Nation program is conducted at Marymount College, Arlington, Virginia.

*"Will anybody deny now that the Government in Washington, as regards its own people, is the strongest Government in the world at this hour and for this simple reason: that it is based on the will, and the good will of an instructed people."*

*John Bright*

## ***The American Legion Oregon Boys State Talent Show***

The American Legion Oregon Boys State wishes to include talents and abilities into your Boys State experience. The Boys State Talent Show features acts ranging from hard rock drum solos to stand up comedy acts. All citizens are welcome and encouraged to audition. These

programs are for interested and dedicated citizens. You will find that participation in these programs adds to your overall Boys State experience.

If you wish to play an instrument, please bring your own, as instruments are unavailable.

## ***Athletics***

Supervised athletics will be scheduled as time permits. Participation in these events or use of the University athletic facilities is at the discretion of The American Legion Oregon

Boys State Staff. If personal sports equipment is brought to Boys State, the citizen will assume full responsibility during his week at Boys State.

## ***Marching***

Whenever it is necessary to move the citizens as a group on the University of Oregon campus, a "marching formation" divided by The American Legion Oregon Boys State Cities will be utilized. This is for a logistical reason and the safety of all Boys State citizens.

Boys State staff will supervise formation.

This formation will be used for daily flag raising and lowering, and all auditorium assemblies. "Marching" is simply walking as a group, not "marching" in the true sense of the word.

## ***The Boys State Newspaper***

The pulse of Boys State is *The Statesman*, published by the citizens of Boys State. It offers an opportunity to express ideas and concerns, advertise legal services and campaign for office.

Citizens participating in *The Statesman* will have an opportunity at one of the first meetings to sign up and ask questions concerning limitations on running for other offices while at Boys State.

## ***Candidate for Political Office***

As part of The American Legion Oregon Boys State program, you are encouraged to run for a political office, but some restraint is asked in your decision.

You may run for any of The American Legion Oregon Boys State offices, but it is suggested that you limit yourself to holding one office in each of the following categories: one State office, one County office, one position in the General Assembly, one City office.

This suggestion is made in the interest of fairness to you and the other young men who will be with you at The American Legion Oregon Boys State program. If you choose to run for different city offices and are elected to all, there would be no way you could fulfill the duties of each office, thereby failing to serve the constituents who elected you and defeating the intent of The American Legion Oregon Boys State program.

## ***What Office Can I run for?***

The political offices that you can run for at The American Legion Oregon Boys State runs the full gamut of offices found within Oregon's government. The American Legion Oregon Boys State election process consists of a Primary

Election and a General Election. Voting in the Primary and the General Election is by paper ballot, which is similar to ones currently in use in all Oregon counties.

To become a candidate for any of the offices in the Primary Election, you will have to submit an application for candidacy. Citizens submitting applications for Judicial offices or to be an Attorney are required to pass The American Legion Oregon Boys State Bar examination which is given on **Sunday afternoon**. Candidates for the State Offices of The American Legion Oregon Boys State are selected through a Party Convention.

Some offices you can run for at The American Legion Oregon Boys State are:

City: Mayor, District Court Judge, Clerk, and Councilman.

County: Circuit Court Judge, Prosecuting Attorney, Commissioner, Clerk, Sheriff, and Treasurer.

State: Supreme Court Judge, Governor, Secretary of State, Supt. of Public Instruction, Attorney General, State Senator, State Representative, Treasurer.

These are the elective offices of The American Legion Oregon Boys State. Following the General Election, there will be a great number of appointive offices which will be filled, so there are ample opportunities available at The American Legion Oregon Boys State for you to experience the workings of government.

## **Government**

The Government team has two weeklong focuses. Executive Commissions of cities and counties turn out position papers. These are short write-ups that explain the groups' consensus opinion in relation to problematic issues ranging from health care, education, and resource management to crime. The emphasis is to give the citizens extra opportunities to discuss timely issues in a format that is conducive to

making candidates more genuinely grounded in the politics of our State.

The other focus of the Government team is to provide the framework for the Governor's executive boards. Example boards are — Labor, Treasury and Education — which advise the Governor on general legislation. The Government Team also runs the gubernatorial debate as well as oversees all elections.

## **Judicial System**

As part of your Boys State experience, you will be able to participate in the judicial system. The purpose of this program is to show how the state system runs, as well as to allow citizens to get hands-on experience. The Judicial System encompasses a wide range of positions including attorneys, state troopers, police officers, and Supreme Court Justices. Even if you do not

serve in any of the capacities listed, it is still more than likely that you will encounter the Judicial System during the week. This could be by serving on jury duty or being arrested for violating an ordinance. Working with the Judicial System can be fun, exciting and educational.

## **Legislative**

Comprised of the Senate, House of Representatives and lobbyists, the legislative program involves heated debate over bills; fierce partisan battles and fights for the interests of constituents; all to decide the laws of The American Legion Oregon Boys State. Citizens elected in their cities and counties will work in committee and general session, selecting bills to be presented to the Governor for his signature or

veto. Lobbyists will strive to persuade politicians to work for their special interest.

Bills are the backbone of the legislative process. In order to make this process as exciting and controversial as possible, citizens are asked to bring information, ideas and drafts of bills dealing with current issues in the State of Oregon.

## **Political Party Organization**

The mythical 51st State of the union, The American Legion Oregon Boys State is divided into two political parties, the Federalist and the Nationalist. By the time you register at Boys State, you will have been placed in one of these parties.

The American Legion Oregon Boys State is made up of multiple cities. Each city consists of young men who have just finished their Junior year in High School. Each city is named after a Former State Commander of The American Legion.

Two American Legion Oregon Boys State cities form an American Legion Oregon Boys State county, so there are up to eight counties in The American Legion Oregon Boys State. Each county is named after a Former American Legion Oregon Boys State Governor or distinguished member of The American Legion.

In every city, Nationalist and Federalist will be elected to the state political party convention.

One Nationalist and one Federalist will be elected as Chairman for their respective county, constituting the party's State Platform Committee. Then each party's State Committee will elect a State Chairman. The State Committee will organize a State Convention, set up its rules, establish a platform, select various committee appointments, determine credentials, etc.

Candidates for State Office, including Governor of The American Legion Oregon Boys State, are nominated at the State Convention.

A primary and general election are held. The primary election nominates candidates for city and county officers, and the State election elects all State officers. As you can see, there is much activity, preparation, and planning crammed into one week at The American Legion Oregon Boys State.

## ***Learning the Political Process***

While attending The American Legion Oregon Boys State, your introduction and instructions in the Political Process will be a progressive system; so that the knowledge you gain at one level progresses you toward the next level of participation.

You will learn about our Judicial System, Legislative Processes, Political Parties, Government and special programs in addition to other subjects far too numerous to cover here in detail.

## ***Political Parties***

Another part of your American Legion Oregon Boys State experience will be participation in one of two political parties. Each citizen is randomly placed in one of two opposing political parties. Because there is no way to accommodate everyone's political beliefs, ROLE-PLAYING will be a key element. Due to limited time, one week, we must stick with the two party systems. Again, this is simply ROLE-PLAYING and has nothing to do with your personal political beliefs. Within each party, each citizen will have numerous

opportunities to become involved. After becoming a delegate of their county, citizens can become a member of several party committees. Opportunities include, for example, becoming a member of that citizen's party executive committee, consisting of the following positions: State Party Chair, Party Vice-Chair, Party Secretary, Platform Committee, and their Chairs to name a few. Finally, citizens have the opportunity to become an active, voting member of their party, a position that is crucial to the success of each party.

## ***Political Conventions***

As part of The American Legion Oregon Boys State political experience, you will

participate in your political party's rally to nominate the candidates for state offices.

The Party conventions at The American Legion Oregon Boys State are based on Oregon Political Party Conventions and will operate in the same manner and procedure as will be found at these real party conventions.

The Boys State Conventions, acting on the recommendations of various convention committees, will adopt a Party Platform representing the goals and ideas of your political party, establish convention credentials, adopt convention rules, and appoint convention officials.

As a Boys State Citizen you may have several opportunities to become active in the party convention process. You can either do so by being elected as a Delegate to the convention from your Boys State city, or you may be chosen by your State Central Committee to serve in one of the following positions or committees:

Keynote Speaker  
Parliamentarian

Reading Clerk  
Tabulating Clerk  
Sergeant-at-Arms

Convention Rules Committee  
Convention Credentials Committee  
Convention Platform Committee

Even if you do not serve in any of the capacities listed, you can still be an active worker in the political party and its slate to promote your party among the Boys State citizens prior to going to the polls for the Primary or General Elections.

The value of the party conventions at The American Legion Oregon Boys State, just as with the rest of the program, is all the preparation, organization, and participation the Boys State citizens do themselves. The American Legion Oregon Boys State staff will work with you to instruct and guide you, but each Boy State citizen will do the actual work.

### ***State Party Chairman***

One of the most influential members of a Boys State political party and the one individual who can influence the success or failure of his party at The American Legion Oregon Boys State polls is the STATE PARTY CHAIRMAN.

The State Party Chairman is traditionally elected/selected from within the ranks of the County Chairmen for his party. The State Chairman has to concern himself with organizing the votes of his party into an effective voting body, working with the other members of the State Central Committee in trying to find and develop what they believe to be strong candidates for the elective offices of Boys State, and also trying to convince the voters of the other Boys State political party to vote for his party's candidates.

The State Party Chairman will preside at all meetings of the State Central Committee, as well

as any committee caucuses or other party meetings.

The State Party Chairman and the State Central Committee must fill the following positions for the State Party Convention:

Keynote Speaker  
Parliamentarian  
Reading Clerk  
Tabulating Clerk

Convention Sergeant-at-Arms  
Convention Rules Committee  
Convention Credentials Committee  
Convention Platform Committee

The position of State Party Chairman could lend itself to a choice appointment on the Staff of the Governor of Boys State or the state organization, thereby increasing the political power of the State Party Chairman to an even greater degree.

### ***The American Legion Oregon Boys State Gubernatorial Debate***

The American Legion Oregon Boys State attempts, as part of the learning process into Oregon politics and government, to mirror the real Oregon political structure and environment.

In the spectrum of an Oregon political campaign, the two major party candidates

seeking the office of Governor will debate each other on the issues and philosophies of their respective campaigns. The debate between the two Boys State Governor candidates will be held prior to the opening of The American Legion Oregon Boys State polls for the General

Election. A member of The American Legion Oregon Boys State staff will moderate the debate, so that the voters may see and hear for themselves where each candidate for Governor

stands on issues affecting the Governor's race. This helps prepare the voters to make an intelligent decision on whom to vote for when they cast their ballots.

## The Standard Code of Conduct

1. The Standard Code of Conduct for Boys State is herein established by the Boys State Commission and shall be in full force and effect at all times while Boys State is in progress.
2. There shall be no amendments, changes or deletions to this code except as directed by or amended by the Boys State Commission.
3. Absence from Boys State is permitted only upon a pass signed by the Chairman.
4. The Bean Complex defines the Boys State area.
5. Medical Attention: Boys State shall not be responsible for pre-existing conditions. General sick call is held daily at 8:00 A.M. in the Boys State Administrative Headquarters.
  - A. Every illness, particularly colds, fevers and stomach disorders, must be reported at the first sick call possible.
  - B. Sprains, cuts, scratches, blisters, or any other injury, no matter how small, must be reported immediately to the medical staff or Chairman without waiting for sick call.
6. Each citizen of Boys State is responsible for the cleanliness of the space assigned to him.
  - A. Beds are to be made every morning and daily inspections of rooms are conducted.
  - B. All trash and litter shall be placed in receptacles provided.
  - C. Clothing and other items will be hung up or stored correctly to present a professional appearance.
7. All Boys State citizens shall stand at assembly, giving the civilian salute (right hand over heart) at the raising and lowering of the flag.
8. Firearms, Liquor, Drugs and Gambling of any form are not permitted, and possession or use thereof is considered evidence for dismissal.
  - A. Firecrackers, torches, and flares are included in this provision.
  - B. All medications of any form will be identified to the Oregon Boys State medical staff upon arrival.
9. Any citizen of Boys State shall not use automobiles during the session.
  - A. Any citizen having brought an automobile with him shall turn in the keys to the Chairman of Boys State for the duration of the week and pay required parking fees.
  - B. Only in cases of emergency shall the Chairman issue an order for the operation of an automobile and relinquish the custody of the keys prior to the close of the Boys State session.
  - C. Riding in an unauthorized vehicle, either in or outside of Boys State area is prohibited.
  - D. The American Legion Oregon Boys State assumes no liability for theft, damage or loss to private owned vehicles or personal property.
10. All mail is distributed daily and should be addressed to the citizen c/o The American Legion Oregon Boys State, 1247 Carson, Eugene OR 97503-1247.
11. Visitors must register in the Boys State Administrative Offices and only are accepted when the citizen they are visiting is not busy in another activity.
12. Performance of Duty: Each citizen is expected to attend all meetings and execute assigned duties to the best of his ability.
  - A. Absence from the scheduled periods is not permitted unless the citizen is ill or excused from instruction by the Chairman.
  - B. Promptness is required at all meetings and functions.
13. Smoking is not permitted nor the use of any other tobacco products.

14. Boys State T-shirt and identification badges are the official uniform wear at Boys State gatherings.
  - A. Badges shall be issued to each citizen and worn by each citizen and staff member.
  - B. No writing on or defacing of the Oregon Boys State T-shirt is allowed.
15. Hair will be neatly groomed.
  - A. Hats are not to be worn in the University conference facilities, Recreation building and in the Dining Area.
16. Care of buildings: No tacks, nails or screws are used to post or hang any signs on any painted surface in or on any building. All trash is discarded into proper containers provided for this purpose at all times. University of Oregon regulations for posting of signs govern.
17. Equipment: All equipment is either the property of The American Legion or the University of Oregon and is for our convenience. Care must be taken to preserve this property, since everything must be returned in first class condition. Any breakage must be reported to the Boys State Administration Office at once.
18. Water Damage: Water fights always result in water damage to buildings. Persons apprehended taking part in water fights resulting in damage to any part of the University of Oregon campus facilities are subject to disciplinary action and/or dismissal from the program.
19. Citizens of Boys State are expected to continue to act as gentlemen before and after graduation. Should any citizen of Boys State be apprehended breaking rules before graduation, he is subject to dismissal and loss of his graduation certificate. Also, in such cases, the high schools and sponsors concerned, as well as families and The American Legion Post, are notified of such disciplinary action.
20. Attendance for the full week: When applying to attend Boys State, attendance for the entire week is automatically agreed.
21. Walking to and from activities: Boys State citizens shall walk on sidewalks to and from all activities.
22. Flag stealing: The Official American Legion Flags shall not be subject to flag stealing.
23. Behavior unbecoming a delegate of Boys State: Citizens of Boys State are expected to behave in a manner fitting young gentlemen. They are expected to exercise good judgment and adhere to the spirit of the rules and regulations of Boys State. The delegates are expected to understand the purpose and intent of Boys State to the extent they may recognize the reasonable and logical limits to the program's jurisdiction necessities.
24. Professional responses are expected at all times by citizens and staff. Abusive language, derogatory actions and disrespect will not be condoned at any time while attending The American Legion Oregon Boys State program.
25. The Boys State Commission deals with violations of the Standard Code of Conduct for Boys State.
  - A. The Boy's State Commission reserves the right to claim jurisdiction in all disciplinary matters.