

ARKANSAS BOYS STATE IS AN IMMERSIVE LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT EXPERIENCE DESIGNED FOR MALE HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS.

During their week at Arkansas Boys State, students — referred to as 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:

- run for office
- draft and pass legislation
- solve municipal challenges
- 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 the guiding principle that **“Democracy Depends on Me.”**

When:
May 26 – 31, 2024

Where:
University of Central Arkansas

Who:
Male High School Juniors



WHAT DELEGATES SAY

“The experience was amazing, and I made a lot of new friends. **This is a once-in-a-lifetime event, and I am so glad that I was chosen to come here by my school.** It also looks amazing to colleges and will help me in my future endeavors with public service.”

– 2023 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

“Arkansas Boys State changed my life for the better. The **connections, resources, wisdom, and knowledge** I gained during that week will go down in my history book.”

– 2019 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

“I attended Boys State in 1972 and it is still **one of those incredible gifts that keeps on giving.**”

– 1972 Arkansas Boys State Delegate

“It was a life-changing experience!”

It created a brotherhood that I'll forever hold dear.”

– 2022 Arkansas Boys State Delegate



WHAT DELEGATES LEARN

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



Think critically about their views & communicate those views more effectively



Lead others, particularly in the pursuit of the common or collective good



Participate in American civic, social, commercial, & political institutions as lifelong leaders & engaged citizens



Build relationships with those of different worldviews



Learn more this life-changing, premier leadership experience at arboysstate.org.



A WEEK THAT SHAPES A LIFETIME

Join the Arkansas Boys State Brotherhood and experience