

The American Legion
Alaska Boys State Program

October 2020

Subject: 2021 Alaska Boys State Boys State Information

Dear Post Commander,

Enclosed is your material to recruit, interview and select boys to represent your post and their school at our 2021 Boys State program. Keeping in mind that summer plans are made early in the year (we have to beat the other programs and sport camps). American Legion Alaska Boys State will be at Alaska State Elks Camp, near Sutton. Check in at Boys State will be Sunday afternoon on June 13, 2021. Dinner will be at 6 PM with the opening introduction at 7 PM.

Once they have filled out the application and you interview and select them to attend, you need to send me the application and the signed agreement so I can email the boy additional material to be filled out (medical release, dietary requirements, legal information to name a few) and returned prior to the beginning of Boys State. **All applications have to be received by May 21, 2021.** Be sure that the application and notice are signed by the applicant.

My **goal is to have** at least 2 boys from each post (**you can send as many as you would like to – there is no limit**) which would give us **60 + boys**, a great increase from our past couple of years. Along with the boys, we are always in need volunteer staff so if you are interested, let me know. I would encourage all Post members especially the Boys State Chairmen to visit us any time during Boys State to experience first-hand this awesome program. It is a wonderful experience for all involved.

There is some information on the internet that would also be helpful. At www.boysandgirlsstate.org/ is a video that gives you and the prospective citizen some feel for the program and a look at other Boys States programs as well as general information on the program. You can also get some good information and sharp posters that you can customize for your post at www.legion.org/boysnation/resources these posters are great to give to the schools to help you recruit boys.

Note: We will be at a new location at Alaska State Elks Camp, Sutton, AK 99654.

If you would like more pamphlets they can be downloaded from <http://www.legion.org/publications/160899/boys-state-program>.

I look forward to hearing from you.

For God and Country,



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TO: POST COMMANDER AND/OR BOYS STATE CHAIRMAN:

The 54th Annual American Legion Alaska Boys State Program will be held starting at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday June 13, 2021 through Saturday June 15, 2021. This year's program will be held at Alaska State Elks Camp near Sutton. The Inauguration and Reception will be on Saturday evening June 19, 2021 beginning at 7:30 p.m. The American Legion Alaska Boys State Program is open to High School Junior boys (**those who will be seniors during the 2021-2022 school year**) and are at least 16 years of age and not over 18 years of age.

A successful Alaska Boys State begins with each Alaska Post and their Boys State Chairman. The chairman is the point of contact for boys and their school career counselors and our program. Early contact with the schools and the boys may be the difference between our program and other after school programs. I ask you to make early contact and promote Alaska Boys State. We are looking for boys who are self-motivated, high achievers and potential leaders.

The Alaska Boys State Commission looks forward to this 54th annual session. Our American Legion plays a very important role in the development of the future leaders of this State and Nation. We take great pride in offering this program to the young men of Alaska.

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The cost for each boy will be at \$300.00 plus travel. Start getting your sponsors now. It is imperative that the money for each boy be sent in with the application; this is a directive of the Alaska Boys State Commission held in June 1986, also a must if the program is to function properly.

Please have the applications for the boys that you are going to send to me by **May 21, 2021**. It is very important that I receive this information so that I can get registration information to the boys and they can return the necessary forms to me in a timely manner.

I would like to point out a few things for those who will be doing the interviewing of the boys:

FIRST: Look for leadership qualities when interviewing. Remember that these are our future leaders of our country.

SECOND: Be sure to allow a block of time for each interview; this gives you sufficient time to interview each of the candidates, this is a program worth competing for.

THIRD: If you have any questions about Boys State, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Kevin L. Collier, Director
The American Legion Alaska Boys State

SUGGESTED QUESTIONS FOR BOYS STATE INTERVIEWS

NOTE: This is a suggested list not a required list, pick & choose.

1. Why do you want to attend Boys State?
2. How did you learn about Boys State?
3. How do your parents feel about you going to Boys State?
4. Would you be able or willing to share your experience at Boys State with your Government Class and other junior students next year?
5. Do you know anyone who has attended Boy State in the past?
6. What do you expect to achieve from the Boy State Program?
7. Do you read your local newspapers, listen to the news on the radio or keep abreast of current events in any other way?
8. Are you familiar with or used Parliamentary Procedure or Roberts Rules of Order?
9. What do you feel are the personal qualities or traits that make for a good elected official?
10. What are your feelings on getting respect for the Flag and Prayers back in the school?
11. When you think of the Bill of Rights what do you think is the most important?
12. Is there anything you can do as an individual to improve that quality of our Government?
13. What is the legal voting age?
14. Who are the two U.S. Senators for Alaska?
15. Who is your State Congressman?
16. Who is the Governor of the State of Alaska?
17. Who is the elected Representative for your area in the House?
18. Who is the elected Representative in the Senate from your area?

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ALASKA BOYS STATE

INTERVIEWING SCORE SHEET

Applicants Name _____ Date of Interview _____

School Name _____

Points _____ / _____ / _____ / _____ / _____
5 Poor 10 Fair 15 Good 20 Excellent Total

Character _____

School Involvement _____

Leadership Ability _____

Speaking Ability _____

Desire to attend Program _____

Knowledge of State &
Federal Government _____

Knowledge of Legion _____

Total Points _____

Interviewer's Remarks _____

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APPLICATION

DATE _____ HIGH SCHOOL _____

NAME _____ AGE _____

ADDRESS (street or box #) _____ (City) _____ (Zip) _____

HOME PHONE _____ CELL/OTHER _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

PARENT OR GUARDIAN _____ ADDRESS _____

ARE YOU A U.S. CITIZEN _____ ARE YOU A JUNIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL NOW _____

HIGH SCHOOL ORGANIZATIONS YOU BELONG TO _____

OFFICES HELD IN THE ABOVE ORGANIZATIONS

LIST OTHER ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE SCHOOL

LIST HOBBIES AND/OR INTERESTS

CHURCH AFFILIATION OR PREFERENCE _____

HEALTH: HAVE YOU HAD MEDICAL TREATMENT IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS _____

REASON _____

DO YOU HAVE ALLERGIES? ___ASTHMA?___ HEART AILMENT?___SKIN DISEASE___ ANY OTHER PROBLEMS EXPLAIN ON BACK

GIVE 2 PERSONAL REFERENCES (NOT RELATIVES) AND ADDRESS

SIGNATURE _____

ON BACK EXPLAIN WHY YOU WISH TO ATTEND BOYS STATE (Continued on page two)

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5: Cleaning of kitchen & dining area

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8: Participate in recreational events

9: Obey the rules as prescribed throughout the Boys State Program

10: Show respect for the adult volunteer staff and speakers

11: There shall be no use of alcohol, tobacco or illegal drugs while at the Boys State Program by any Boys State Participant

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