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71st Mountaineer Boys' State Begins

The 71st Annual American Legion Boys' State was officially underway yesterday afternoon. At 12 noon, Clarence Walton, Director, and Steve Sluss, Administrator, opened registration for the 2008 Boys' State citizens.

Approximately 340 young men from all regions of West Virginia, went through the registration process where they received their cottage and party assignment, as well as a Mountaineer Boys' State T-shirt. The delegates then reported to the medical staff to turn in their physical forms.

Upon leaving the Assembly Hall, it was on to the cottage to meet the counselors, find a bed, have orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam. At the cottage each delegate was given a WV Blue Book, and the American Legion's Boys' State Manual of Government.

This year's Boys' State program includes a banking system, a newspaper, touch-screen voting, and the opportunity for hands on learning. Citizens will also have the opportunity to become a State Trooper, Conservation Officer, or a member of the National Guard.

The Boys' State counselors and staff are always available to help with any need that may arise. If you need help with your campaign or are homesick, please let us know.

Throughout the week, you will be scored on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys' State.

Boys' State is Hi-Tech

Once again Boys State Citizens will use Touch-screen voting for the state wide races in the Primary and General Elections. Mountaineer Boys' State is probably the only Boys' State program in the country to use the touch-screen voting system.

West Virginia Secretary of State, Betty Ireland, has provided the voting machines and Casto & Harris is providing the programming. Citizens will receive instruction on how the voting process works during the Voting Procedure Informational Meeting this morning.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State appreciates Secretary of State Betty Ireland and Casto & Harris, Inc.



The newspaper will be staffed by citizens under the guidance of Betty Ann Williams. The citizens will report on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what is taking place at the state, county, and city levels of government. We encourage you to get involved in everything offered this week. It's a once in a lifetime opportunity!

If you know of any newsworthy happening, stop by the newspaper office located in the Dorsey Center and let us know.

Have a great time, learn alot about state government, and make many new friends.

Enjoy your week at Jackson's Mill!!!

Boys' State Choir

All citizens of MBS who are interested in being part of the Mountaineer Boys' State Choir please report to the front porch of the dining hall immediately following the party caucuses. You will perform three times daily at meals, as well as for other special events such as the Wednesday evening assembly and the Friday night talent show. This is a part-time paid position. You may participate in the choir as well as all other scheduled activities. See Chris Sharps, staff member, for more information.



College Credit Offered

For the first time ever, college credit is available for attending Mountaineer Boys' State. The ACE Network, a non-profit organization created to support Boys' and Girls' State has arranged for 3 hours of general education elective credit through Clemson University. Citizens who applied for the college credit will need to complete a daily journal of their Boys' State activities, pass the final exam given on Friday and design a community service project online. The credit should transfer to any public college and universities as well as most private colleges. The cost is only \$270.00 and citizens will have until the assembly Tuesday evening to apply. See Administrator Sluss for more details.

Mountaineer Boys' State is the 2nd oldest Boys' State program in the Nation!!!

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIPS

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis at the Dorsey Center by dinner on Wednesday, June 11, 2008. The following information should be turned in with the application: If you completed the Samsung Scholarship online, please let Mr. Davis know by Wednesday.

1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. Transcript from High School
4. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the final assembly on Saturday, June 14, 2008.



Thanks to Our Sponsors

The question is often asked, "Who foots the bill for Boys' State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?" Civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, the American Legion and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to Boys' State. The WV Department of the American Legion pays for the administrative cost.

All delegates of Boys' State are selected by their high school staff or by local American Legion Post officials.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend Mountaineer Boys' State by supplementing the cost of the program. Boys' State stationery and envelopes are available in the Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.



Don't Pass It Up, Pick It Up!!!

The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and depositing it in trash cans. Also put the pop cans in special containers where available, so we leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived Sunday.



Parents and friends back home can keep up with all the happenings here at Mountaineer Boys' State by accessing the official website. During the week of Boys' State, the website will transform itself into Mountaineer Boys' State Live!!!

The website, maintained by Jacob McCarty, will include election results, the daily schedule, athletic results, pictures and much, much, more.

Be sure to have everyone at home check out the website!!!!

Men of Tomorrow

**Oh, we're the Men of To..mor..row, we march
along in happy ranks today.**

**We never bor..row, a bit of care or grief along the
way.**

**Glad..ly we're learning the things a good
American should know.**

**Glad..ly we're yearn...ing to chart the way a
patriot should go.**

**With lessons done, objectives won
Good citizens we'll be;**

**We'll proudly stand in our home land
Where Mountaineers are free.**

**Men..of To..mor..row, good fellowship each one of
us enjoys,**

**Men..of To..mor..row, a group of all American
boys.**

A Brief History of Boys' State

American Legion Boys' State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county and state government.

Boys' State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps. The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys' State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors a similar program for young ladies called Girls' State.

At American Legion Boys' State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and the responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Boys' State is currently conducted in 49 Departments of The American Legion. Hawaii does not conduct a program. As separate corporations, Boys' States vary in content and method of procedure, but each and every Boys' State adheres to the basic concept of the program that of teaching government from the township to the state level.

from the AL website www.legion.org

Mountaineer Boys' State Online www.mountaineerboysstate.org

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008

FIRST SESSION

	Area 1 Volleyball (beside Braxton)	Area 2 Volleyball (beside Softball)	Area 3 Frisbee (behind Chapel)	Area 4 Softball	Area 5 Basketball (behind Gilmer)
3:30 - 4:45	BARBOUR MONONGALIA	LEWIS—N RANDOLPH—N	BRAXTON - F MONROE—N	CALHOUN MONROE—F	GILMER PANHANDLE— N
	KANAWHA PANHANDLE— F		LEWIS—F UPSHUR	MARION—N RANDOLPH - F	MARION—F WEBSTER

SECOND SESSION

6:15 - 7:15	GILMER PANHANDLE— N	LEWIS—F RANDOLPH—F	BARBOUR MONROE-F	BRAXTON MONROE-N	CALHOUN PANHANDLE-F
	MARION—F WEBSTER		KANAWHA RANDOLPH-N	LEWIS—N UPSHUR	MARION—N MONONGALIA

Yum!

Breakfast

Eggs
Sausage
Biscuits
Hot & Cold Cereal
Fruit
Orange Juice
Milk

MENU

Lunch

Pepperoni Rolls
Chips
Corn
Macaroni Salad
Applesauce
Cookies
Lemonade

Yum!

Dinner

Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Italian Blend Veggies
Rolls
Salad
Vanilla Pudding
Iced Tea

Freedom Isn't Free

Unspoken hardships
Long endured
Unwanted Memories
That cannot be cured
You fought for your country
You fought for your friends
And your life in the end
Will honor your name
You brought our liberty
You paid with your life
Because freedom isn't free



Why Do We March?

By now many citizens have grumbled about marching everywhere they go. Many are asking, "WHY do we have to march?" The answer to that question is simple. Marching is the most efficient, and more importantly, the SAFEST way to move large groups of people in the limited amount of time we have. Mountaineer Boys' State has a very good safety record in its seventy year history. Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, we are visited by many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week. Seeing the citizens marching to class, to the dining hall, and to the assembly hall is quite impressive and adds to the prestige of Boys' State. Marching is as much a part of Boys' State as the American Legion itself.



Hup...two... three... four.... and have fun!!!!

Schedule

6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters
 7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall. **Inspection points to be deducted at this and subsequent meals for late arrivals.**
 7:20 FLAG RAISING
 7:25 BREAKFAST
 8:25 - Noon FILE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES (State in GHQ-Dorsey Center).
 8:25 Make up Bar Examination at GHQ. All citizens who did not take the Bar Examination on Sunday will take the make up Bar Examination.

GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

GROUP 1 - BRAXTON, PANHANDLE
 GROUP 2 - MARION, KANAWHA
 GROUP 3 - CALHOUN, LEWIS, GILMER
 GROUP 4 - RANDOLPH, UPSHUR, MONONGALIA
 GROUP 5 - BARBOUR, WEBSTER, MONROE

GROUP 1	8:25-9:00 Decision Making	9:10-9:45 Parliamentary Procedures	9:55-10:30 Voting Procedures	10:40 - 11:15 Americanism	11:25-12:00 Leadership
GROUP 2	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Americanism	Leadership	Decision Making
GROUP 3	Voting Procedure	Americanism	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedure
GROUP 4	Americanism	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure
GROUP 5	Leadership	Decision Making	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Americanism

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

Decision Making	West Virginia Building
Parliamentary Procedure	Flameway
Voting Procedure	EEC Building
Americanism	Jackson Lodge Basement
Leadership	Assembly Hall

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12:05 In formation at Dining Hall
 12:15 Lunch
****After Lunch — Staff Photo in front of Dining Hall**
 1:15 - 3:15 Party Caucuses Federalists in Assembly Hall
 Nationalists in WV Building
 Parties Organized with Advisors. Meet the State Office Candidates
 3:30 - 4:45 **ADHERE TO SCHEDULE**
 State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet with Advisors in the EEC #5
 Newspaper Staff organized and working - GHQ rear office
 Bank Staff organized and working - Agriculture Hall of Fame
 Athletics, Swimming
 5:15 In Formation at Dining Hall
 5:30 Dinner
 6:15 - 7:15 State Police, Conservation Officers, and National Guard meet with Advisors in the EEC #5
 Newspaper Staff organized and working - GHQ rear office
 Bank Staff organized and working - Agriculture Hall of Fame
 Athletics & Swimming
 7:15 Band Practice in Assembly Hall
 8:00 ASSEMBLY
****After Assembly — All interested applicants for State Superintendent of Schools must have application submitted to advisor within 30 minutes of assembly end.**
 Primary Elections. **All** citizens proceed directly to their cottages to vote.
 State Election results posted at GHQ.
 Campaign material for General Election available for purchase (Boys State currency) at GHQ
****After Voting — Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working. Police Academy in session.**
 11:00 Devotions (As time permits) at Panhandle, Webster, Panhandle, and Kanawha cottages
 11:30 All evening activities end.
 11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.
 12 Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND **LIGHTS OUT**. Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores.