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# **SECTION I: INTRODUCTION**

*Learn more about  
The American  
Legion and  
Arkansas Boys  
State.*

**The Arkansas Boys State Commission**  
welcomes you to the 82<sup>nd</sup> annual session of  
American Legion Arkansas Boys State!



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Sheets**  
*Commander*



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*Americanism  
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**Bill Eaton**  
*Commissioner*

# *Greetings from* **THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS COMMANDER**

It is my extreme pleasure and honor, as the Current Department Commander for The American Legion Arkansas representing the thousands of proud Veterans in more than one hundred Posts throughout the State of Arkansas, to welcome you to a week of the 82nd American Legion Arkansas Boys State. I congratulate you for having been selected to take part in this nationally recognized program and sent by the Posts across the state. The history of American Legion Boys State is a proud one. Many, politicians, Presidents, Governors, and others have been to this Legion Program in the past. In this state right now, we have the honor of having the youngest mayor of any city at only 18 years old when elected, and was a recent graduate of Arkansas Boys State.

During your week at Arkansas Boys State, you will meet many other young men and develop lifelong friendships. Network with as many as you can, and enjoy these new lifelong friendships. You will have an opportunity to run for various offices, don't be shy. Put yourself out there, expand your horizons, and step out of your comfort zone. Regardless of if you run or not, be part of the experience and learn all you can about government and the process. This isn't about any political party but how our form of government functions.

Your week will last you a lifetime. Learn all that you can, share all that you learn and have fun doing it. You are the future leaders of our great nation I look forward to hearing great things about you in the years to come. What you learn and be a part of, will travel with you and show you how you can make it better. Thank you for attending and I look forward to seeing you all on Memorial Day during the Legion Night event.

For God And Country,

William "Doc" Sheets  
Department Commander



## ABOUT THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion is a patriotic organization dedicated to advancing the ideals of America: justice, freedom, democracy, and loyalty. Exalting under the motto, "For God and Country," the American Legion defends the sacredness of human personality and the inestimable gift of American citizenship.

The Legion was born at a caucus of the American Expeditionary Force on March 15-17, 1919, in Paris, France. It is a cross section of the nation since its members come from all walks of life. A number of presidents were Legionnaires, including presidents Truman, Eisenhower, Kennedy, Johnson, Reagan, and Bush. Legionnaires are to be found serving in the President's Cabinet, on the Supreme Court, and in the United States Congress. Also, governors of many states have been Legionnaires.

The backbone of the Legion, however, will always be the average citizen if there is such a person. Citizens who served their country honorably in wartime and desire to serve the nation in peacetime do so through the Legion. They are the ones who carry out those seemingly small but nevertheless important chores that keep American Legion Baseball, Scouting, Boys State, and other youth programs moving forward. The American Legion, nearly 3 million strong, is largest veterans organization and it continually serves America.

Arkansas Boys State is a part of the Legion's Americanism Program. For more than 80 years, The American Legion of Arkansas has given residents of the Natural State an inside look at the demands for good citizenship and civic responsibilities. More than 50,000 of tomorrow's citizens have thus far attended these annual sessions, which can be described as a practical, hands-on experience in the democratic process.

## ABOUT BOYS STATE

The American Legion Boys State, Incorporated, was organized in 1940 as a non-profit corporation under the law of the State of Arkansas.

Boys State has been held annually, except in 1945 during World War II. In 1935, a few prominent Illinois Legionnaires met to discuss a new youth program which would teach the lessons of good citizenship. The result was the first Boys State, held at the Illinois Fairgrounds in June 1935.

The 17th National American Legion Convention held in September 1935 endorsed the program and made it an "essential part of the National Americanism Program." Boys State spread rapidly throughout the states and, by 1949, all 48 states of the Union held Boys State.

Boys State is not meant to take the place of a course in civics or government, as taught in the classroom. It is planned so that boys may put into practice



the theories of American government as taught in the classroom, through operation of the city, county, and state offices as organized under the plans of Boys State.

American citizenship is a priceless possession. America's belief in the principles of democracy, as guaranteed by our constitution, has made us a great and powerful nation. The American Legion wants to assure this freedom to our future citizens of generations to come. In order to accomplish this, youth must learn the theory of government as well as its practice and operation. We believe a well-prepared youth will more effectively preserve and perpetuate our precious heritage and be ready to assume the responsibilities that go with being an American citizen. As long as a majority of citizens exercise their right to vote, government will remain a servant of the people.

## **NATIONAL BOYS STATE CREED**

American citizenship is my most priceless possession. I believe in the constitutional form of government of the United States of America which guarantees me as a citizen equal opportunity, equal educational rights, and the right to worship God as I choose. It is my obligation to participate in and contribute my effort to the civic and political welfare of my community, state, and nation.

I resolve to learn and understand government and the civic needs of my community and I hereby dedicate myself to the task of arousing and maintaining a like interest in my fellow citizens.

Therefore, may the experience of Boys State be ever with me as a reminder of my obligation to God and country.

## **THE AMERICAN'S CREED**

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, and 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 loves 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.

## **LEARNING GOALS**

By the end of Arkansas Boys State, delegates will have strengthened their ability to:

- Think critically about their views and communicate those views more effectively;
- Lead others, particularly in the pursuit of the common or collective good;
- Participate in American civic, social, commercial, and political institutions as lifelong leaders and engaged citizens;
- Build relationships with those of different worldviews.

## RULES OF CONDUCT

While the government of Arkansas Boys State is in the hands of the citizens themselves, the Arkansas Boys State Commission has the responsibility to establish rules of conduct. Citizens who violate the letter or spirit of these rules are subject to dismissal from Arkansas Boys State without a refund. Sponsors of the dismissed will be appraised of the circumstances for dismissal.

Delegates shall observe the rules of common courtesy and decency in their relations with each other. They shall be amenable to the rules and statutes of Arkansas Boys State and shall cooperate with all duly elected or appointed citizen officers. They shall respect the authority of counselors and shall conform to all reasonable requests made by them. Specifically:

- No citizen shall be offensive or disruptive in his personal conduct, during meetings, or while communicating with fellow citizens and staff; nor shall he use lewd, profane, or obscene language or display obscene pictures or printed material.
- No citizen shall withdraw from the program without permission of the Arkansas Boys State Executive Director. Citizens are expected to complete the full week of the program, without late arrival or early departure.
- All citizens shall engage actively and intentionally with the entirety of the program. This includes arriving for sessions on time, giving the program full attention, wearing the program uniform, and actively participating in activities and discussions.
- While engaged in the program, no citizen shall participate in any form of gambling.
- While engaged in the program, all tobacco or nicotine, alcohol, and drugs of any form are strictly prohibited.
- Citizens shall not have firearms or explosives in his possession during the program.
- Citizens shall not visit areas of the campus other than those assigned to Arkansas Boys State, except during organized and supervised tours.
- Citizens shall not appropriate, deface, or destroy any property belonging to the school or any other citizen.
- Citizens shall not operate an automobile while at Arkansas Boys State, even though he may have consent of his parents. Those who bring automobiles must park in designated parking areas and leave their keys with their senior counselor.
- Citizens shall fully comply with all federal, state, and local laws and ordinances.

**DISCLAIMER:** The views of the invited speakers are their own and are not representative of The American Legion or the Arkansas Boys State staff.





# SECTION II: STAFF

*Meet the Arkansas  
Boys State  
leadership, staff,  
and counselors —  
those who will be  
guiding you through  
your experience.*

# ARKANSAS BOYS STATE STAFF AND COUNSELORS

## Executive Leadership Team



**Dr. Lloyd Jackson**  
*Executive Director*



**Robert Bryant**  
*Deputy Director*



**Pablo Velasco-Moya**  
*2022 Governor*

## Operations Team



**Craig DePew**  
*Dir. of Operations*



**Devante Johnson**  
*Asst. Dir. of Operations*

Tom Hamaker,  
*Office Manager*

Gavin Michau,  
*Office Analyst*

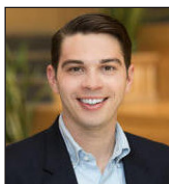
Egan Gunter,  
*Office Analyst*

Tyler Freeman,  
*Canteen Coordinator*

## Instruction Team



**David Saterfield**  
*Dir. of Instruction*



**Sean Alexander**  
*Asst. Dir. of Instruction*

J.J. Thompson,  
*Dean of Commerce*

J.P. Gairhan,  
*Dean of Public Service*

Blake Brizzolara,  
*Dean of Public  
Administration*

Kameron Lunon,  
*Dean of Society and The Arts*  
Coleman Warren,  
*Speakership Series  
Coordinator*

Leon Jones,  
*Boys Nation Coordinator*

## ARKANSAS BOYS STATE STAFF AND COUNSELORS

### Staff Team



**Andrew Brodsky**  
*Dir. of Staff*



**DeKevious Wilson**  
*Asst. Dir. of Staff*

Warrington Sebree,  
*Chair of Counselor Education*

### Engagement Team



**Kaleb Turner**  
*Dir. of Engagement*

Jackson Conner, *Media/Constituent Relations Manager*

Walli Zaman, *Photo and Video Manager*

Evan Meyers, *Photo and Video Producer*

Max Fortin, *Photo and Video Producer*

Noah Bryan, *Photo and Video Producer*

Victor Lopez, *Photo and Video Producer*

Keyon Atkins, *Social Media Manager*

### Program Support Team

Kent Broughton, *Chaplain*

Kevin Dunn, *Band and Choir Director*

Ernie Higgs, *Dining and Athletics Coordinator*

Joe Kieklak, *Recreation Coordinator*

Jordan Utsey, *Medical Coordinator*

## ARKANSAS BOYS STATE STAFF AND COUNSELORS

COUNTY	SENIOR COUNSELORS	STATE COUNSELORS	JUNIOR COUNSELORS
<b>Carvell County</b> Conway Hall	Ja'von Long	Reese Brown	Keyon Atkins Jordan Brown Michael Trujillo
<b>Cotton County</b> Baridon Hall	Keenan Robinson	Matthew Hudefi	Demetrios Guzman Jeromy Hunt Chandler Reinhart
<b>Hanner County</b> State Hall	Warrington Sebree	Kyle Crutcher	Korey Edwards Juan Fernandez-Perez Richard Ware
<b>Qualls County</b> Baridon Hall	Xavier Broughton	Baxter Yarbrough	Korwin Johnson Logan Principato Garland Shaw
<b>Rooks County</b> State Hall	DeKevious Wilson	Jesus Perera	Henry Chilcoat Joshua Pointer Khyren Tose
<b>Sanders County</b> Conway Hall	Daniel Harper	Jalen Manley	Hollin Glaze Esteban Lamas Kishaun Pitts
<b>Sheets County</b> Carmichael Hall	Marco Gargano	Leon Jones	R.J. Martin Colby Moore Scout Morrison
<b>Womack County</b> Carmichael Hall	J.P. Gairhan	Sam Kieklak	Neil Dogra Jose Rodriguez Keithan Smith







## **SECTION III: DAILY SCHEDULE**

*Check out the week's activities, events, and speakers. The schedule is subject to change.*

## SUNDAY, MAY 28, 2023

- 1 – 2:30 P.M. **CHECK IN:** Residence Halls
- 2:30 – 3:45 P.M. **COUNTY GATHERING:** Residence Halls
- 3:45 – 5:15 P.M. **OPENING SESSION & KEYNOTE:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– Mr. Jeremy Gillam, *UCA*  
– Congressman French Hill  
– General Wesley K. Clark
- 5:25 – 6 P.M. **CHOIR/BAND ORGANIZATION:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- COLOR GUARD ORGANIZATION:**  
Old Main East Steps
- 5:30 – 7 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7 – 7:15 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:15 – 8:15 P.M. **ELECTIONS 101 – LOCAL OFFICIALS:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 8:15 – 9:15 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #1:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **CANTEEN:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**  
Respective Locations  
– See pg. 50
- 10:45 P.M. **SENIOR COUNSELOR MEETING:**  
Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall
- 11 P.M. **LIGHTS OUT:** Residence Halls

### About our keynote speaker: General Wesley K. Clark

Wesley K. Clark serves as Chairman and CEO of Wesley K. Clark & Associates, Chairman and Founder of Enverra, Inc., Chairman of Energy Security Partners, LLC, and serves numerous corporate boards including BNK Petroleum and Leagold Mining.

He is a Senior Fellow at UCLA's Burkle Center for International Relations, Director of the Atlantic Council, and Founding Chair of City Year Little Rock/North Little Rock. A best-selling author, Clark has written four books and is a frequent contributor on TV and to newspapers.

Clark retired as a four-star general after 38 years in the U.S. Army, having served in his last assignments as Commander of U.S. Southern Command and as Commander of U.S. European Command/ Supreme Allied Commander Europe. He graduated first in his class at West Point and earned degrees in Philosophy, Politics and Economics at Oxford University (B.A. and M.A.) as a Rhodes Scholar. Serving in Vietnam, he commanded an infantry company in combat, where he was severely wounded and evacuated home. He later commanded at the battalion, brigade and division level, and served in significant staff positions, including as the Director, Strategic Plans and Policy (J-5). He was the principal author of the U.S. National Military Strategy and Joint Vision 2010, prescribing U.S. war-fighting for full-spectrum dominance. He also worked with Ambassador Richard Holbrooke in the Dayton Peace Process to help write and negotiate significant portions of the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement.

In his final assignment as Supreme Allied Commander Europe, he led NATO forces to victory in Operation Allied Force, a 78-day air campaign, backed by ground invasion planning and a diplomatic process, saving 1.5 million Albanians from ethnic cleansing.

His awards include the Presidential Medal of Freedom, Defense Distinguished Service Medal (five awards), Silver Star, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, honorary knighthoods from the British and Dutch governments, the Commander of the Legion of Honor (France), the U.S. Department of State Distinguished Service Award and numerous honorary doctorates and civilian honors.

## DAILY NOTES

## MONDAY, MAY 29, 2023

- 7 – 8:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional): Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:30 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:45 – 9:45 A.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #2:** See App for Respective Locations
- 10 – 10:45 A.M. **CITY CAUCUSES:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 34
- 10:45 – 11:15 A.M. **COUNTY CONVENTION:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 36
- 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. **ELECTIONS 102 – STATEWIDE OFFICES & BOYS NATION:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 12:30 – 2 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1:10 – 1:55 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #3:** See App for Respective Locations
- 3:15 – 3:45 P.M. **CITY ELECTIONS:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 35
- 3:45 – 4:15 P.M. **COUNTY ELECTIONS:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 37
- 4 P.M. **PETITION FOR STATE OFFICE AVAILABLE:**  
Counselors or Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall  
– See pg. 40
- 4:15 – 5:30 P.M. **RECREATION**
- 4:30 P.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional): Ferguson Chapel
- 5:30 – 7 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6 P.M. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN COUNTY FLAGS:**  
Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall
- 6:15 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- COLOR GUARD MEETING:** Old Main East Steps
- 7 – 7:15 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:15 – 8:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– American Legion Night  
– Major General Jonathan M. Stubbs, *Adjutant General of the Arkansas National Guard*
- 8:15 – 9:15 P.M. **CANTEEN:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:15 – 10:30 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**  
Respective Locations  
– See pg. 51
- 11 P.M. **LIGHTS OUT:** Residence Halls

## DAILY NOTES

## TUESDAY, MAY 30, 2023

- 7 – 8:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:30 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:45 – 9:45 A.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #4:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 10 A.M. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN STATE OFFICE  
PETITIONS:** Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall
- 10 – 11:15 A.M. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS & BOYS NATION  
NOMINATIONS:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 38 for District Conventions  
– See pg. 42 for Boys Nation
- 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #5:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 12:30 – 2 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 12:30 P.M. **PARTY PLATFORM COMMITTEE  
MEETINGS:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1:10 – 1:55 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– Jaylen Smith, *Mayor of Earle, Arkansas, youngest  
Black mayor in the U.S. and 2021 Arkansas Boys  
State Alumnus*
- 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. **DISTRICT ELECTIONS:** Respective Locations  
– See pg. 39
- 4:30 – 6 P.M. **RECREATION**
- 4:45 P.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 6 – 7:30 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:45 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:30 – 7:45 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:45 – 9:45 P.M. **STATE OFFICE PARTY PRIMARY  
CONVENTIONS:**  
Nationalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium  
Federalist Party: Farris Center  
– See pg. 40
- CANTEEN:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**  
Respective Locations  
– See pg. 52
- 10:45 P.M. **ROOM CHECK**
- 11 P.M. **LIGHTS OUT:** Residence Halls



## DAILY NOTES

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 31, 2023

- 7 – 8:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:30 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:45 – 10:45 A.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**  
– Dr. Chris Jones, *Vortex PAC and 2022  
Democratic Nominee for Governor of Arkansas*
- 10:45 A.M. State legislators visit Arkansas Boys State  
  
Representatives & Senators remain in auditorium  
for a briefing on committee assignments
- 11 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #6:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 12:30 – 2 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1:10 – 1:55 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3 P.M. **STATE OFFICE PARTY RUNOFFS:**  
Nationalist Party: Farris Center  
Federalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– See pg. 41
- 3:15 – 4:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #7:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 4:30 – 6 P.M. **RECREATION**
- 4:45 P.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 6 – 7:30 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:45 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:30 – 7:45 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:45 – 9:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– VP Parker, *Director of Diversity, Equity, and  
Inclusion at Arkansas Children's Hospital*
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **CANTEEN:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**  
Respective Locations  
– See pg. 53
- 11 P.M. **LIGHTS OUT:** Residence Halls

## DAILY NOTES

## THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 2023

- 7 – 8:15 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:30 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:45 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:45 – 10 A.M. **STATE OFFICE GENERAL ELECTION:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– See pg. 41
- 10 – 11:15 A.M. **TALENT SHOW:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #8:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 12:30 – 2 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1:10 – 1:55 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3:15 P.M. **BOYS NATION STATEWIDE ELECTION:**  
Ida Waldran Auditorium  
– See pg. 42
- 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #9:** See App for  
Respective Locations
- 4:30 – 6 P.M. **RECREATION**
- 4:45 – 5:15 P.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):  
Ferguson Chapel
- 6 – 7:30 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:45 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:30 – 7:45 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:45 – 9:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran  
Auditorium  
– Chief Justice John Kemp,  
*Arkansas Supreme Court*  
– Pablo Velasco-Moya,  
*2022 Arkansas Boys State Governor*  
– 2023 Arkansas Boys State Governor-Elect
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **CANTEEN:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:15 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall
- 9:45 – 11 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**  
Respective Locations  
– See pg. 54
- 11 P.M. **LIGHTS OUT:** Residence Halls

## DAILY NOTES

## FRIDAY, JUNE 2, 2023

- 6:45 – 7:30 A.M.    **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:45 – 8:45 A.M.    **TRAVEL TO CAPITOL**
- 8:45 – 9 A.M.    **ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL STAFF  
WELCOMES DELEGATION:** Capitol Steps
- 9 – 11:30 A.M.    **ARKANSAS BOYS STATE HOUSE &  
SENATE CONVENE:** House & Senate Chambers
- 11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.    **TRAVEL TO UCA**
- 12:45 – 1:45 P.M.    **LUNCH:** Respective Locations
- 2 – 3:30 P.M.    **CLOSING SESSION:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- Service Awards
- Staff Years of Service
  - Loyd McDermott Award of Counselors
  - Boys Nation Senators
  - Samsung Scholarship
  - Greg Bland Model County Award
- Hall of Fame Induction
- 3:30 – 4:30 P.M.    **CHECK OUT:** Residence Halls

## DAILY NOTES





# SECTION IV: ELECTION RESOURCES

*Participate  
first-hand in  
representative  
democracy.*

## SECTION A: CITY

### City Caucus Meeting

The City Caucus is composed of every member of each party in their particular city. The City Caucus Meeting shall begin with the election of a **Party Chairman** and **Party Secretary** for the city, who will go on to serve on the City Election Commission. The Chairman shall conduct the meeting. Party candidates shall be nominated for the following offices: **Mayor** and **City Councilman Positions 1 through 5**. The Secretary shall certify that each nominee is elected by a plurality vote and record results appropriately.

#### Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble as a City Caucus, including all members of their party in their particular city.
2. Elect ONE (1) Party Chairman.
3. Elect ONE (1) Party Secretary. The Party Secretary will record results for each election.
4. Elect FIVE (5) nominees for City Council.  
Party Secretary records results.
5. Elect ONE (1) nominee for Mayor.  
Party Secretary records results.

– Counselor conducts steps 1-2. Party Chairman conducts steps 3-5. Each City Caucus completes steps 2-5 separately.

– Candidates who win the nomination for City Council and Mayor must pay a filing fee of 25 cents, collected by the Party Secretary.

– All delegates are eligible to run for any office they wish at the city level, and this will not disqualify them from running for district office, state office, or Boys Nation. However, delegates may only be elected as nominee to ONE of the following offices: City Council, Mayor, Justice of the Peace, and County Judge.

– Delegates MAY NOT be elected both as a nominee for City Mayor AND as a nominee for City Council.

## SECTION A: CITY

### City Elections

The City Election Commission, consisting of each party's Chairman and Secretary, shall conduct the election for the following offices: **Mayor** and **City Councilman Positions 1 through 5**. The Commission shall accept each party's nominations for the above positions and allow for each nominee to give a short candidate speech. Voting shall be conducted digitally. After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the City Election Commission who in turn shall announce the results.

#### **Procedure:**

1. Delegates assemble, including all citizens of the particular city.
2. Nominees for each City Council position give speeches.
3. Nominees for Mayor give speeches.
4. City citizens complete their ballots for city elections.
5. Election results are certified and delivered to the City Election Commission, who announce results.

– Counselor conducts step 1. The City Election Commission, which consists of both Federalist and Nationalist Party Chairmen and Party Secretaries, conduct steps 2-5.

– These elections DO NOT impact district, state, or Boys Nation elections. However, delegates may only be elected as nominee to ONE of the following offices: City Council, Mayor, Justice of the Peace, and County Judge.

– All city citizens should refrain from voting until they have had the opportunity to hear all candidates for a given office speak.

– If the City Mayor is subsequently elected to a District or State office, then the Vice Mayor will assume the position of Acting Mayor.

## SECTION B: COUNTY

### County Conventions

The Federalist and Nationalist Parties in each county shall hold a County Convention to determine the parties' nominees for county elections. The County Convention shall begin with the election of a **Party Chairman and Party Secretary** for the county, who will go on to serve on the County Election Commission. The Chairman shall conduct the meeting. Party candidates shall be nominated for the following offices: **County Judge, County Sheriff, and Justice of the Peace Positions 1 through 7**. In addition, a **Delegate to the State Party Platform Convention** shall also be elected. The Secretary shall certify that each nominee is elected by a plurality vote and record results appropriately.

#### Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble, including all members of their party in their particular county.
2. Elect county's ONE (1) Party Chairman.
3. Elect county's ONE (1) Party Secretary. The Party Secretary will record results for each election.
4. Elect SEVEN (7) nominees for Justice of the Peace.  
Party Secretary records results.
5. Elect ONE (1) nominee for County Sheriff.  
Party Secretary records results.
6. Elect ONE (1) nominee for Party Platform Delegate.  
Party Secretary records results.
7. Elect ONE (1) nominee for County Judge.  
Party Secretary records results.

– Counselor conducts steps 1-2. Party Chairman conducts steps 3-7.

– Candidates who win the nomination for Justice of the Peace, County Sheriff, and County Judge must pay a filing fee of 25 cents, collected by the Party Secretary.

– All delegates are eligible to run for any office they wish at the county level (as long as they have not been elected as a nominee to city office), and this will not disqualify them from running for district-level or state-level office and Boys Nation.

– Delegates MAY NOT be elected as nominee to more than one of the following offices: City Council, Mayor, Justice of the Peace, County Sheriff, and County Judge. Serving as a nominee for one of these offices disqualifies you from being a nominee to either of the other two offices.

## SECTION B: COUNTY

### County Elections

The County Election Commission, consisting of the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary from each party, shall conduct the election of the following offices: **County Judge, County Sheriff, and Justice of the Peace Positions 1 through 7**. The Commission shall accept each party's nominations for the above positions and allow for each nominee to give a short candidate speech. Voting shall be conducted digitally. After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the County Election Commission who in turn shall announce the results.

#### Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble, including all citizens of the particular county.
2. Nominees for each Justice of the Peace position give speeches.
3. Nominees for County Sheriff give speeches.
4. Nominees for County Judge give speeches.
5. County citizens complete their ballots for county elections.
6. Election results are certified and delivered to the County Election Commission, who announce results.

– Counselors conduct step 1. The County Election Commission, which consists of both Federalist and Nationalist Party Chairmen and Party Secretaries, conduct steps 2-6.

– These elections DO NOT impact district, state, or Boys Nation Elections. However, delegates may only be elected as nominee to ONE of the following offices: City Council, Mayor, Justice of the Peace, County Sheriff, and County Judge.

– All county citizens should refrain from voting until they have had the opportunity to hear all candidates for a given office speak.

– If the County Judge is subsequently elected to a District or State office, then the Vice County Judge will assume the position of Acting County Judge.

## SECTION C: DISTRICT

### District Conventions

Each county of Arkansas Boys State shall be a Senatorial District and a House of Representatives District (see pg. 43 for Districts). The Arkansas Boys State Senate and House of Representatives form the legislative branch of the Arkansas Boys State Government. Elected Senators and Representatives shall actively participate in the drafting and passage of legislative bills during the Legislative Session on Friday.

The Federalist and Nationalist Parties of each district shall hold a District Convention to determine the parties' nominees for State Senate and House of Representatives. The County Party Chairman shall conduct the meeting. Party candidates shall be nominated for the following offices: **State Senator Positions 1 through 3, State Representative Positions 1 through 10, and two nominees for Boys Nation.** The Secretary shall certify that each nominee is elected by a plurality vote and record results appropriately.

#### Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble, including all members of their party in their particular District.
  2. Elect TEN (10) nominees for House of Representatives.  
County Party Secretary records results.
  3. Elect THREE (3) nominees for Senate.  
County Party Secretary records results.
  4. Elect TWO (2) nominees for Boys Nation.  
Party Secretary records results.
- Counselors conduct step 1. The County Party Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary conduct steps 2-3. Counselor conducts step 4.
  - Nominees for House of Representatives and Senate will pay a filing fee of 25 cents to the Party Secretary.
  - Delegates MAY NOT be elected as a nominee for House of Representation and as a nominee for Senate.
  - Delegates elected as nominees for either House of Representatives or Senate MAY NOT run for state office, as delegates may not serve simultaneously in two branches of statewide government.
  - These elections DO NOT impact city and county elections.

## SECTION C: DISTRICT

### District Elections

The County Election Commission, consisting of the County Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary from each party, shall conduct the election of the following offices: **State Senator Positions 1 through 3 and State Representative Positions 1 through 10**. The Commission shall accept each party's nominations for the above positions and allow for each nominee to give a short candidate speech. Voting shall be conducted digitally. After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the County Election Commission who in turn shall announce the results. Candidates elected as State Senator or State Representative shall actively participate in the drafting and passage of legislative bills during the Legislative Session.

#### **Procedure:**

1. Delegates assemble, including all citizens of the particular District (County).
3. Nominees for each State Representative position give speeches.
4. Nominees for each State Senate position give speeches.
5. District citizens complete their ballots for district elections.
6. Election results are certified and delivered to the County Election Commission, who announce results.

– Counselors conduct step 1. The County Election Commission, which consists of both Federalist and Nationalist Party Chairmen and Party Secretaries conduct steps 2-6.

– These elections DO NOT impact city, county, or Boys Nation Elections.

– Delegates who appear on the ballot for State Senate and State Representative MAY NOT run for state office, as delegates may not serve simultaneously in two branches of statewide government.

– All district citizens should refrain from voting until they have had the opportunity to hear all candidates for a given office speak.

## SECTION D: STATE

### State Offices

The executive and judicial branches of the Arkansas Boys State Government include the following offices: **Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Attorney General, State Auditor, Land Commissioner, Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court, and Associate Justice Positions 1 through 6.** These offices shall collectively be known as, “Constitutional Offices,” as they are set forth in the Arkansas State Constitution. These offices, together with the Arkansas Boys State Senate and House of Representatives, form the Arkansas Boys State Government. The process of electing delegates to the Constitutional offices shall include the filing of a petition with Arkansas Boys State Headquarters at Bear Hall (including a filing fee of 25 cents), State Party Primaries, State Party Run-Offs if necessary, and a State Office General Election.

### State Office Petitions

Each delegate who wishes to run shall complete a petition for state office. This petition must be completed and received by Arkansas Boys State Headquarters at Bear Hall by the communicated deadline (Tuesday at 10 A.M.) with a filing fee of 25 cents. Delegates may not run for multiple State Offices. Any delegate who appears on a ballot for State Representative or State Senator will be ineligible to run for State Office. Upon receiving the completed petition, the delegate’s name shall be listed on the State Office Primary ballot of the delegate’s party for their desired position.

### State Office Party Primaries

Delegates shall assemble for State Office Party Primaries, including ALL members of the particular party at Arkansas Boys State. The State Party Chairman and Vice Chairman, elected by the party’s State Party Platform Committee, shall conduct the meeting. Each candidate listed on the State Office Party Primary ballot shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. Each county’s nominees for Boys Nation shall also appear on the ballot for Boys Nation Senator, and each nominee shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. All members of the party shall be allowed to vote for their preferred candidate, and voting shall be conducted digitally.

After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the State Party Chairman who in turn shall announce the results. If any candidate has reached a majority of votes for a particular office, that candidate shall receive the party’s nomination for that office and advance to the State Office General Election. If no candidate has reached a majority, the two candidates receiving the most votes shall advance to the State Office Party Run-Offs.



## **SECTION D: STATE**

### **State Office Party Run-Offs**

Delegates shall assemble for State Office Party Run-Offs, if necessary, including ALL members of the particular party at Arkansas Boys State. The State Party Chairman and Vice Chairman, elected by the party's State Party Platform Committee, shall conduct the meeting. Each candidate listed on the State Office Party Run-Off ballot shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. All members of the party shall be allowed to vote for their preferred candidate, and voting shall be conducted digitally.

After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the State Party Chairman who in turn shall announce the results. All candidates receiving a majority of votes shall receive the party's nomination for that office and advance to the State Office General Election. If any elections remain tied after the run-off elections, an emergency election shall be held to determine the party's nominee.

### **State Office General Election**

Delegates shall assemble for State Office General Election, including ALL citizens of Arkansas Boys State. The Nationalist and Federalist State Party Chairmen and Vice Chairmen, elected by each party's State Party Platform Committee, shall conduct the meeting. Each candidate listed on the State Office General Election ballot shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. All citizens shall be allowed to vote for their preferred candidate, and voting shall be conducted digitally.

After the voting deadline has passed, results shall be certified and delivered to the Federalist and Nationalist State Party Chairmen, who in turn shall announce the results. All candidates receiving a majority of votes for a particular office shall be sworn in as the elected State Officer for the particular position. If any elections remain tied after the State Office General Election, an emergency election shall be held to determine the winner of the election.

# **SECTION E: BOYS NATION**

## **Boys Nation**

Each year, two delegates at Arkansas Boys State are elected to represent Arkansas in Washington D.C. at Boys Nation. With the trip completely funded by the American Legion, the delegates elected as Boys Nation Senators will travel to D.C. for a week-long experience to learn about the federal government.

## **Boys Nation Election Process**

At the District Convention, each party in each county shall select two candidates to represent their county as nominees for Boys Nation Senator. These nominees shall advance to the State Office Party Primaries, where two finalist candidates shall be chosen to represent the State Party as finalists for Boys Nation Senator. If two candidates receive a majority of votes, those candidates will advance to the Boys Nation Statewide Election as finalists for Boys Nation Senator. If no two candidates receive a majority in the State Office Party Primaries, the top four candidates shall advance to the State Office Party Run-Offs.

At the State Office Party Run-Offs, if necessary, each candidate shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. After the State Office Party Run-Offs, the two candidates receiving the majority of votes shall advance to the Boys Nation Statewide Election. At the Boys Nation Statewide Election, all delegates shall gather together to hear from each finalist for Boys Nation Senator, using the below procedures. Voting will be conducted digitally. The two finalists receiving the majority of votes shall be the Boys Nation Senators from the State of Arkansas. The two finalists who are not elected as Boys Nation Senators shall be elected as alternates. For further information, contact your Senior Counselor.

## **Boys Nation Statewide Election**

### **Procedure:**

1. ALL delegates gather together.
2. Finalist candidates for Boys Nation Senator give speeches.
3. Arkansas Boys State citizens complete their ballots for the Boys Nation Statewide Election.
4. Boys Nation ballots are counted, and Boys Nation results are certified. Results will be announced on Friday at the Closing Session.

– These elections DO NOT impact city, county, district, or state elections.

– All Arkansas Boys State citizens should refrain from voting until they have had the opportunity to hear all candidates for the office of Boys Nation Senator speak.

## SECTION F: OATH OF OFFICE

Senators and Representatives and all Judicial and Executive, State and County Officers, and all officers both Civil and Military, before entering on the duties of their respective offices shall take and subscribe to the following Oath of Affirmation:

*“I, \_\_\_\_\_, do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Arkansas, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of \_\_\_\_\_, upon which I am now about to enter.”*

## SECTION G: REPRESENTATIVE AND SENATORIAL DISTRICTS

DISTRICT NO. 1	Carvell County
DISTRICT NO. 2	Cotton County
DISTRICT NO. 3	Hanner County
DISTRICT NO. 4	Qualls County
DISTRICT NO. 5	Rooks County
DISTRICT NO. 6	Sanders County
DISTRICT NO. 7	Sheets County
DISTRICT NO. 8	Womack County

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### Steps in a Typical Election

- 1. Party Nominations:** For every election, each party will typically gather at a caucus, convention, or party rally. At this event, the party will identify candidates it wishes to nominate for upcoming elections. These events are sometimes referred to as “primaries.”
- 2. Party Run-Offs:** In some instances, particularly for statewide offices, if no candidate wins a majority of the party’s vote, a run-off between the two candidates who received the most votes in the primary will be held. The winner of this run-off election then receives the party’s nomination for the office, and that candidate will represent the party in the upcoming election. In some cases, particularly in lower-level elections, a plurality of the party’s support may be acceptable, and no run-off election will be held. Instead, the candidate who receives the most votes in the primary, even if this candidate does not receive a majority, will be the party’s nominee.
- 3. General Election:** The last step in the election cycle is typically a general election, where voters decide between the candidates nominated by each party. In rare instances of a tie, the election may be decided by a re-vote or emergency election.

At Arkansas Boys State, the Federalist Party and Nationalist Party have the same procedures for nominating candidates and conducting primary elections, and no other political parties are formed. Additionally, the process for electing Boys Nation Senators does not follow the typical election process. For more information, please see the election procedures section of the handbook, which provides instructions for each election.

### Party Officials

- Delegate to the State Party Platform Committee:** At the county convention, each party may select a delegate to the state party platform committee. This committee, composed of one member of the party from each county, typically defines the party’s statewide political agenda. This committee will also directly elect the State Party Chairman, who will lead the party on the state-level.
- Party Chairman:** A chairman of a political party organizes the party’s nominations for offices in municipal and statewide elections. The chairman is also tasked with leading the party, communicating the party’s platform and political agenda, and campaigning for the party’s nominees. Each level of the party’s organization, from the city-level to the statewide or even national level, will typically elect a party chairman to lead the party at that level.
- Party Secretary:** The secretary of a political party provides administrative support as needed to the party chairman. The secretary may help conduct meetings and maintain records of the party’s meetings and nominations. Each level of the party’s organization, from the city-level to the statewide or even national level, will typically elect a party secretary to provide administrative support to the party at that level.

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### City-Level Offices

- **City Council:** The city council for a city represents the interests of their constituents through proposing, passing, and ratifying laws and ordinances. City councils also manage budgets and investigate city agencies when necessary. In Arkansas, positions on the city council are divided by areas of the city, called wards, to ensure that the city council includes representatives from all parts of the city. However, at Arkansas Boys State, all city council seats are considered “at large” and the positions are not divided by ward.
- **Mayor / Vice Mayor:** A city mayor is the chief executive officer of that municipality. The mayor oversees the city’s infrastructure, budget, and civil government. In some instances, the mayor may appoint or hire other city officials to oversee city projects or departments. At Arkansas Boys State, if the City Mayor is subsequently elected to a District or State office, then the Vice Mayor will assume the position of Acting Mayor.

### County-Level Offices

- **County Judge / Vice County Judge:** A county judge is the chief executive officer of a county. A county judge may oversee the county’s infrastructure and administration, and the county judge is ultimately responsible for managing any programs or county departments. The County Judge may typically work with other county officials, like the Sheriff, County Clerk, prosecutor, and other administrators to perform the functions of the county’s government. At Arkansas Boys State, if the County Judge is subsequently elected to a District or State office, then the Vice County Judge will assume the position of Acting County Judge.
- **County Sheriff:** The county sheriff provides law enforcement services to residents, manages the county jail, and provides bailiffs for the county, district, circuit, and other courts within the county.
- **Justice of the Peace:** Justices of the Peace are members of the county’s quorum court, which is responsible for passing ordinances in the county. The quorum court typically works with the County Judge to resolve problems in the county and to approve new projects and initiatives as needed.

### District-Level Offices

- **State Representative:** An Arkansas State Representative is a member of the lower chamber of the Arkansas General Assembly, the Arkansas House of Representatives. Together with the Arkansas Senate, they dictate state law. State representatives are elected by their local district, and they are responsible for advocating for laws and policies on behalf of their district. In Arkansas, there are 100 State Representatives, and each representative represents a district of about 29,000 people.
- **State Senator:** An Arkansas State Senator is a member of the upper chamber of the Arkansas General Assembly, the Arkansas Senate. Together with the Arkansas House of Representatives, they dictate state law. State senators are elected by their local district, and they are responsible for advocating for laws and policies on behalf of their district. In Arkansas, there are 35 State Senators, who each represent about 83,000 people.

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### State-Level Offices

- **Associate Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court:** Associate Justices of the Arkansas Supreme Court, with the Chief Justice, decide cases that are brought before the Court. The Arkansas Supreme Court hears cases that involve the Arkansas Constitution and some appeals cases. Current associate justices include: Robin F. Wynne, Courtney Hudson, Barbara Webb, Shawn A. Womack, Karen R. Baker, and Rhonda K. Wood.
- **Attorney General:** The Arkansas Attorney General is the top legal officer of the state. This officer advises and represents the state in legal proceedings. The Attorney General also helps form policy on what legal issues and criminal issues the state will prioritize. The current attorney general is Tim Griffin.
- **Chief Justice of the Arkansas Supreme Court:** The Chief Justice presides over the Arkansas Supreme Court and has significant influence in the selection of cases for review, hears oral arguments on cases, and leads the discussion of cases among the Justices. The Arkansas Supreme Court hears cases that involve the Arkansas Constitution and some appeals cases. The current chief justice is John Dan Kemp.
- **Governor:** A governor is the executive of the state government. The Governor of Arkansas is responsible for implementing state laws, overseeing the operation of the state executive branch, and responding to emergencies. As state leaders, governors advocate for new and revised policies using several governmental tools, including executive orders, executive budgets, legislative proposals, and vetoes. The current governor is Sarah Huckabee-Sanders.
- **Lieutenant (Lt.) Governor:** A lieutenant governor acts as governor should the Governor be temporarily absent from the office. The Arkansas Lieutenant Governor presides over the Arkansas State Senate and may cast a vote to break a tie, if needed. The Arkansas Lieutenant Governor also assumes the office of Arkansas Governor if the Governor dies or is otherwise removed from office. The current lieutenant governor is Leslie Rutledge.
- **Secretary of State:** The Arkansas Secretary of State is the state's chief elections officer and supervisor of the State Archives. Responsibilities of the Secretary of State include supervising state and local elections and certifying the results of state primaries and general elections. The current secretary of state is John Thurston.

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- **State Auditor:** The Arkansas State Auditor supervises the accounting and financial functions of the state. They also act as watchdogs over other state agencies, performing internal audits and investigating fraud allegations. Lastly, they supervise unclaimed funds collected from dormant bank accounts and estates, and help Arkansans collect any unclaimed assets they are entitled to. The current state auditor is Dennis Milligan.
- **State Land Commissioner:** The Arkansas State Land Commissioner is primarily tasked with the disposition of tax delinquent property in the state. The Commissioner is also tasked with maintaining land records and the state's natural resources. The current state land commissioner is Tommy Land.
- **State Treasurer:** The Arkansas State Treasurer serves as the chief custodian of the state's treasury and as the state's head banker. This officer receives and deposits state funds, manages investments, and keeps track of the state budget. The current state treasurer is Mark Lowery.





# **SECTION V: LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS**

*End each day  
engaging with your  
peers and hear their  
perspectives on the  
world.*

## **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #1: LEADERSHIP & NORMALITY**

Norms are the subtle rules that dictate the way we live. When we play basketball, we shake our opponents' hands after the game is over because we have determined that good sportsmanship is a valuable norm of competitive sports. When we wake up in the morning, we brush our teeth because society has deemed cleanliness important. Norms exist because we all agree that the way we interact is as important as the fact that we interact at all.

Norms also apply to our political process. Elected officials are expected to treat each other with respect and deliver on promises to their constituents. They are also expected to put their communities before themselves and to act with integrity. But sometimes, they fail or do not live up to expectations. Reflect on your own life:

- What are some norms that guide your daily experience?
- Who creates norms? Where do they come from? Parents? Society? Social media?
- Do you have personal norms or expectations that you live by? Can you think of a person or a specific experience that challenged your personal norms? How did you react and what was the resolution?
- What steps can we take as leaders in our communities to preserve our norms? Or should we? Should norms be consistently evaluated?
- Consider the last 12 months, what norms have changed, and what norms have remained?

## LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #2: CIVIC ENGAGEMENT DEFINED

The American structure of government requires us to engage with our communities with enthusiasm. It is not merely that the act of voting is important, but that the act is something which you should look forward to with excitement. But voting is not the only way to be civically engaged. As citizens, we should actively give back to our cities and state in various forms like volunteer work (like Arkansas Boys State), military and political service, or political activism. Public and civil service can also occur in various forms: at your school, religious community, town, state, or country.

However, your responsibility to serve society through civic engagement is also built upon a set of obligations: kindness, empathy, and respect. American society only works when we all pitch in and look after each other. That is how we, as a nation, have best worked toward realizing the ideas expressed in the Declaration of Independence. Reflect on your own life:

- What are some ways you currently serve your community?
- Do you think it's important to be active in your community? How can you apply your leadership skills in your community? Does your community actively invest in you? How?
- Is serving in elected office a form of civic engagement? If not, what is it?
- How can you use your influence and leadership to get others civically engaged?
- Do you plan to vote? Why do you think most Americans do not vote?

## **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #3: WHAT IS PATRIOTISM?**

Being an American is an immense privilege: we enjoy extraordinary civil and political freedoms, opportunities and liberties every moment of every day. Nevertheless, our patriotism is sometimes challenged, and not just by threats abroad. Sometimes America makes mistakes. Consider, for example, that between 1942 and 1944 over 8,000 American citizens of Japanese descent were imprisoned without cause at the Jerome Relocation Camp in Southeastern Arkansas. In these moments, feeling patriotic isn't easy for some; it can be really complicated.

- What does it mean to be patriotic?
- Can someone disagree with the government and still be considered patriotic? How and why?
- Define what is unpatriotic?
- How should leaders address unpatriotic sentiments in America?

## LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #4: WHO ARE YOU?

America is a big country with citizens from diverse economic, racial, geographical, and religious backgrounds. Arkansas is also diverse, and so are its communities. Because we are diverse, we won't always agree on every issue, but as Americans, it is essential that we nevertheless learn to empathize with--as well as respect and treat decently--our fellow citizens.

- How would you describe yourself and your values?
- What are some of the traits that make us different as humans? How are we the same? How do leaders lead diverse groups of people?
- What experiences have shaped who you are as a person? How did these experiences influence your political views?
- How would you describe masculinity today? What does it mean to be a man in your life? Who are the men that have impacted your life positively? Negatively?
- How has your race affected your life today?

## LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #5: LEADERSHIP IN AMERICA

The National Boys State Creed begins with a simple affirmation: “American citizenship is my most priceless possession.” For many of us, experiencing that truth is the purpose of Boys State. You ran for office; you paid taxes; you voted in free and fair elections.

Yet it is the first sentence in the second section of the National Boys State Creed that perhaps resonates more with you now; “I resolve to learn and understand government and the civic needs of my community.” Though done through your Boys State County, these leadership discussions have been an exercise in exploring the nature of your government, your community, and yourself; it has also been an opportunity to think about how these three areas of life interact.

We began the week by asking you to reflect on the importance of social norms and the ways in which your life experiences have influenced your political views, leadership, and values. Has the Boys State Program made an impact on you? Has your leadership ability been challenged this week? So, on this final night of Leadership Discussion, consider your perspective at Arkansas Boys State, and how the experiences you and your County discovered through conversation have changed your perspective.

- In what ways have your political views developed over the course of Boys State?
- Which experiences at Boys State affected you the most personally?
- How do you plan to apply the lessons of Boys State forward in your life?
- What does leadership mean to you now that it didn't mean before?
- What do you want to see from America that it currently lacks? How can you as a leader help effectuate change in order to ensure that goal is accomplished?
- What are you going to do in order to make that hope a reality?







# SECTION VI: HISTORY

*Learn more about  
Arkansas Boys  
State's rich history  
and its history-  
makers.*

## FORMER GOVERNORS & LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Year	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
1940	Tom A. Redden, Pine Bluff	James F. Dryer, Jr., Fort Smith
1941	Roy E. Knight, NLR	Bill Fleming, Fort Smith
1942	Thomas Daniel, Fort Smith	John Holland, Fort Smith
1943	James Matheny, El Dorado	James McCauley, Jonesboro
1944	John Little, Paragould	Joseph Meadows, Jonesboro
1945	Arkansas Boys State canceled due to World War II.	
1946	Charles Rhyne, Fort Smith	Donald Smith, Fort Smith
1947	William Matheny, El Dorado	Don Henderson, Wilmot
1948	Billy Clark, Jonesboro	William Neeley, Siloam Springs
1949	William Ramseur, Hot Springs	Dugan Abernathy, Jonesboro
1950	Jimmie Wise, Highes	James Morgan, Searcy
1951	Jim Arnold, Magnolia	Ben Hale, Altheimer
1952	David Riley, Fort Smith	Richard Crawford, Jonesboro
1953	Richard Pools, El Dorado	Dick Parks, Jonesboro
1954	Jimmie Candover, NLR	Charles Wright
1955	Jack Watson, Pine Bluff	F.H. Tawell, Smackover
1956	Jack Thompson, Blytheville	Earl Abbott, Monticello
1957	Ralph Brodie, Little Rock	Bill Hicks, Little Rock
1958	Wendall Ross, Little Rock	John Raines, North Little Rock
1959	Donnie Kissinger, Forrest City	Jeff Kelley, McGehee
1960	William Echols, Arkadelphia	Dickie Maxwell, Turrell
1961	Bill Allen, Brinkley	Larry Elkelberry, Dardanelle
1962	David Zorub, Hot Springs	Hartsell Wingfield, Little Rock
1963	Mack McLarty, Hope	Newton Kershaw, Little Rock
1964	Paul Riviere, Monticello	Otis Mills, Clarendon
1965	Don Bona, Little Rock	Exchange Student, Italy
1966	Floyd Thomas, El Dorado	Johnny York, Little Rock
1967	Jack Butt, Fayetteville	Robert Young, Little Rock
1968	Bill McGraw, Fort Smith	Phil Herndon, Little Rock
1969	Phil Rowe, Hot Springs	Robert Hasley, Magnolia
1970	Ed Reed, Springdale	Jackie Yeager, Arkadelphia
1971	Rush Harding, Clarendon	Ben Shipley, Fort Smith
1972	Mike Huckabee, Hope	Antti Ohbert, Little Rock
1973	Ben Osler, Little Rock	Lee Yarberry, Benton
1974	Marc Allen, Fort Smith	Rodney White, Little Rock
1975	Mike Fortsen, Jacksonville	Keith Griffin, Star City
1976	Bennie Eagles, Little Rock	Richard Farr, Little Rock
1977	Dryden Pence, Fort Smith	Tim Best, Little Rock
1978	George Loss Jr., Little Rock	Taylor King, Little Rock
1979	Mike Simpfenderfer, Searcy	John Neumier, Russellville
1980	David Twillie, Little Rock	Tommy Colvin, Warren
1981	Anthony Withers, Woodson	Kendall Hewitt, Mabelvale

## FORMER GOVERNORS & LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Year	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
1982	Darin Gray, Bryant	Walter Pryor, Pine Bluff
1983	Edward Bryant, Pine Bluff	Steve Wallace, Jacksonville
1984	Elgin Clemons, Little Rock	Kevin Bruce, Pine Bluff
1985	Robert Rudolph, Malvern	Anthony Williams, Magnolia
1986	Eric Smith, Little Rock	Rob Ruble, Pine Bluff
1987	Derrick Noble, Little Rock	Sterling Freeman, Little Rock
1988	Paul Suski, Little Rock	Lorne Moore, Little Rock
1989	Manuel Twillie, Jr., Little Rock	Alan Johnson, Heber Springs
1990	John Huckleby, Van Buren	Thurlo Cobb, Little Rock
1991	Quincy Miller, Newport	Michael Merriett, Monticello
1992	LeAndrew Cranford, NLR	Michael Hailey, Monticello
1993	Corrie Alexander, NLR	J.T. Zakrewski, NLR
1994	Franqua Bedell, Fort Smith	Hungly Xuan Luu, Mena
1995	Jerome Strickland, Little Rock	Jeremy McNabb, Pochontas
1996	Eddie Amrstrong, NLR	Robert Tellez, Jacksonville
1997	Heath S. Hanson, Cabot	David Yerby, Camden
1998	Jonathan Chism, Pine Bluff	David Bramlett, Hope
1999	Hank Wilkins, Pine Bluff	Dandre' Richardson, McGehee
2000	Will Tommey, Van Buren	Shelby Bennett, Hot Springs
2001	Byron Thomas, Van Buren	Christopher Lane, Little Rock
2002	Baxter Drennon, West Helena	Ernest Sweat, Little Rock
2003	Lee Miller, Little Rock	Dustin Butler, Siloam Springs
2004	Brian Dailey, Little Rock	Danner Rogers, Jacksonville
2005	Mike Anorue, Sherwood	Joshua Smith, Wynne
2006	John McCall, Hope	Derick Dailey, NLR
2007	Paul St. Clair, Fayetteville	Telvin Griffin, Texarkana
2008	John Thompson, Cave Springs	Darrion Coleman, Little Rock
2009	Roosevelt Harris, Little Rock	Joseph Holloway, NLR
2010	Daniel Andrews, Wynne	Alex Geiger, NLR
2011	Chad Battles, Farmington	Weston White, Blytheville
2012	Xavior Strawder, NLR	Dylan Sizemore, Wesley
2013	Scott Sims, McGehee	Gerran Lyons, Warren
2014	Dean Patterson, Little Rock	Warrington Sebree, Maumelle
2015	Garry Liu, Little Rock	Seth Wagoner, Walnut Ridge
2016	Myles Fells, Bigelow	Seth Martin, Bryant
2017	Christian Walls, Little Rock	Will Robinson, Fort Smith
2018	Isaiah Belue, Greenwood	Ross Elliott, Little Rock
2019	Jeromy Hunt Jr., Eudora	Keeling Baker, Little Rock
2020	Arkansas Boys State canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.	
2020	Michael Finkenbinder, Dardanelle	Jayce Pollard, Conway
2021	Richard Ware, Hope	Richard Liu, Little Rock
2022	Pablo Velasco-Moya, Brinkley	Neil Dogra, Little Rock

## FORMER BOYS NATION SENATORS

Year	Senator	Senator
1946	Charles Rhyne, Fort Smith	Charles Perry, Helena
1947	Dan Mathes, Jr., Helena	
1948	Billy Ray Clark, Jonesboro	Pat Neeley, Siloam Springs
1949	William Ramseur, Hot Springs	Billie Wayne Ballard, El Dorado
1950	Jimmie Wise Jr., Hughes	James Morgan, Searcy
1951	Joseph Lynch, Fort Smith	Jim Arnold, Magnolia
1952	David Riley, Fort Smith	Eugene Henderson, Fayetteville
1953	Richard Pooles, Little Rock	Gordon Vineyard, Little Rock
1954	Ralph Goldman, Little Rock	Lloyd Woodman, Newport
1955	Freddy Akers, Blytheville	Pete Smith, Hot Springs
1956	Butch Drummond, Clarksville	Charles Matthews, N. Little Rock
1957	Bruce Fullerton, Little Rock	Jerry Moore, Harrison
1958	Taylor Eubanks, Pine Bluff	Johnny Bowen, Forrest City
1959	Roy Coulter, Hot Springs	Bill Stroud, McGehee
1960	Ed Coulter, Hot Springs	Ping Fong, Hughes
1961	Chester Johnson, Monticello	John Estes, Arkadelphia
1962	Kenneth Pickle, Siloam Springs	Cliff Clifton, Holly Grove
1963	William Clinton, Hot Springs	Larry Taunton, El Dorado
1964	Bill Bushm, Lincoln	George Newton, Fayetteville
1965	John Tucker, N. Little Rock	Leslie McAlister, Jonesboro
1966	James Malcolm, Hot Springs	Robert Henry, Little Rock
1967	William Berry, Dardanelle	Ted Mettetal, Monticello
1968	Larry Eoos, Searcy	Gaston Fernandez, Fayetteville
1969	Mike Senke, Stuttgart	Mark Russell, Pine Bluff
1970	Ricky Cogburn, Fort Smith	Jon Blackwood, North Little Rock
1971	Michael Reedy, El Dorado	Billy Simmons, Dermott
1972	Michael Elliot, Camden	Jonathan Barnett, Siloam Springs
1973	Dale Sanders, Marked Tree	Anthony Hilliard, Cabot
1974	Chris Bennett, Little Rock	David Garrison, Camden
1975	Neil Decker, Little Rock	John Clifton, Sherwood
1976	John Smith, Ft. Smith	Carl Johnson, Marked Tree
1976	Mark Miller, Melbourne	
1977	Sam Pittman, Benton	David Hood, Lonoke
1978	Roy Rainey, Little Rock	
1979	Scott Tucker, Benton	Mike Merritt, Dardanelle
1980	Stan Dietreich, Little Rock	Clifton Culpepper, Ft. Smith
1981	Chris Leland, Springdale	Chris Joshua, Jacksonville
1982	David Johnson, Marked Tree	Tom Kieklak, NLR
1983	Rickey Williams, Little Rock	David Taylor, Jacksonville
1984	John Deuschle III, Little Rock	Richard Pauk, Pine Bluff
1985	Ben Porter, Cabot	Rod Bennett, Camden
1986	Shannon Beebe, Searcy	Ramon Escobar, Little Rock

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Year	Senator	Senator
1987	Rod Martin, Arkadelphia	Derrick Page, Arkadelphia
1988	Javier Ospina, Fayetteville	Cornelius Abert, Camden
1989	Harold W. Moses, Little Rock	Joseph L. Brown, Little Rock
1990	Oscar Sparks, Marianna	Shaun Molden, Little Rock
1991	Scott McLaughlin, White Hall	David Dawson, Rogers
1992	Steven Tiner, Dumas	Kevin Braswell, Jonesboro
1993	James Welch, White Hall	Traftin Thompson, Van Buren
1994	Tom Cotton, Dardanelle	Scott Alan Attebery, Conway
1995	Khalid Jones, Little Rock	Rashad Howard, Ft. Smith
1996	Jeremy Hampton, Gassville	Ryan Davis, Little Rock
1997	Eugene Krupitsky, Little Rock	Lloyd Jackson, Texarkana
1998	Jimmie Douglas, Searcy	David Haller, Jasper
1999	Marvin Roberts, Holly Grove	Kenneth Golatt, Little Rock
2000	Marlon Henderson Jr., Nettleton	Kit Brown, Russellville
2001	Adam Ward, Cabot	Gabe Wilcox, Vilonia
2002	Stephen Carter, Conway	Gregory McCarroll, Cabot
2003	Grant Ballard, Little Rock	Justin Sparks, Beebe
2004	Kameron Mohammed, Hot Springs	Gregor Nazarian, Little Rock
2005	Aaron Chellian, Fayetteville	Pierce Hunter, Little Rock
2006	Derick Dailey, North Little Rock	Eric Dailey, North Little Rock
2007	Justin Buck, Hot Springs	Steve Sichterman, Bryant
2008	Hayden Balgavy, Cabot	Tabor Hunt, Fort Smith
2009	Stephen Green, Little Rock	Jacob Kermin, Bentonville
2010	Alex Geiger, Little Rock	Joseph Kieklak, Fayetteville
2011	Sean Alexander, Little Rock	Kyle Witzigman, Springdale
2012	Ian Goza, Little Rock	Paul Loftness, Conway
2013	Elijah Ash, Little Rock	Evan Yi, Little Rock
2014	J.P. Gairhan, Cabot	Marco Gargano, Hot Springs
2015	Nick VanSlooten, Bentonville	Steven Lowry, Hot Springs
2016	C.J. Fowler, Little Rock	Jesus Perera, Sherwood
2017	Leon Jones, Fayetteville	Andrew Wiederkehr, Springdale
2018	Alex Hopper, Cabot	Sam Cobbs, Rogers
2019	Jeromy Hunt Jr., Eudora	Gavin Michau, Mabelvale
2020	Arkansas Boys State canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.	
2021*	Richard Ware, Hope	Richard Liu, Little Rock
2021*	Chad Greenway, Conway	Esteban Lamas, Little Rock
2022	Hudson Seago, Little Rock	Henry Chilcoat, Little Rock

\*Arkansas was allowed four Boys Nation Senators (rather than the typical two) because some Boys State programs nationwide did not send delegates due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

# HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Year	Key	Name
1999	▲	Fred C. Hardke, Carlisle
1999	▲	Mike Thomas, Hot Springs
1999	▲	John H. Carter, El Dorado
2000	■	Loyd McDermott, McGehee
2000	■	Ned Mosely, Stuttgart
2000	■	Sam A. Sloan, Van Buren
2000	■	Austin Z. Hanner, North Little Rock
2000	▲	Steve Lynch, Newark
2000	■	Dalda Womack, Gillett
2001	■	Hurshell D. Qualls, Rison
2001	■	Greg Bland, Lake Village
2001	■	Wesley Rooks, Gillett
2001	▲	Norman W. Teeter, Russellville
2001	▲	Danny R. Metz, London
2001	★	Gov. Mike Huckabee, Little Rock
2001	★	Ronald T. LeMaw, Kansas City, Missouri
2001	★	Hershel W. Gober, Washington D.C.
2002	■	Raymond L. Gordon, California
2002	■	Danny Slay, Hot Springs
2002	■	Roger D. Swain, Paragould
2002	■	Hal Qualls, Rogers
2002	★	Joe T. Ford, Little Rock
2002	★	Dr. Calvin C. Turpin, Hollister, California
2003	■	Ralph "Sporty" Carpenter, Arkadelphia
2003	■	Billy N. Hulse, Prairie Grove
2003	■	Dr. John W. Smith, Conway
2003	■	Ken Treat, Little Rock
2003	★	Dr. Cecil W. McDermott, Conway
2004	■	Howard J. Pierson, Novato, California
2004	■	Arthur Cross Jr., Little Rock
2004	▲	Lynn M. Travis, Newport
2004	★	Dr. Don Lum, Pine Bluff
2004	★	Dr. Steve Schexnayder, Dumas
2005	■	Jerry Bush, Hot Springs
2005	▲	Donald W. Dietz, Little Rock
2005	★	Jonathan Barnett, Siloam Springs
2006	■	Robert Bryant, Lonoke
2006	■	Kent Broughton, Pine Bluff
2006	■	Ronnie Kerr, Benton
2006	★	Keith D. Griffin, Star City
2007	■	Thomas Fowler, Jonesboro
2007	★	Col. Benjamin Osler, Colorado
2008	■	Steve Nawojczyk, Little Rock

■ Individuals who have contributed greatly to Arkansas Boys State and the youth of Arkansas

▲ Former Arkansas Boys State delegates who gave their lives in service to our country

★ Former Arkansas Boys State delegates who have achieved excellence in their profession

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Year	Key	Name
2009	■	Len Cotton, Dardanelle
2009	★	Fred Akers, Horseshoe Bay, Texas
2009	★	Mark Pounds, Ashdown
2009	★	Eddie Armstrong, North Little Rock
2009	★	Steve Zega, Fayetteville
2010	★	Don Kessinger, Oxford, Mississippi
2010	★	Robert Kloap, El Dorado
2010	★	Mack McLarty, Hope
2010	★	Doss Walker, Mufreesboro
2010	★	Dr. Charles Welch, Arkadelphia
2011	★	Paul Rivere, Franklin, Tennessee
2011	★	Ken Hatfield, Springdale
2012	▲	Tyler Seidman, Lincoln
2012	★	Shane Broadway, Bryant
2012	★	James Lindsey, Fayetteville
2012	★	Tab Townsel, Conway
2013	■	Dr. Grover Evans
2013	■	Raymond Bright
2013	■	Rusty Bush
2013	■	Prestard Jordan
2014	★	Tom Cotton, Dardanelle
2014	★	Cliff Garrison, Forrest City
2014	★	Dale Marlow, Rogers
2015	■	Charles B. Partee, Sr., Brinkley
2015	★	Tom Courtway, Conway
2015	★	Pres. William Jefferson Clinton, Washington D.C.
2016	■	Will Bond, Little Rock
2016	★	Charles Banks, Little Rock
2016	★	Hon. Dan Ritchey, Blytheville
2016	★	Rush Harding III, Little Rock
2017	■	Craig DePew, Russellville
2017	★	Sen. John Boozman, Rogers
2017	★	Chief Justice John Dan Kemp, Little Rock
2018	■	Kevin Dunn, Monticello
2018	★	Gen. Wesley K. Clark, Sr., Little Rock
2018	★	Foster C. "Jock" Davis, Russellville
2019	■	Richard Carvell, Jonesboro
2019	★	James Luin "Skip" Rutherford III, Little Rock
2019	★	Robert Jams McGough, Prescott
2021	■	Dr. Lloyd Jackson, Kansas City, Missouri
2021	★	Randy Massanelli, Fayetteville
2022	★	Stephen Coburn, Monticello
2022	■	Garland E. "Tim" Massanelli, Pine Bluff

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## COUNTY AND CITY HISTORIES

### CARVELL COUNTY

Named for current ARBS Commissioner Richard Carvell of Jonesboro. Carvell was an ARBS delegate in 1963. He enjoyed a long career in broadcasting and higher education before retiring after 37 years at Arkansas State University.

#### > **Gordon City**

Named for the late R. L. Gordon of Dermott, the first Arkansas Boys State Director in 1940, state legislator, and member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

#### > **Murphy City**

Named for Dr. G. D. Murphy of El Dorado, former National Vice Commander; and John W. Murphy of Fayetteville, former Department Commander and former National Vice Commander.

### COTTON COUNTY

Named for the current Chairman of the ARBS Commission, Len Cotton. Cotton was an ARBS delegate in 1962. He has devoted more than 25 years of service to Arkansas Boys State. He is a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

#### > **Fisher City**

Named for Lawrence E. Fisher of Little Rock, former Department Commander and National Executive Committeeman.

#### > **Kelley City**

Named for the late Charles Q. Kelley of Little Rock, former Department Commander.

### HANNER COUNTY

Named for the late Austin Z. Hanner of Hot Springs. Austin served the Boys State program for 53 years. He was on the ARBS Commission for 40 years, 24 of those as Chairman. He is also a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

#### > **Bush City**

Named for Jerry Bush of Hot Springs, former Arkansas Boys State delegate, PX manager, and long-time senior counselor.

#### > **Kerr City**

Named for the late Ronnie Kerr of Hot Springs, former cafeteria manager and long-time coach.

### QUALLS COUNTY

Named for the late Hurshell Qualls of Woodlawn. Hurshell was a member of the Arkansas Boys State Commission and devoted 31 years of service to the program. He is also a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

#### > **Bland City**

Named for the late Greg Bland of Lake Village. Greg served on the Arkansas Boys State Commission. Greg devoted 45 years of service to the program and is a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

#### > **Swain City**

Named for the late Roger Swain of Mt. Home. Roger devoted more than 30 years of service and is a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.



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### ROOKS COUNTY

Named for the late Wesley Rooks of Gillette. Wesley served on the Arkansas Boys State Commission for 20 years. He devoted more than 46 years to the program and is a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

> **Lovell City**

Named for the late Ulys Lovell, a former Department Commander, of Springdale.

> **Schrader City**

Named for the late Walter Schrader, a former Department Commander, of Hot Springs.

### SANDERS COUNTY

Named for Arkansas Gov. Sarah Sanders. Sanders served as White House Press Secretary for Pres. Donald J. Trump from 2017 to 2019. She is the first woman to serve as governor of Arkansas.

> **Diamond City**

Named for the diamond mines of Arkansas.

> **Rorex City**

Named for the late Sam Rorex of Little Rock, former Department Commander.

### SHEETS COUNTY

Named for William “Doc” Sheets of Cabot, current Department Commander of the American Legion Department of Arkansas.

> **Cabot City**

Named for hometown of the current Department Commander.

> **Conway City**

Named for the site of Arkansas Boys State for more than 45 years.

### WOMACK COUNTY

Named for the late Dalda F. Womack of Star City. Dalda served as Chairman of the Arkansas Boys State Commission for 12 years and gave more than 50 years of service to Arkansas Boys State. He is a member of the ARBS Hall of Fame.

> **Cantrell City**

Named for the late John Cantrell of Little Rock, alumnus of ARBS.

> **Partee City**

Named for the late Charles B. Partee of Brinkley, former Arkansas Boys State Director from 1944 to 1949.

## LOCATION & DIRECTOR HISTORY

<b>Year</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Director</b>
1940	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Raymond L. Gordon
1941	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Marion Wright
1942	Arkansas School for the Deaf	N.B. Weese
1943	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Arthur Frankel
1944	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Charles B. Partee
1945	Arkansas Boys State canceled due to World War II.	
1946-1947	Arkansas School for the Deaf	Charles B. Partee
1948-1949	Camp Robinson	Charles B. Partee
1950	Camp Robinson	Marvin Bankston
1951-1973	Camp Robinson	Ned W. Mosley
1974	Camp Robinson	A.F. Thomas
1975-1977	University of Central Arkansas	Paul Riviere
1978-1980	University of Central Arkansas	Dalda Womack
1981-1982	Henderson State University	Dalda Womack
1983-1986	University of Central Arkansas	Dalda Womack
1987-1988	University of Central Arkansas	Dewey Spencer
1989-1994	University of Central Arkansas	Wesley Rooks
1995-2004	University of Central Arkansas	Danny Slay
2005-2015	University of Central Arkansas	Rusty Bush
2016-2018	University of Central Arkansas	Hon. Thomas Fowler
2019	University of Central Arkansas	Dr. Lloyd Jackson
2020	Arkansas Boys State canceled due to COVID-19 pandemic.	
2021	Virtual Session	Dr. Lloyd Jackson
2022-2023	University of Central Arkansas	Dr. Lloyd Jackson





Arkansas Boys State is an immersive program in civics education designed for high school juniors. Since 1940, the week-long camp has transformed the next generation of leaders throughout our state and beyond. These young men have gone on to become state, national, and international leaders, including President Bill Clinton, former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee, former White House Chief of Staff Mack McLarty, Senator Tom Cotton, Senator John Boozman, and Arkansas Chief Justice John Dan Kemp — just to name a few.

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, delegates are assigned a political party, city, and county. Throughout the week, delegates, from the ground up, administer this mock government as if it were real: they run for office, draft and pass legislation, solve municipal challenges, and engage constituents. By the week's end, the delegates have experienced civic responsibility and engagement firsthand while making life-long memories and friends — all with our guiding principle that “Democracy Depends on Me.”

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