

## All Delegates to the 2008 Session of Boys State Should Read This Letter

Dear 2008 Boys State Delegate:

Congratulations!! You have been selected as a delegate to attend the 71<sup>st</sup> session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas—one of the finest youth programs in our state. This year's session is June 1<sup>st</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> on the campus of Kansas State University in Manhattan. Registration is from noon – 1 p.m. on Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>. You should eat lunch before you arrive. The first meal is served at 5:30 p.m.

Through school work, sports, or church and community involvement I realize that to be a part of this program you have demonstrated to someone in your school that you have the capability to be a leader. Our hope is that we can help further the development of this unique ability that you have in a setting that teaches you the functions of city, county, and state government.

The one reoccurring theme that we see each year is the growth in social responsibility among the 500+ young men who attend our program. You will not only experience personal growth, but you will have the opportunity to gain valuable group work skills as well. Boys State is where small town meets large city, conservative meets liberal, and members of all races and beliefs are brought together to work for a common good. What you will come away with from Boys State is rarely covered in the schools around our state.

You may be wondering what is in store for you at our program. Please do not feel too nervous about the upcoming experience. I can guarantee you that almost everyone who attends Boys State feels some amount of reservation before attending our program; I know that I did before my Stater session in 1977. This on-line packet is intended to answer many of the questions you may have going in. I would suggest to you that the best way for you to learn about our program is to ask someone from your school who has been before. Look us up at <http://www.ksbstate.org/>.

On this website you will see:

***Delegate's Handbook:*** Read this booklet thoroughly. It contains a description of the political process, campaign procedures, government projects, what to bring with you, and other details about your week.

***Week at a glance:*** Many delegates like to know what is happening day to day. This schedule is VERY general. A very detailed schedule will be provided to you when you move into your Boys State City.

***Pre-State Checklist:*** This can be very helpful as you pack and prepare for state.

In the mail you should receive: (Copies of these are also here on this website. Some should be printed out.)

***Medical/Physical Form:*** This is very important. Please follow the directions when filling out this form. Bring the completed form with you when you register for Boys State in the Kramer Dining Center. **NOTE:** A KSHSAA physical form for the 2007-2008 school year MAY be substituted for the second page of the form provided that any new restrictions accompany the form.

***Parent's Letter:*** You may wish to read it also, but be certain to pass it along to your parent or guardian.

***Map:*** Provides a general overview of the K-State campus and how to get to Boys State from the various highways surrounding Manhattan.

***Samsung Scholarship Application:*** Several years ago one of our delegates won this award for upwards of \$20,000 in scholarship funds. Take the time to fill it out if you qualify.

***Picture Order Form:*** You may wish order a photo of you and your Boys State city.

***College Credit:*** You can choose to earn three hours of college credit through the KSU Leadership Department.

I wish you luck in completing your junior year of high school. If you have *any* questions at all, I encourage you to e-mail me personally at the address below or call our toll-free number. I look forward to seeing you in June!

Sincerely,



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