

CONGRATULATIONS BOYS STATE DELEGATE

By now you should have received a letter to you and your parents that detailed many things you need to know about Boys State. In early May, you will receive a postcard detailing exactly which dorm you will be assigned to and where to report upon your arrival at Boys State. You will find on the website a map that shows where each dormitory and Boys State city is located. Please report directly to your dormitory floor (city) between 3 and 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 29, 2004.

Visitors: Unfortunately, the Boys State program is not designed to facilitate visitors. The program is structured around close interaction between the delegate and the other members of his city, both during scheduled events and recreation time. As such, it is difficult for delegates and visitors to find time to interact. However, if the delegate does receive a visitor, the visitor must check in and remain at Headquarters. Delegates are not allowed to interact with visitors of the opposite sex except in the Headquarters area.

Important Phone Numbers

IN AN EMERGENCY YOU MAY CALL BOYS STATE HEADQUARTERS
918-540-6152 or Boys State security at 918-540-6151. If these numbers are not active, please call NEO Campus Security at 918-540-6300 or 918-544-0552

College Credit; YOU WILL RECEIVE A LETTER DIRECTLY FROM NEO A&M COLLEGE CONCERNING WHAT YOU MUST DO TO GET COLLEGE CREDIT FOR ATTENDANCE AT BOYS STATE.

Samsung Scholarship information is available on the web site at okboysstate.com. These applications are due to the Boys State Director, 2304 E. Fieldstone, Okmulgee, OK 74447 by May 24, 2004.

Please visit our web site at www.okboysstate.com for daily updates during the session. You may also use our message feature to contact your delegate.

If you intend to file for Governor, Lt. Governor, Attorney General, or Chief Justice of the Supreme Court an intention to file box was located on your registration form. If you did not check this box, you will still be able to file upon arrival.

For questions, please refer to the web site or email director@okboysstate.com. You may also call Director Clay Ballenger at 918-756-5997 or at work at 918-591-4511. If you have access to email, this method is likely to get your questions answered the most quickly.

LEAVING EARLY: Every year we have questions about early departure. If you do not finish the entire program including the final exam, you must return all materials issued to you including T-shirts (including any you may purchase (you will be reimbursed)). In order to be a graduate of the program, you must complete the program. If you have any questions about this policy, please contact Director Ballenger. If you can't stay the whole time, please allow another to attend in your place.

Please thoroughly read the delegate letter. Nearly every question you might ask is answered there. Also, you can find the answers to many questions at our web site www.okboysstate.com.

Again, congratulations on your selection...you have a great week ahead of you.

Oklahoma Boys State

DON'T FORGET

1. Bedding (to include pillow and cover, a sleeping bag is ok): Every year we have delegates who forget bedding...while it can be purchased at local stores, it is expensive and a hassle.
2. Be on time...registration is from 3-4 p.m. and orientation begins promptly at 4 p.m. Don't miss out on the orientation and getting to know your fellow delegates.
3. Bring a bill. If you have the opportunity, have 100 copies of your bill run off at your school and bring it with you. You'll have a greater chance of having a bill introduced and passed if you have one ready. See info. in this packet about bill writing.
4. Bring some pocket change...vending machines are available and having a roll of quarters will make using them much easier.
5. Souvenirs are available. Extra T-shirts are \$6 and \$8 and this year we have a really nice polo type shirt that is \$13. Many other Boys State items are available. You can get by without spending any money at all, but if you do want keepsakes, they are available at the bank/store.
6. Don't bring anything of great value and put your extra money in the bank.
7. Don't forget to visit our web site for much information about the program. The web site is: www.okboysstate.com.
8. Fill out the Samsung Scholarship if you are qualified. To qualify you must be a direct descendant of a U.S. Veteran who served in the armed forces of the United States during a time of war including the current conflicts. Less than 20 are accepted to receive national award, but one will be selected from Oklahoma to receive a scholarship.
9. **RESUME:** If you want to work on the Newspaper Staff, Web Staff, the Video and PowerPoint Staff, or as a photographer, please send your resume with significant experiences to: Dr. A. J. Johnson, PO Box 356, Kingfisher, OK 73750. We have many more applicants than we have staff so this will help with the selection process.