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Boys State Delegate:

I personally want to congratulate you on the honor, which you recently received to represent your school at the **2026 AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA PROGRAM**. ***This session marks our 83rd session of our program.*** You will find this opportunity an exciting adventure as you study government at the state and local level; participate in varied recreational and extracurricular activities; live, work and associate with other outstanding young men, instructors and counselors representing practically every city and county in the Commonwealth of Virginia. This program will be conducted at Hampden-Sydney College in Hampden Sydney, VA, June 21-27, 2026.

Enclosed is a copy of the **BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS** relating to the Boys State Program. I urge you to read these carefully and if you agree to observe them in their **ENTIRETY,** you should sign the pledge at the bottom of the page and present it **when you arrive on Sunday, June 21, 2026. Your execution and return of this pledge is a requirement of your acceptance to the program.**

We require every delegate of Virginia Boys State to have a physical prior to participating in the program. If you have had a physical within 12 months prior to Virginia Boys State for Boy Scouts, high school athletics, etc., you can use it for Virginia Boys State. For the 2026 session each delegate should have had a physical between June 2025 and June 2026. This medical certification must be present upon your arrival at Boys State during the registration process. In addition to this, **YOU MUST ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR PARENT'S OR GUARDIAN'S HEALTH BENEFITS, INSURANCE IDENTIFICATION CARD. Boys State will provide SECONDARY ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE.**

YOU WILL NEED TO BRING THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

Navy Blue walking shorts (2 pr. Minimum). **NO OTHER COLOR (no denim, cargo or cut offs)**
Underwear and white socks; Sweater or Jacket
Bed Linen – Twin XL bed; Pillow; Blanket, Towels, Toilet articles
Musical Instruments – if you plan to be a member of the Boys State Band
Refillable Water Bottle
Athletic Equipment (frisbee golf, soccer, flag football, volleyball, and basketball. If you have knee pads, or equipment that you would like to bring to enhance your game bring them.)
Boys State will provide two (2) T-shirts, lodging and meals. (Extra T-shirts will be available for purchase at the time of registration.)

Prior to the start of the program, telephone numbers will be published on the Virginia Boys State website: **www.vaboysstate.org** These numbers, along with other contact information, will be posted well in advance of your arrival at Boys State. This website will also provide you with an overview of the program.

The amount of money you may wish to bring should be a small amount. The average suggested amount is $50 to cover the costs of any additional tee shirts that you may wish to purchase, your City group photo, Friday night city party and snacks available on the Hampden-Sydney campus.

Your parents are welcome to visit during the Friday night program. The program hours are 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. During their visit they are welcome to eat with you, and enjoy the band concert and parade. There are a number of motels/hotels in the area for them to stay overnight. Graduation from the program will occur on Saturday morning and the program will end at 11:30 a.m. The cafeteria will be open for the Delegates and parents who would like to eat lunch prior to leaving.

YOU ARE REQUIRED TO ARRIVE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 11:00 A.M. AND 2:00 P.M. ON SUNDAY, JUNE 21st, AND STAY THE ENTIRE WEEK ENDING SATURDAY, JUNE 27th. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND THE ENTIRE WEEK, PLEASE CONTACT THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST WHO WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOUR ALTERNATE TO ATTEND.

Please note that the only person who can authorize late arrivals or early departures from the program is the Director of American Legion Boys State. No one else may do so. The Director will only authorize late arrivals or early departures due to emergency situations.

Again, I extend my congratulations for the honor you have received to attend the American Legion Boys State Program. I look forward to meeting you and I am sure you will find this an outstanding educational program and a program that is most rewarding.

Sincerely,

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