



The American Legion North Dakota Boys State, Inc.

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Dear High School Counselor:

WE ARE EXCITED ABOUT BOYS STATE 2016! With your help and involvement, we hope to make this great youth program the best it can be. The North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton June 12-17, 2016, is the place to be for all boys that have completed their Junior year.

We have enclosed a poster to hang on your school bulletin board, a brief video for promoting this great opportunity, and Boys State Delegate Registration brochures. Interested students can register by filling out the registration brochure or they can do it on the web at www.ndboysstate.org (our video is also on the front page of the website).

It seems that each year several students pass up on literally a once in a lifetime chance to attend Boys State for alternatives such as sport camps and work. This prevents them from experiencing the valuable lessons of Boys State. We know that sports camps are important but they are often available at other times during the summer or available in other years. The opportunity to attend Boys State only presents itself once. While work means ready cash, attending Boys State can be and often is an investment in their future – including an instant leg up on college entrance applications or scholarships.

Boys State isn't just a political science exercise but an opportunity to practice the many facets of citizenship. The lessons learned and relationships formed at Boys State help participants for years to come. Students need only to ask the delegates from the previous year to find that the Boys State experience is fun, exciting and valuable. Boys Staters become successful businessmen, politicians, employees and entrepreneurs. It helps many find the right college path, open their eyes to civic duty, and forge friendships with their peers from all over the state. The experience brings out positive qualities in the young man his parents and counselors may not have known existed.

Often, the costs to attend the program are covered by the local American Legion – another unique aspect of the program. Those without American Legion sponsorship can pay the \$225 registration fee, but it is normally covered for the student. Please ensure that any junior-to-be senior young men who wish to be delegates to North Dakota Boys State are properly referred either to the web, to Josh or their local American Legion Post. If they are told that no sponsorships exist locally, please contact us. There is even the option to ride a bus to and from NDSCS so they don't have to find transportation, which is also normally paid for by the local post. In addition, delegates involved in Legion Baseball can be excused from the program to attend their Legion game.

As an added benefit, the Department of Public Instruction has approved this program for high school credit. The copy of approval has been included with this mailing. DPI has also approved Boys State to offer the ND Civics Test. Every student that attends Boys State will have the opportunity to fulfill that requirement during the week. We believe that not only can students have an enjoyable time at Boys State, but they can learn a great deal as well.

If you know of a student, or students, who absolutely should attend Boys State, please take a minute and help them fill out the online application or nominate them by emailing Josh at the address below.

As you meet with parents and the young men in your school, we sincerely hope you will let them know about this fantastic opportunity. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of this states youth! If there are any questions at all concerning the North Dakota American Legion Boys State program, please contact either myself, Josh Jeffers or Teri Bryant at the Legion State Headquarters.

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NEW COURSE CODE REQUEST APPLICATION
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
 TEACHER AND SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS
 SFN 6006B (11/2011)

RETURN TO:
 Department of Public Instruction,
 Teacher and School Effectiveness
 600 East Boulevard Ave., Dept. 201
 Bismarck, ND 58506-0440
 Fax: (701) 328-0201

Note: Complete a separate application for each new course area being requested.

Section A. Provide the following school information.

School Name North Dakota Boys State	LEA Name	County Number	LEA Number	School Number
Mailing Address 405 West main Ave		City West Fargo	State ND	ZIP Code 58078
Superintendent Name Executive Director David A. Johnson	E-Mail Address	Telephone Number 701-293-3120		
Principal Name	E-Mail Address	Telephone Number		
Name of Person Submitting Request David A. Johnson	E-Mail Address adjutant@ndiegon.org	Telephone Number 701293-3120	Date 10-28-13	

Section B. Provide the information below for the new course code request.

- Is the proposed course an additional level to an existing state course code identified in the PK-12 Course Codes and Descriptions? (<http://www.dpi.state.nd.us/resource/corscode/initialpage.shtml>)?
 Yes No
- What is the title of the proposed course?
 High School Civics Program ND Boys & Girls State Leadership Academy
- To which grade levels will this course be taught?
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- If the grade level in number 3 includes any grades 7-12, please identify the content area of the proposed course (example: social studies, science, physical education, fine arts, etc.).
 Civic Government development, elections, legislative bill writing and presentation
- Indicate how long this course would be taught.
 Nine Weeks Semester Full Year Other 5day, 60 plus hour summer program
- Describe the content of the proposed course.
 The ND Boys and Girls State Leadership Academy is an intensive weeklong program centered on the development and implementation of local, county and state wide civics' programs. The immersion of ND boys and girls into this program is designed to provide a hands' on approach to selecting and electing officials at all levels of a mock government, including a Governor. In addition to election, delegates write and present mock legislation based on current issue of the day and issues they feel are important to today society. Over fifty hours of intense instruction and a collaborative networking experience is provide to the youth of the state during there week of civic education and leadership.
- Does the content of the proposed course align with the state content standards?
 Yes No

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Approved <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	School Year Course is Effective Ongoing
Signature and Title of Department Official M. J. [Signature] DIRECTOR of TEACHER & SCHOOL EFFECTIVENESS	Date 11/11/13
	Telephone Number 328-2755

State Course Code Number: 15600

State Course Name: ND Boys/Girls State Leadership Academy
 (History elective)

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELORS

Bus Transportation for Boys State paid for by your local American Legion Post!!

Arrangements have been made for bus transportation to and from Wahpeton for the 2016 session of North Dakota American Legion Boys State. Transportation will be provided along two routes one starting in Williston traveling on US 2 and onto I-29 and the second route starting in Dickinson traveling on I-94 and then onto I-29.

Departure (to Wahpeton) will be on Sunday, June 12, and times are exact. Delegates are to be at the "Departure Point" at least 30 minutes prior to the bus leaving. The bus will not wait for anyone. The return (from Wahpeton) is on Friday, June 17 and "Return Time" is an estimate depending on when the buses are loaded and leaving the campus. Drop off points are the same as the "Departure Points."

If you are attending Boys State and would like to ride the bus, please let your Legion Post know as they will pay for the bus transportation fee. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the The American Legion State Headquarters in West Fargo at (701) 293-3120.

NORTHERN ROUTE

<u>Departure Point</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Return Time</u>
Williston, Grand Williston Hotel	6:30 am (CDT)	8:00 - 9:30 pm
Minot, South Hardees	8:30 am (CDT)	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Rugby, CENEX Station	9:40 am (CDT)	5:30 - 6:30 pm
Devils Lake, W. CENEX Station	10:50 am (CDT)	4:30 - 5:30 pm
Grand Forks, Hwy 2 McDonalds	12:45 pm (CDT)	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Fargo, I-29 Flying J Truck stop	2:00 pm (CDT)	2:00 - 4:00 pm

SOUTHERN ROUTE

<u>Departure Point</u>	<u>Departure Time</u>	<u>Return Time</u>
Dickinson, Burger King	7:00 am (MDT)	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Bismarck, N. McDonalds, Hwy 83 & I-94	10:00 am (CST)	3:30 - 4:30 pm
Jamestown, McDonalds	12:00 pm (CST)	2:00 - 3:00 pm