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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 85th annual session of
the American Legion's Arkansas Boys State!



Tony Gordon
Commander



Len Cotton
Chairman



Dr. Lloyd Jackson
Executive Director



Bill Eaton
Commissioner



Ralph Sims
Commissioner



Nate Todd
Commissioner



Chris Nalepa
*Department
Adjutant*

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 over a hundred Posts throughout the State of Arkansas, to welcome you to a week of the 85th 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 Arkansas Boys State is a proud one. Many politicians, Presidents, Governors, and others have been to this Legion program in the past.

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 all of you in the years to come. What you learn and be a part of will travel with you. This is your opportunity to learn and then show you how you can make it better. Thank you for attending, and I look forward to seeing you all on Memorial Day during American Legion Night.

Sincerely,

Antoine "Tony" Gordon
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 the country’s 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 60,000 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.

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 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.

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.

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.

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 apprised 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 or distribute 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, drugs, and vape products (vape pens and cartridges) of any form are strictly prohibited.
- Citizens shall not have firearms, pocket knives, 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 wear hats unless during recreation periods.
- 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.

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



Dr. Lloyd Jackson
Executive Director



Craig DePew
Dir. of Operations



David Saterfield
Dir. of Instruction



Andrew Brodsky
Dir. of Staff



Kaleb Turner
Dir. of Engagement



Sean Alexander
Asst. Dir. of Instruction



Jackson Conner
Asst. Dir. of Engagement



Tom Hamaker
Asst. Dir. of Operations



Joshua Pointer
Asst. Dir. of Staff



DeKevious Wilson
Head Counselor



Flynn Capps
2025 Governor

ARKANSAS BOYS STATE STAFF AND COUNSELORS

Engagement Team	
Keyon Atkins	<i>Social Media Coordinator</i>
Noah Bryan	<i>Photo and Video Producer</i>
Max Fortin	<i>Photo and Video Producer</i>
Victor Lopez	<i>Photo and Video Producer</i>
Evan Meyers	<i>Photo and Video Producer</i>
Walli Zaman	<i>Creative Director</i>

Instruction Team	
Hollin Glaze	<i>Interim Dean of Commerce</i>
Clay Smith	<i>Interim Dean of Public Administration</i>
Chase Sproles	<i>Interim Dean of Society and the Arts</i>
Baxter Yarbrough	<i>Dean of Public Service</i>
J.P. Gairhan	<i>Government Relations Coordinator</i>
Clay Smith	<i>Speakership Series Coordinator</i>
David Orme	<i>Instructions Coordinator</i>
Kevin Durden	<i>Instructions Coordinator</i>
Kishaun Pitts	<i>Instructions Coordinator</i>

Operations Team	
Will Teeter	<i>Operations Services Manager</i>
Ernie Higgs	<i>Dining Coordinator</i>
Cameron Cobb	<i>IT Coordinator</i>
Tyler Freeman	<i>Boys State Market Coordinator</i>
Gavin Michau	<i>Operations Coordinator</i>
Egan Gunter	<i>Operations Coordinator</i>
RJ Martin	<i>Operations Coordinator</i>

Staff Team	
Baxter Yarbrough	<i>Training Coordinator</i>
Phillip Proctor	<i>Recreation Coordinator</i>
Kevin Dunn	<i>Band & Choir Director</i>
Kent Broughton	<i>Chaplain</i>
DeVante Johnson	<i>Medical Coordinator</i>

ARKANSAS BOYS STATE STAFF AND COUNSELORS

COUNTY	SENIOR COUNSELORS	STATE COUNSELORS	COUNTY COUNSELORS
Carvell County Conway Hall	Ja'von Long	Keyon Atkins	Jordan Brown Harrison Henry Ian Lee-Kim Mason Matone
Cotton County Hughes Hall	Keenan Robinson	Chandler Reinhart	Jaden Batey Edwin Chen Colten Quebedeaux X'zaevium Sims
Gordon County Arkansas Hall	Alex Geiger	Jeromy Hunt	Jose Armando James Couch Kaleb Crotser Isaiah Marshall
Hanner County State Hall	Warrington Sebree	Richard Ware	Garland Davis John Thompson Michael Trujillo Lucas White
Qualls County Arkansas Hall	Xavier Broughton	Korwin Johnson	Tayshaun Childs Octavio Rodriguez Carrington Thompson KT Tose
Rooks County State Hall	RayJ Jackson	Chase Sproles	Eli Dollinger Juan Fernández-Pérez Jaxon Sain David Salinas
Sanders County Conway Hall	Danny Harper	Pablo Velasco Moya	Garland Shaw Avery Turner-Sniegocki Keithan Smith Hunter Williford
Womack County Hughes Hall	J.P. Gairhan	Sam Kieklak	Chance Bradford Neil Dogra Giancarlo Melgar Eufemia Van Thomas

IN MEMORIAM

This year, Arkansas Boys State remembers two extraordinary men who passed away since Arkansas Boys State 2025 and whose legacies continue to shape this program: **Richard Carvell** and **Robert Bryant Jr.**

As delegates to Arkansas Boys State 2026, it is likely that you did not know Mr. Carvell and Mr. Bryant personally. Nevertheless, you are part of a program that bears their influence. Each, in his own way, helped build, strengthen, and sustain Arkansas Boys State through faithful leadership, steady service, and a deep belief in the potential of young men.

Richard Carvell was a dedicated Arkansas Boys State commissioner, educator, mentor, and servant leader who modeled a life of integrity, humility, and devotion to others. Robert Bryant Jr. was a passionate champion for Arkansas Boys State, a mentor to many, and leader—a former Arkansas Boys State counselor, director of staff, and deputy director—whose commitment to this program left a lasting mark on all who served with him.

We honor their memory not only by remembering them here, but by living out the values they believed in: leadership, service, citizenship, and responsibility to something greater than ourselves.

As you take part in Arkansas Boys State 2026, may you do so with gratitude for those who helped make this experience possible, and with a renewed commitment to lead in a way that honors their legacies.



Pictured Above: At Arkansas Boys State 2025, Mr. Carvell (left) was honored with a plaque for 10 years of service as an Arkansas Boys State Commissioner. Mr. Bryant (right), who served Arkansas Boys State for 38 years, presented the plaque.

SECTION III: DAILY SCHEDULE

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

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026

- 1 – 2:25 P.M. **CHECK IN:** Residence Halls
- 2:30 – 3:30 P.M. **COUNTY GATHERING:** Residence Halls
- 3:45 – 5 P.M. **OPENING SESSION & KEYNOTE:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:15 – 5:45 P.M. **CHOIR/BAND ORGANIZATION:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:15 – 5:45 P.M. **COLOR GUARD ORGANIZATION:**
Old Main East Steps
- 5:15 – 6:45 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:15 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall
- 6:50 – 7 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:05 – 8:20 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #1:**
– School of Public Administration:
College of Business 107 (Main Auditorium)
– School of Commerce; Ida Waldran Auditorium
– Community Organizing:
Snow Fine Arts Building, Recital Hall
– All Journalism: Ferguson Chapel
- 8:30 – 9:15 P.M. **COUNTY GATHERING:** Respective Locations
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **ARBS MARKET:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 58 for description
- 11 P.M. **QUIET HOUR:** Residence Halls

WHAT IS QUIET HOUR?

Quiet Hour occurs each evening beginning at 11 p.m. and ending at 12 a.m. By 11 p.m. or earlier, all counties shall have returned to their residence halls following Leadership Discussions. During this hour, delegates must remain quiet, keep conversations to a minimum, and remain in dorm rooms with doors closed. Large gatherings in dorm rooms, bathrooms, and common spaces are not permitted. Showering and bedtime preparations are permitted within the aforementioned guidance. Delegates shall prioritize getting to sleep and shutting off dorm room lights as quickly as possible during this time. Counselors will monitor dorm rooms, bathrooms, and common spaces to ensure adherence to Quiet Hour rules.

DAILY NOTES

MONDAY, MAY 25, 2026

- 7 – 8:10 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:25 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:40 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:50 – 9:30 A.M. **CITY CAUCUSES:** Respective Locations
– See pg. 38
- 9:35 – 10:15 A.M. **COUNTY CONVENTION:** Respective Locations
– See pg. 42
- 10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. **RECREATION**
– ARBS Market open
- 10:45 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 12:15 – 1:45 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 – 1:45 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 2:35 P.M. **CITY ELECTIONS:** Respective Locations
– See pg. 39
- 2:40 – 3:15 P.M. **COUNTY ELECTIONS:** Respective Locations
– See pg. 43
- 3:30 – 5:20 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #2:** See Organizer
Announcements in Whova for Respective Locations
- 5:30 P.M. **PETITION FOR STATE OFFICE & CAMPAIGN
FINANCE REPORTS AVAILABLE:** Counselors
or Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall
– See pg. 48
- 5:30 P.M. **CARVELL AND COTTON COUNTY PHOTOS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:30 – 7:10 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:30 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall
- 6:20 – 7:05 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 6:20 – 7:05 P.M. **COLOR GUARD MEETING:** Old Main East Steps

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- 7:15 – 7:25 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:30 – 8:45 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
– American Legion Night
- 8:45 – 9:30 P.M. **ARBS MARKET:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:30 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 59 for description
- 11 P.M. **QUIET HOUR:** Residence Halls

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

- 7 – 8:10 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:25 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:40 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:50 – 10:15 A.M. **DISTRICT CONVENTIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 46
- 10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. **RECREATION**
– ARBS Market open
- 10:45 A.M. **TALENT SHOW AUDITIONS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 10:45 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 12:15 P.M. **DEADLINE TO TURN IN STATE OFFICE
PETITIONS AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE
REPORT (WITH \$0.25 FILING FEE):**
Arkansas Boys State HQ at Bear Hall
- 12:15 – 1:45 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 12:30 P.M. **PARTY PLATFORM COMMITTEE
MEETINGS:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3:15 P.M. **DISTRICT ELECTIONS, CITY COUNCIL
MEETINGS, QUORUM COURT MEETINGS:**
Respective Locations
– See pgs. 47, 40, and 44 (respectively)
- 3:30 – 4:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #3:** See Organizer
Announcements in Whova for Respective Locations
- 4:45 – 5:30 P.M. **BOYS NATION PARTY PRIMARIES:**
Nationalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium
Federalist Party: Farris Center
– See pg. 50 for Boys Nation
- 5:30 P.M. **ROOKS AND WOMACK COUNTY PHOTOS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:45 – 7:15 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria

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TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026

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- 6:30 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall
- 6:30 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:20 – 7:30 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:35 – 9:15 P.M. **STATE OFFICE PARTY PRIMARY CONVENTIONS:**
Nationalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium
Federalist Party: Farris Center
– See pg. 48
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **ARBS MARKET:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 60 for description
- 10:45 P.M. **ROOM CHECK**
- 10:45 P.M. **DEADLINE TO SUBMIT DISTRICT OFFICER QUESTIONNAIRE:**
All delegates elected to district office must submit their responses to the electronic questionnaire.
- 11 P.M. **QUIET HOUR:** Residence Halls

WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

- 7 – 8:10 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 7:40 – 8:10 A.M. **DISTRICT OFFICER LEADERSHIP
ELECTIONS AND COMMITTEE
ASSIGNMENTS:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
– Only applicable to delegates elected to district
office (House and Senate)
- 8:15 – 8:25 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:40 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:45 – 10:15 A.M. **RECREATION**
– ARBS Market open
- 9 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 10:30 – 11 A.M. **BOYS NATION PARTY RUN-OFFS:**
Nationalist Party: Farris Center
Federalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium
– See pg. 51
- 11:15 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
– State legislators visit Arkansas Boys State:
Senator Tyler Dees, chair
Representative RJ Hawk, chair
Representative Matt Brown, vice chair
Senator Ben Gilmore
Senator Kim Hammer
Senator Bart Hester
Senator Frederick J. Love
Senator Clarke Tucker
Representative Wade Andrews
Representative Glenn Barnes
Representative Paul Childress
Representative Wayne Long
Representative Austin McCollum
Representative Jessie McGruder
Representative Brit McKenzie
Representative Ryan A. Rose
Representative Johnny Rye
- 12:15 P.M. **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
– Only applicable to delegates elected to district
office (House and Senate).

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 27, 2026

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- 12:15 – 1:45 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 2 – 3 P.M. **STATE OFFICE PARTY RUN-OFFS:**
Nationalist Party: Farris Center
Federalist Party: Ida Waldran Auditorium
– See pg. 49
- 3:15 – 5:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #4:** See Organizer
Announcements in Whova for Respective Locations
- 5:30 P.M. **GORDON AND HANNER COUNTY PHOTOS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:45 – 7:15 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:15 – 7:15 P.M. **CITY & COUNTY COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENT:** Only applicable to delegates
elected to City Council, Justice of the Peace, Mayor,
or County Judge. See organizer announcements in
Whova for location.
- 6:30 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall
- 6:30 – 7:15 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:25 – 7:35 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:45 – 9:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
– VP Parker, Arkansas Boys State alumnus
– Candidates for state office should remain in Ida
Waldran following the assembly's conclusion.
- 9:15 – 9:45 P.M. **ARBS MARKET:** East Side of Estes Stadium
- 9:45 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 61 for description
- 11 P.M. **QUIET HOUR:** Residence Halls

THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

- 7 – 8:10 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:10 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 8:15 – 8:25 A.M. **ROLL CALL:** Respective Locations
- 8:30 – 8:40 A.M. **FLAG RAISING:** East of Old Main
- 8:50 – 10:15 A.M. **STATE OFFICE GENERAL ELECTION:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
– See pg. 49
- 10:30 A.M. – 12:15 P.M. **RECREATION**
– ARBS Market open
- 10:45 A.M. **RELIGIOUS SERVICE** (optional):
Ferguson Chapel
- 12:15 – 1:45 P.M. **LUNCH:** Christian Cafeteria
- 1 P.M. **CHOIR PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 1:15 – 1:45 P.M. **DISTRICT OFFICER CAPITOL DAY
ORIENTATION:** Only applicable to
delegates elected to district office (Senator and
Representative). See organizer announcements in
Whova for location.
- 2 – 3 P.M. **BOYS NATION STATEWIDE ELECTION:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
– See pg. 51
- 3:05 – 4:20 P.M. **TALENT SHOW:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 4:30 – 5:30 P.M. **SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION #5:** See Whova
for Respective Locations
- 5:30 P.M. **QUALLS AND SANDERS COUNTY PHOTOS:**
Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 5:45 – 7:15 P.M. **DINNER:** Christian Cafeteria
- 6:30 P.M. **SENIOR STAFF MEETING:** Bear Hall

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THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026

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- 6:30 P.M. **BAND PRACTICE:** Ida Waldran Auditorium
- 7:25 – 7:35 P.M. **FLAG RETREAT:** East of Old Main
- 7:45 – 9:15 P.M. **GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND RALLY:**
Estes Stadium
– Flynn Capps,
 2025 Arkansas Boys State Governor
– 2026 Arkansas Boys State Governor-Elect
– Oath of Office; See Pg. 54
– Associate Justice Courtney Hudson, Arkansas
 Supreme Court
– Former Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson
– ARBS Market open immediately following
 General Assembly
- 9:30 – 10:45 P.M. **LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS:**
Respective Locations
– See pg. 62 for description
- 11 P.M. **QUIET HOUR:** Residence Halls

FRIDAY, MAY 29, 2026

- 6:45 – 7:35 A.M. **BREAKFAST:** Christian Cafeteria
- 7:45 – 8:45 A.M. **TRAVEL TO CAPITOL**
- 8:45 – 9 A.M. **ARKANSAS STATE CAPITOL WELCOMES DELEGATION:** Capitol Steps
– Cole Jester, Arkansas Secretary of State
- 9 – 11:30 A.M. **ARKANSAS BOYS STATE HOUSE AND SENATE CONVENE:** House & Senate Chambers
- 9 A.M. **REPRESENTATIVES AND SENATORS REPORT TO CHAMBERS:**
House & Senate Chambers
- 9 A.M. **CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS REPORT TO OFFICES:** Respective Offices
- 9 A.M. **COLLEGE FAIR:** Capitol Rotunda
- 9 A.M. **CAPITOL DAY SCAVENGER HUNT:**
Capitol Rotunda Lower Level (near gift shop)
- 9:30 A.M. **DEBATE TOURNAMENT:**
Old Supreme Court Chambers
- 11:40 A.M. – 12:40 P.M. **TRAVEL TO UCA**
- 12:45 – 1:45 P.M. **LUNCH:** Respective Locations
- 2 – 3:15 P.M. **CLOSING SESSION:** Farris Center
Arkansas Boys State Commencement
Service Awards
– Staff Years of Service
– Loyd McDermott Spirit Award
– 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 & INSTRUCTION RESOURCES

*Participate first-
hand in democracy
and society.*

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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: Courtney Hudson, Cody Hiland, Barbara Webb, Shawn A. Womack, Nicholas Bronni, 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 Karen R. Baker.
- **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 Cole Jester.

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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 John Thurston.

SECTION B: 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.

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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 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: CITY

City Council Meetings

At the conclusion of district elections, each city will begin its City Council Meeting. The City Council Meeting, consisting of delegates elected to City Councilman Positions 1 through 5, the delegate elected to Mayor, and delegates wishing to provide public comment, will determine the future of their particular city. City Council Meeting Agenda Items will be provided electronically, discussed, and voted on during the City Council Meeting. The decisions made in this meeting will have real-world impacts on your delegate experience and your ability to plan and zone your city.

Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble, including all citizens of the particular city.
2. The City Council will appoint one of its members to serve as Council Chairman to lead the meeting, including conducting votes and reporting the results.
3. Council Chairman will introduce each agenda item below and conduct the meeting one agenda item at a time, stating the Agenda Item Title, reading its description aloud, opening the floor for comments from city councilmen (councilmen will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item), opening the floor for public comment (delegates will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item; no more than four public comments will be heard for any agenda item), opening the floor for the city mayor to share their thoughts on the given agenda item (the mayor will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item), opening the floor for final discussion amongst the councilmen (final discussion will last no more than 60 seconds), and finally voting on the given agenda item, with a simple majority determining the outcome of the item in question.
4. The City Council meeting will conclude once all agenda items have been voted on and their results submitted via electronic form.

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DAILY NOTES

SECTION C: 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 convention. 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.

– All delegates of their respective party are eligible to be Party Platform Delegate regardless of being a nominee for a city or county office.

– 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 C: COUNTY

County Elections

The County Election Commission, consisting of the County 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 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: COUNTY

County Quorum Court Meetings

At the conclusion of the City Council meeting, each county will begin its Quorum Court Meeting. The Quorum Court Meeting, consisting of delegates elected to Justice of the Peace Positions 1 through 5, the delegate elected to County Judge, and delegates wishing to provide public comment, will determine the future of your county. Quorum Court Meeting Agenda Items will be provided electronically, discussed, and voted on during the Quorum Court Meeting. The decisions made in this meeting will have real-world impacts on your delegate experience and your ability to plan and zone your county.

Procedure:

1. Delegates assemble, including all citizens of the particular county.
2. The Quorum Court will appoint one of its members to serve as Quorum Court Chairman to lead the meeting, including conducting votes and reporting the results.
3. Quorum Court Chairman will introduce each agenda item below and conduct the meeting one agenda item at a time, stating the Agenda Item Title, reading its description aloud, opening the floor for comments from Justices of the Peace (Justices will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item), opening the floor for public comment (delegates will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item; no more than four public comments will be heard for any agenda item), opening the floor for the County Judge to share their thoughts on the given agenda item (the County Judge will have no more than 30 seconds to speak on a given item), opening the floor for final discussion amongst the Justices of the Peace (final discussion will last no more than 60 seconds), and finally voting on the given agenda item, with a simple majority determining the outcome of the item in question.
4. The Quorum Court meeting will conclude once all agenda items have been voted on and their results submitted via electronic form.

SECTION C: COUNTY

DAILY NOTES

SECTION D: DISTRICT

District Conventions

Each county of Arkansas Boys State shall be a Senatorial District and a House of Representatives District. 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.

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

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 and Secretary conduct steps 2-3. Counselor conducts step 4.

– Nominees for House of Representatives pay a filing fee of \$100 Boys State Bucks to the Party Secretary. Nominees for Senate pay a filing fee of \$150 Boys State Bucks to the Party Secretary. Nominees for either office must include a campaign finance report along with their Boys State Bucks and a \$0.25 U.S. Dollars filing fee.

– Delegates MAY NOT be elected as a nominee for House of Representatives 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 D: DISTRICT

District Elections

The County Election Commission, consisting of the County 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.
2. Nominees for each State Representative position give speeches.
3. Nominees for each State Senate position give speeches.
4. District citizens complete their ballots for district elections.
5. 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 2-5.

– 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.

– Elected State Senators and State Representatives will also attend Legislator Orientation and Committee Sessions immediately following the General Assembly with State Legislators.

SECTION E: 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 and the necessary Boys State Bucks filing fee and campaign finance report), 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 the Secretary of State’s Office at Bear Hall by the communicated deadline (Tuesday at 12:15 P.M.) with the Boys State Bucks filing fee associated with their office, a campaign finance report (see Section G, pages 52–53), and 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, filing fee, and campaign finance report, 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 that particular party at Arkansas Boys State. The State Party Chairman and Secretary, 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.

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 E: 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 Secretary 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 F: BOYS NATION

About Boys Nation

The American Legion's Boys Nation is a prestigious, immersive program that brings together 100 high school juniors—two from each Boys State program nationwide—to Washington, D.C., for a week-long deep dive into federal government operations. Established in 1946, the program simulates the U.S. Senate, with participants, known as “senators,” engaging in legislative activities such as drafting, debating, and voting on bills. Divided into political parties, they conduct conventions, set platforms, and elect officials, including a president and vice president, mirroring real-world political processes. Beyond the mock legislature, delegates attend lectures, visit significant governmental institutions like the Capitol and the Supreme Court, and often meet with elected officials from their home states. This hands-on experience not only educates participants about the intricacies of federal governance but also fosters leadership skills and civic responsibility. Notably, alumni such as former President Bill Clinton have cited Boys Nation as a formative experience in their public service careers.

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 Boys Nation Party Primaries, where two candidates shall be chosen to represent the State Party as finalists for Boys Nation Senator at the Boys Nation Statewide Election. If no two candidates receive a majority in the Party Primaries, the top four candidates shall advance to the Boys Nation Party Run-Offs, where each candidate shall be allowed to give a candidate speech. Following the 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 to hear from each finalist, and voting shall be conducted digitally. The two finalists receiving the majority of votes shall be elected Boys Nation Senators from the State of Arkansas, and the remaining two finalists shall be elected as alternates. For further information, contact your Senior Counselor.

Boys Nation Party Primary

Delegates shall assemble for Boys Nation Party Primary, including ALL members of the particular party at Arkansas Boys State. The State Party Chairman and Secretary, elected by the party's State Party Platform Committee, shall conduct the meeting. Each district's nominees for Boys Nation shall 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 up to two preferred candidates, and voting shall be conducted digitally. Up to two candidates receiving a majority of all votes cast shall advance to the Boys Nation Statewide election; otherwise, the four candidates receiving the largest plurality shall advance to the Boys Nation Party Runoffs.

SECTION F: BOYS NATION

Boys Nation Party Run-Offs

Delegates shall assemble for Boys Nation Party Runoffs, if necessary, including ALL members of the particular party at Arkansas Boys State. The State Party Chairman and Secretary, elected by the party's State Party Platform Committee, shall conduct the meeting. Each candidate for Boys Nation advancing from the Boys Nation Party Primary shall 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 up to two preferred candidates, and voting shall be conducted digitally. The two candidates receiving a majority of votes shall advance to the Boys Nation Statewide Election.

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 G: CAMPAIGN FINANCE RULES

At the start of Arkansas Boys State, each delegate will be given \$100 in Boys State Bucks. Boys State Bucks can be used to donate to district and state office candidates, to pay the filing fees for district and state offices, and to purchase campaign materials such as Whoava announcements, commercials, and more. The rules governing campaign finances and Boys State Bucks are outlined in this section.

Fundraising Rules

Any candidate who raises funds to run for a district or state office must submit a campaign finance report, which lists the source of donations for their campaign. These forms are available in the Arkansas Boys State Headquarters in Bear Hall. Candidates should take care to keep an accurate record of all donations they receive and ensure their campaign finance report is accurate. In addition to filing a campaign finance report when filing for office, all delegates must follow the following rules while fundraising:

- Fundraising may not begin until campaign finance reports have been made available to delegates (Monday at 5:30 P.M.)
- Delegates may contribute a maximum of \$50 Boys State Bucks to a single candidate

After the filing deadline, delegates can continue to contribute to state office campaigns by visiting the Arkansas Boys State Bank (at the pavilion outside the cafeteria) during meals and recreational time. These donations will be transferred directly to the candidate's campaign account. Donations made to candidates at the Arkansas Boys State Bank are not required to be included on a campaign finance report.

Spending Campaign Funds

Registered candidates for district and state office can spend the funds in their campaign account on advertisements and other campaign materials useful to their campaign. Candidates should visit the Boys State Bank (at the pavilion outside the Cafeteria) during meals and recreational time to purchase them.

Unspent Campaign Funds

Upon the completion of district elections, any unspent funds in district candidate campaign accounts will be transferred to the party action fund of the candidate's party. If a candidate for a state office does not advance past the primary, any unspent funds in their campaign account will be transferred to the party action fund of the candidate's party. After the completion of the primaries for state offices, the party platform committee of each party will decide how to distribute the funds in their party action fund to the party nominees for state offices. Candidates can then use these funds to campaign during the state office general election, in addition to any funds they previously raised.

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District and State Office Filing Fees

The following filing fees will be required of candidates for district and state office. Each quarter paid is contributed to the American Legion's national philanthropic giving campaign.

After filing the required filing fee, 20% of the fee will be paid to the Secretary of State's Office to pay for elections administrative costs, 20% of the fee will be paid to the party action fund of the candidate, and the remaining 60% will remain in the candidate's campaign account. Additionally, any funds raised in addition to the filing fee will remain in the candidate's campaign account.

OFFICE	BOYS STATE BUCKS	U.S. DOLLARS NEEDED
Governor	\$300	\$0.25
Lieutenant Governor	\$250	\$0.25
Secretary of State	\$250	\$0.25
Attorney General	\$250	\$0.25
Treasurer	\$200	\$0.25
State Auditor	\$200	\$0.25
Land Commissioner	\$200	\$0.25
Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court	\$250	\$0.25
Associate Justice Positions 1-6	\$150	\$0.25
State Senator	\$150	\$0.25
State Representative	\$100	\$0.25

SECTION H: 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 I: SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

Why a School of Instruction?

We believe that you’ll learn more about American government and leadership by doing than by being told. Instead of sitting through lectures about how government, media, or business work, you’ll step into those roles yourself — running a campaign, drafting legislation, pitching a product, breaking a story. Then you’ll step back and figure out what worked, what didn’t, and what it means. The point isn’t to memorize how American institutions function. It’s to find out what it feels like to make decisions, lead people, and live with the results.

There are three Schools — Public Administration, Society and the Arts, and Commerce — with several tracks inside each. Before you arrived, you ranked your top choices for where you will spend the week (called tracks); we committed to placing you in one of them. Check your assignment — that’s where you’ll spend the week. If you get elected to office, you’ll also join a fourth school, the School of Public Service, while staying in your original school and track.

School of Public Administration

Public Administration is about the people and institutions that make government actually work. The tracks include: State Government, Local Government, and Criminal Justice.

Inside your track, you’ll be placed on a Commission or Board with about 20–25 other delegates, responsible for running a real piece of Boys State — the Board of Elections, for example. The decisions you make will affect how the week goes for everyone. You’ll also hear from speakers who do this work in the real world.

SECTION I: SCHOOLS OF INSTRUCTION

School of Society and the Arts

Society and the Arts is where the Boys State story gets told and where delegates push for the change they want to see. The school is delegate-led and delegate-run — what gets covered, challenged, and celebrated this week is up to you. The tracks include: Community Organizing, Broadcast/Print Journalism, and Audio Broadcast.

School of Commerce

Commerce is about how the economic world actually works, what it takes to build, sell, fund, and move things in it. Delegates will form companies and each track will function as one part of that business. During the week, companies will compete in a series of competitions designed to help you learn how different parts of our economy interact with each other and impact people's lives. The tracks: Research and Development (R&D) / Logistics, Marketing, Sales, and Finance.

School of Public Service

If you get elected to office, you'll join a fourth School, Public Service, in addition to your original school and track. This school is only open to delegates elected as a City Council Member, Mayor, Quorum Court Member, County Sheriff, County Judge, State Representative, State Senator, or Arkansas Constitutional Officer. You'll stay in your original school and track while also taking on the responsibilities of the office you won. Note: If elected to public office, you may be asked to use portions of your meal and/or recreation time to fulfill the responsibilities of your office.

SECTION V: LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS

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

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #1: WHAT'S NORMAL, ANYWAY? LEADING WHEN THE RULES CHANGE

Norms are the invisible rules of everyday life. You follow them when you say “bless you” after a sneeze. When you raise your hand in class. When you stand during the national anthem. But where do these “rules” come from? Who enforces them? And what happens when the rules no longer serve everyone?

As society evolves, so do its expectations. Over the past decade, we’ve seen massive shifts in how people talk about gender roles, mental health, and social justice—largely due to people who dared to challenge outdated norms. TikTok trends can change what’s “acceptable” almost overnight, and student movements on campuses across the country are redefining what it means to be an engaged citizen.

As leaders, you’ll constantly navigate these shifting expectations. The question isn’t just “what’s normal?”—it’s “who benefits from what’s normal?” and “what happens when I challenge it?”

- What are some norms that guide your daily life?
- What norms have you noticed at Boys State?
- Who creates norms—parents, society, friends, social media?
- Where do we learn norms—are they taught or experienced?
- What does “culture” mean to you? How does it influence your leadership?
- Have your personal norms ever been challenged? How did you respond?
- Should we preserve norms—or challenge them? How do leaders decide?
- Are any norms universal and unchangeable?
- What’s considered “normal”—and can that be dangerous?
- How do media and politics shape or change norms?
- Are there “leadership norms”? What are they?
- Should government influence norms?
- What is something you thought was normal that now feels wrong?
- Who sets norms at your school or in your circle—and do you challenge them?
- What norm would you change in your community, and how?

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #2: YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE 18 TO MAKE AN IMPACT

You don't need to be old enough to vote to lead. Some of the most powerful movements in American history were led by young people—many younger than you.

Mari Copeny, also known as “Little Miss Flint,” was just 8 years old when she began advocating for clean water in her Michigan hometown. Students from Parkland High School—like David Hogg and Emma González—helped launch a national gun safety movement after surviving a school shooting. Even here in Arkansas, teens have launched voter registration drives, organized donation campaigns, and mobilized for change in their schools.

Leadership isn't about waiting your turn. It's about seeing a problem and deciding to act. This conversation is about that moment—the spark—and what you can do right now to ignite change.

- How do you currently serve your community? Why does it matter to you?
- Is protest patriotic? When is it necessary?
- What makes a protest effective or ineffective?
- Who are civic leaders under 25 you admire—and why?
- Would you ever run for office? Why or why not?
- What's one issue in your town or school that you'd fix—and how?
- Is a life in politics the only way to serve?
- What about activists or lobbyists—are they civic leaders?
- How does your community invest in you—and how do you invest in it?
- What's an unconventional way you've helped your community?
- How does media influence civic action?
- Do you plan to vote? Why don't others?
- How would America change if more people voted?
- What's something you've spoken up about that mattered?

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #3:

CAN YOU LOVE AMERICA AND STILL WANT IT TO CHANGE?

Patriotism doesn't always look like waving a flag or singing a song. Sometimes it looks like protest. Sometimes it looks like truth-telling. Sometimes it looks like asking hard questions about a country you love.

Martin Luther King Jr. called out injustice while honoring the American promise of equality. John Lewis got into “good trouble” by fighting for voting rights. Today, athletes, artists, and everyday citizens challenge America to live up to its ideals—not because they hate it, but because they believe in what it could be.

Tonight's discussion asks you to define your own version of patriotism. Can you honor the flag while also pushing for justice? Can you love your country and still want to change it?

- What does patriotism mean to you?
- Can you love your country and still challenge it?
- Have you ever felt proud—or ashamed—to be American? Why?
- How do you define “unpatriotic”?
- Should leaders speak out against their own government? How?
- What does patriotism look like in your daily life?
- How would you explain American patriotism to someone from another country?
- What's one thing you want to make better about America?
- What recent events felt unpatriotic to you—and why?
- What role should citizens play in protecting democracy?
- How has Boys State changed how you view patriotism?

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #4: KNOWING YOURSELF TO LEAD OTHERS

You can't lead others unless you know yourself. The best leaders are grounded in their values, aware of their own biases, and open to learning from those who are different from them.

Your identity—where you come from, who raised you, the beliefs you hold—shapes how you lead. A student raised in a military family might bring discipline. A first-generation American might lead with gratitude. A teen who's experienced adversity may lead with empathy.

This discussion invites you to reflect on how your background has prepared you to lead—and how it might challenge you to grow.

- How would you describe your values?
- What traits make us different? What makes us the same?
- What life experiences shaped your perspective?
- How do your experiences affect your leadership?
- Would you lead differently if your identity or upbringing had changed?
- How do you define masculinity? Who modeled it for you?
- How has your race, gender, or religion shaped your leadership?
- What does being American mean to you?
- What's the difference between being religious and spiritual?
- Could you lead people with different beliefs than you? How?
- What value guides your decisions? Where did it come from?
- When did you first realize your voice mattered?
- Who inspires you—and how do you want to inspire others?

LEADERSHIP DISCUSSION #5: SO, WHAT NOW? BECOMING THE KIND OF LEADER AMERICA NEEDS

This week, you've run for office, made speeches, cast votes, and passed legislation. You've learned how your passion, your money and your voice can impact your environments. You've practiced leadership, compromise, and maybe even disagreement. Now it's time to look forward.

America needs leaders who listen and act. Who show up. Who serve. You don't have to have all the answers—but you do need to ask better questions.

Tonight, reflect on what this experience has taught you—and how you'll lead when you go home. What do you want your legacy to be?

- How have your views changed this week?
- What was the most meaningful experience at Boys State?
- How did your peers challenge or support your growth?
- What speaker or moment stuck with you—and why?
- What will you carry back to your school or community?
- What does leadership mean to you now?
- What risks did you take this week? What did they teach you?
- What kind of leader does your generation need?
- What's a leadership skill you want to grow next year?
- What do you hope people say about your leadership 10 years from now?

DAILY NOTES

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 Simpenderfer, Searcy	John Neumier, Russellville
1980	David Twillie, Little Rock	Tommy Colvin, Warren
1981	Anthony Withers, Woodson	Kendall Hewitt, Mabelvale
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

FORMER GOVERNORS & LIEUTENANT GOVERNORS

Year	Governor	Lieutenant Governor
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 Hucceby, 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, Pochahontas
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
2023	Clay Smith, Little Rock	Kadan Newson, Osceola
2024	Colten Quebedeux, Hot Springs	Kohen Sprague, Vilonia
2025	Flynn Capps, Hot Springs	Terrance Wyrick, Pine Bluff

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
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

FORMER BOYS NATION SENATORS

Year	Senator 1	Senator 2
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
2023	Harrison Henry, Fayetteville	Tanner Holden, Benton
2024	Chance Bradford, Little Rock	X'Zaevius Sims, Pine Bluff
2025	Ian Lee-Kim, Conway	Isaiah Marshall, Fort Smith

*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. LeMay, 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, Praire 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
2008	★	William McGraw, Cincinnati, Ohio
2008	★	Dr. David Twillie, Kentucky
2009	■	Len Cotton, Dardanelle
2009	★	Fred Akers, Horseshoe Bay, Texas
2009	★	Mark Pounds, Ashdown
2009	★	Eddie Armstrong, North 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

HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES

Year	Key	Name
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, Farmington
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, Texarkana
2021	★	Randy Massanelli, Fayetteville
2022	★	Stephen Coburn, Monticello
2022	■	Garland E. "Tim" Massanelli, Pine Bluff
2023	★	Duncan Baird, Bentonville
2023	★	Bishop Robert Rudolph, Malvern
2024	★	Matt Zimmerman, Fayetteville
2024	★	Jeff Wardlaw, Hermitage
2025	■	Ernie Higgs, Arkadelphia
2025	★	Brian Evans, Cabot

■ **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**

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COUNTY AND CITY HISTORIES

CARVELL COUNTY

Named for former 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 28 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.

GORDON COUNTY

Named for Antoine “Tony” Gordon of Sherwood, current Department Commander of the American Legion Department of Arkansas.

> **Conway City**

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

> **Sherwood City**

Named for hometown of the current 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.

COUNTY AND CITY HISTORIES

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.

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.

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

Year	Location	Director
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. Moseley
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
2022-2026	University of Central Arkansas	Dr. Lloyd Jackson



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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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