

Citizen's Packet

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State

June 10 – June 16

2012

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his city, county and state government. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been a program of The American Legion, Department of West Virginia since 1936.

At The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and 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.

Male high school juniors are selected by local American Legion Posts to attend the program. Expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business, community-based organization, or local individuals.



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The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Welcome Letter



Welcome to the 2012 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Program. For 75 years, this program has taught your fellow West Virginians the basic principles of a democratic society, from the Town Hall to the Statehouse.



You have been recommended and selected to take part as a citizen because of the leadership qualities and the academic standards that you have exhibited and maintained. Active participation in the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State government will help you to further develop those character traits that are essential for responsible leadership. Your experience here should help you to gain knowledge, appreciation and respect for the structure and responsible operation of our state's governments.

The American Legion pledges, in part, "to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state, and nation" and "to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy." Your selection and participation in the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will result in another very inspiring and prestigious implementation of that pledge.

We wish each of you success, enjoyment and many fond memories of your week at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Remember to arrive at camp with an open mind and a willingness to learn and participate.

Sincerely,

Tommy Hayes, Commander
The American Legion
Department of West Virginia

Jim Davis, Director
The American Legion
Mountaineer Boys State



The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Preparation Checklist

- Δ 1. Read entire contents of this packet.**
- Δ 2. Obtain physical examination and bring completed and notarized Medical Certificate to Registration.**
- Δ 3. Attend an orientation session. (See enclosed schedule, additional sessions may be scheduled after publication; visit online at <http://orientations.mountaineerboysstate.org> for an updated schedule.)**
- Δ 4. Complete the following forms: Proposed Legislation Form, Order Form and the Mountaineer Boys State Pledge.**
- Δ 5. Visit website <http://mountaineerboysstate.org>.**
- Δ 6. Like our facebook page at: <http://facebook.mountaineerboysstate.org> and join the discussion on our facebook group at: <http://facebookgroup.mountaineerboysstate.org>.**
- Δ 7. Study law lecture. (<http://packet.mountaineerboysstate.org>)**
- Δ 8. Develop plan. (What you want to do/be at Boys State.)**
- Δ 9. Develop backup plan. (If 1st plan fails.)**
- Δ 10. Pack personal belongings/items, instruments, etc. per enclosed instructions.**
- Δ 11. Arrive at Jackson's Mill Assembly Hall on Sunday, June 10, 2012 between 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. with complete and notarized Medical Certificate, Order Form, Proposed Legislation Form, Mountaineer Boys State Pledge, personal belongings, instruments, etc. and no more than \$75.00.**



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Attendance

You are attending the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) on the recommendation of your school officials and members of the American Legion Post in your community. We ask you to uphold the confidence placed in you. Please conduct yourself in a manner to reflect credit, not only upon yourself, but your school and community as well. **Being selected to attend ALMBS is an honor**, which should not be taken lightly. You will be expected to show proper respect to the Flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and you are expected to participate in the singing of the National Anthem. If you are not willing to do these, please make the notification below so that a replacement can be found for you.

The staff reserves the right to dismiss any citizen for failure to follow camp rules, regulations and policies, and/or for engaging in behavior that is deemed by the staff to be inappropriate and/or disruptive.

If you will not be able to attend, immediately notify your school's recommending official, your local American Legion Post, and the American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667. This will allow an alternate to be selected to replace you.

You are expected to remain in attendance the entire session. All attendees of Boys State agree to stay the entire duration of the program. Requests for excused absences from the program will only be approved by the Director in the event of an emergency and must be presented to the Director by the attendee's parent(s) or legal guardian(s).

All expenses associated with your attendance at ALMBS have been provided by your local American Legion Post or another sponsoring organization, business, or individual. If you fail to make notification in a timely manner, you or your parent(s)/legal guardian(s) will be liable for reimbursement of the \$200.00 application fee. If you leave the camp early for any reason, you will be required to reimburse the balance of your meal and lodging fees to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

Questions

If you have any questions, you may contact Director Jim Davis at jim.davis@wvlegion.org or (304) 481-4021 or Administrator Steve Sluss at steve.sluss@wvlegion.org or (304) 389-3190; you may also contact us through the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website.

Special Needs

If you have any special dietary needs, please address those needs with the American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667 or through their website <http://wvlegion.org> prior to camp.

Mountaineer Boys State Staff

The staff of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is comprised of over 75 highly motivated and qualified individuals who work with one goal in mind: To make your week at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State one of the most rewarding, educational, and worthwhile experiences of your life. The staff is drawn from the ranks of the American Legion, West Virginia State Police, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources, other Agencies of West Virginia Government, United States Military Services, professional career fields, the American Legion State Headquarters staff and former ALMBS Citizens. All staff members are volunteers and receive no financial compensation for their participation. The staff is always available to assist you should a question or problem arise.

Mountaineer Boys State Website

Mountaineer Boys State has a website that can be accessed at <http://mountaineerboysstate.org>. All information and any updates contained in this packet can be located directly at <http://packet.mountaineerboysstate.org>. The website will be updated daily with information about the Citizens' activities, including: election results, daily newspaper, pictures, assemblies, speakers, etc. There will also be live video feeds of major events during the camp, check our website daily for a list of scheduled events that can be streamed. ALMBS maintains a web presences through the following mechanism: Twitter (<http://twitter.mountaineerboysstate.org>), Facebook (<http://facebook.mountaineerboysstate.org> and <http://facebookgroup.mountaineerboysstate.org>), YouTube (<http://youtube.mountaineerboysstate.org>), and UStream (<http://ustream.mountaineerboysstate.org>). Please check us out and subscribe to the social media system for which you are a member.



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Orientation Sessions

Review the enclosed Orientation Schedule and locate an Orientation Session that you can attend. You and your parents are requested to attend an Orientation Session. School officials, sponsoring organizations, and alternates are welcome and encouraged to attend an Orientation Session as well.

The purpose of the Orientation is to acquaint you and your parents with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program. The Orientation Session will last approximately 90 minutes. You will meet others who will be attending the ALMBS and will have an opportunity to ask questions about the program. **Please bring this information packet with you to the Orientation Session.**

Proposed Legislation

You are requested to draft and bring with you a piece or pieces of proposed legislation using the enclosed "Proposed Legislation Form". This should be on any issue that you feel is relevant to the State of West Virginia. Generally, proposed legislation is a law, rule, regulation, policy, etc. that you would like to see enacted in West Virginia. Write out your idea(s) and what you want accomplished. You do not need to worry about proper legislative form. Your proposed legislation will be given to ALMBS Legislature for their consideration. Legislation passed at ALMBS will be forwarded to the West Virginia Legislature for review and consideration.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Pledge

You will find enclosed the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Pledge. You and your parents are asked to review its contents, sign it, and bring it with you to registration on Sunday between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Personal Costs

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Order form provides you with a detailed listing of the items for which you may incur a personal expense. The order form should be completed and brought with you to registration. Please make checks payable to Mountaineer Boys State.

The following items can be purchased at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State:

- The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-Shirt - The Citizens of ALMBS are required to wear the T-Shirt throughout the entire week as part of the official uniform for the camp. Each boy receives one (1) shirt upon registration. Additional shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 each. It is recommended that at least two additional shirts be purchased. Laundry of the ALMBS shirts is completed throughout the week.
- DVD Yearbook - The DVD Yearbook contains video and still photography compiled into a DVD after camp has concluded. The expected delivery date is 6-10 weeks after camp has commenced. The cost for a DVD Yearbook is \$20.00.
- Pizza - There is an organized pizza party Friday evening after all activities have ended. The cost per boy to participate is \$3.00. Participation is not required.
- Donations – The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates solely on donations to sponsor boys. The current cost per boy that is paid by sponsors is \$200.00. If you are interested in making a donation to help the program, you may do so. This is not a requirement for you to attend ALMBS. Any donations made are 100% tax deductible and can be made in any denomination.

Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines and a snack store is operational; no more than \$20 should be brought for this expense.



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Medical Certificate

Have the Medical Certificate completed. Bring the Medical Certificate and information packet with you to the camp registration. Make sure to have your Medical Certificate notarized.

Every precaution is taken to avoid accidents at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Participants who do not already have group accident-sickness medical insurance coverage are insured under a group policy that has been obtained by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, Inc. This policy is excess coverage to any other valid and collectible group insurance plan (this exclusion does not apply to individual accident and sickness policies). Should an unforeseen need arise for this insurance program, more detailed information will be sent directly to you at that time by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, Inc. A copy of the policy is available for review upon request from the Director or Administrator.

Most years the program is fortunate to have a licensed Medical Doctor and a Registered Nurse on staff to assist with any medical issues. Additionally, most years the Staff also has, amongst its ranks, Paramedic(s) and Emergency Medical Technician(s). Additionally, on the Saturday before ALMBS begins, the ALMBS Staff is trained in Adult Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (C.P.R.) and AED operation, basic first aid procedures, recognition of an emergency (medical or otherwise) and the Emergency Notification and Response Plan that is utilized at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Finally, Certified Life Guards staff the swimming pool during all hours of its operation.

Samsung Scholarship

If you are a direct descendant (e.g. child, grandchild, great grandchild) of a US wartime veteran and participate in the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Program, then you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship. To complete the application via a computer, please download an electronic copy of the application on the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website at <http://packet.mountaineerboysstate.org>.

If eligible, complete the application, attach the required Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge From Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty and submit your application during registration at ALMBS. No faxes will be received during the camp for the Samsung Scholarship. This is the only year that you can apply for this scholarship, so make sure that you apply if you're eligible. **Applications are due during your registration at ALMBS.**

If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, you may contact the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance Department Secretary, Keith Gwinn, at (304) 558-3661 or toll free at (888) 838-2332. They may not have copies of every DD-214, but they may be able to tell you how to get a copy.

College Credit

How would you like to get a head start on your collegiate career while maximizing your experience at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State?

Clemson University has partnered with The ACE Network and ALMBS to offer you college credit in conjunction with your participation this year. The course, titled Leadership, Citizenship and Community Service (ED 190), is a three (3) credit hour course, which can be transferred as elective credit to any university that you choose to attend. Understandably, accepted credit is a decision ultimately made by each specific institution; however, the West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission (WVHEPC) has stated that this class will be accepted at any state college or university at a minimum as an elective course. The ACE Network was founded by American Legion Auxiliary Girls State and American Legion Boys State programs throughout the nation simply to accomplish its namesake purpose to "Advance Citizenship Experiences" of Girls and Boys State participants in every state. This affordable and quality college course is one of the key proud accomplishments for this organization. Last year, hundreds of rising high school seniors just like you took advantage of this opportunity solely afforded to Girls and Boys State "Citizens".

As part of this partnership, Clemson University is offering a three (3) credit course for only \$270. In order to meet the requirements of this course, you must fully participate in the ALMBS program as well as submit additional assignments as specified in the course procedures. Some of the course expectations and assignments will be completed during the session with other assignments to be sent electronically



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after you return home. Participation in the course will not detract from, nor remove you from participation in any part of the program during the week. A complete course syllabus and other information can be found by accessing the syllabus link on <http://ed190.com>. **Please download a copy of the syllabus and review the requirements for the course.**

In order to register for the course, simply access the "enroll" link on <http://ed190.com>. You can pay on-line using the secured PayPal feature. You may submit your payment at the time of your ALMBS registration or complete an advanced ED 190 course registration and mail it to:

The ACE Network
PO BOX 2243
Greenville, SC 29602

To participate in the college course, you must complete all course registrations and payments before or during your ALMBS session. All coursework must be completed by July 20, 2012, and grades will be posted at the conclusion of the Summer II session (August 3, 2012). If you or your parents have any questions about the course, please feel free to contact The ACE Network at the web site above or call (864) 884-7988.

Transportation

All transportation to and from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State **must** be furnished by parent(s) or sponsor(s). The American Legion Boys State Board of Directors voted to ban automobiles being driven to camp by Citizens. ALMBS is a very intense program and the Board made this decision out of concern for the safety and well being of the Citizens on their drive home.

You should arrive between 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday. The Commencement Ceremony will begin on Saturday morning promptly at 9:30 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m. **For safety purposes, Citizens are prohibited from bringing their own vehicle to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.**

Traveling South on I79: Taking Exit 105, turn right toward Jane Lew, and travel approximately 1/2 mile to the intersection of Route 19. Turn left and follow Route 19 South for approximately 7 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn right onto Jackson's Mill Road and go approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling North on I79: Using Exit 99, turn left toward Weston, onto Route 33 West and travel approximately 2 miles. At the fourth traffic light, turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling West on Route 33: Continue straight on Route 33 under the Interstate 79 interchange. At the fourth traffic light (approximately 2 miles), turn right onto Route 19 North. Follow Route 19 North for approximately 4 miles to Jackson's Mill Road. (The Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark.) Turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Traveling East on Route 33: Take Route 33 into Weston, and then follow signs for Route 19 North. After approximately 4 miles, (the Hickory House Restaurant is a landmark), turn left onto Jackson's Mill Road and travel approximately 2.5 miles. After you cross the bridge, the WVU Jackson's Mill grounds are on your right.

Location

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is held at Jackson's Mill near Weston, West Virginia. This facility is nestled in the most beautiful hills of West Virginia and offers every comfort and recreational facility of a modern camp. The native stone Mount Vernon Dining Hall, 14 spacious and healthful county cottages, tennis courts, softball field, volley ball courts, swimming pool, and other facilities



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make Jackson's Mill an ideal home for the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. ALMBS has been held at Jackson's Mill since the beginning of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program in 1936.

You will be randomly assigned to one of fourteen (14) cottages. The cottages range in size from the smallest (Barbour) which houses approximately fourteen (14) Citizens to the largest (Panhandle) which houses approximately fifty-five (55) Citizens. Each cottage will be managed by a Senior Counselor and one (1) to three (3) additional Counselors, depending upon the cottage's size. You will be assigned a bed, mattress, pillow, bed sheets, pillowcase, and blanket. You will be provided instruction on the proper way to maintain your living quarters and a daily inspection of the cottages will be conducted by an Inspection Staff.

Pay telephones are located throughout Jackson's Mill and outgoing mail is transported daily to the Post Office in Weston. Citizens are permitted to bring cellular telephones, blackberrys, and other electronic communication devices; however, these private communication devices are to be used during scheduled free time. The use of these private communication devices at any other time, to include after "lights out" can be disruptive and will be confiscated if used at any time other than scheduled free time. An attendee's parents will be notified if it becomes necessary to confiscate a private communication device and all confiscated communication devices will be returned at the conclusion of the camp. You will be provided three meals daily in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, and you may eat as much as you like. There is a Gift Souvenir Shop and vending machines located on the grounds.

Your mailing address will be: Your Name, C/O The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, State 4-H Camp, Jackson's Mill, Weston, West Virginia 26452. All incoming mail will be distributed daily.

Registration

Registration (Check-In) for the 2012 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will promptly begin at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, June 10, 2012 at the Assembly Hall, Jackson's Mill. Registration will close by 10:30 a.m. and ALMBS will be operational at that time. **The following items must be brought with you to registration: notarized Medical Certificate, completed Proposed Legislation form, signed American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Pledge, and completed Order Form.** During registration, you will be issued the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Manual, a West Virginia Blue Book, and one (1) American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-shirt. Additional ALMBS T-shirts can be purchased for \$5.00 each. It is recommended you purchase at least two additional T-shirts at the time of Registration. Additional T-shirts will be available for purchase throughout the week. The official ALMBS Citizen uniform consists of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State T-shirt and suitable pants. The Mountaineer Boys State T-shirts will be worn at all times except during athletics. The ALMBS T-shirts will be washed by staff members one time midway through the week. The wearing of ball caps or other head cover (except for religious purposes) is prohibited at all times except during athletics. It is recommended that you eat breakfast prior to registration. Numerous restaurants are located in and near Weston, West Virginia. Your first meal will be the afternoon meal on Sunday at 12:30 p.m.

What to Bring

The following items must be brought with you to registration: notarized Medical Certificate, completed Proposed Legislation form, signed Boys State Pledge, and completed Order Form. You should bring one travel bag with a week's supply of underclothing, sleepwear, comfortable and respectable pants (to include long and short), **one pair of navy blue dress slacks, one pair of navy blue dress shorts**, dark socks, dark shoes, comfortable shoes such as athletic shoes, shaving and toilet articles, face and bath towels, and soap. You may choose to bring house slippers, one light jacket and/or sweater, rain gear, swimming trunks, a notebook, at least two No. 2 pencils, baseball/softball gloves, athletic shoes, tennis racket, tennis balls, **musical instruments**, fan, portable radio, flashlight, camera, snacks, sleeping bag, sun screen, etc. If you are a member of the Sons of the American Legion (SAL), please bring your Uniform Cover with you to ALMBS. **All personal equipment should be marked with your name or identifying mark.** The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is not responsible for personal items.

If you are elected to a state office (Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Supreme Court Justice, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate) or if you are appointed State Superintendent of Schools, you will be required to wear a dress suit during the Inauguration on Wednesday afternoon and the Formal Review/Evening Assembly on Wednesday



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Evening. Those not elected to a state office will be required to wear the ALMBS T-shirt and **navy blue slacks or navy blue shorts** during the Formal Review/Evening Assembly on Wednesday Evening. If you are a member of the SAL you will be permitted to wear your Uniform Cover for the Formal Review/Evening Assembly.

It is recommended that **no more than \$75.00 in spending money be brought** for optional expenses. Pizza and refreshments will be ordered on Friday evening. Souvenirs, postage stamps, etc. are available for purchase in the Gift Shop. Soft drinks and snacks are available for purchase from vending machines and a snack store is operational. A DVD yearbook will be available for purchase for \$20.00. The DVD yearbook can be paid for at the time of registration. Please review, complete and bring the enclosed order form with a method of payment to registration.

What NOT to Bring

Do not bring campaign literature, cards, signs, pins, hats, or other objects that can be used for soliciting votes. Items used to prepare campaign materials are not permitted. These would include markers, paper, poster board, etc. The use of these items will result in your immediate disqualification from the office you are seeking. Campaign materials will be available for purchase (with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State currency). This allows each Citizen to start on an equal basis.

Do not bring illegal drugs, alcoholic beverages, tobacco, any type of weapon, fireworks, or pornographic material. Possession of these items is strictly prohibited. Violators will be immediately dismissed from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program and may be subject to arrest. Additionally, a dismissed Citizen's High School Principal and sponsoring American Legion Post will be notified of the dismissal and the reason for it.

Do not bring laptops, netbooks, iPads, portable DVD players or other expensive electronic equipment. These devices are not necessary for your stay at the program and have generally served as disruptive during the camp. Each cabin is equipped with a laptop computer for use of the citizens while at the program.

Do not bring anything that is extremely valuable. All personal items are your responsibility.

Visitors

Your parent(s) or guardian(s) are welcome to visit you at any time during the week. The preferred time is 6:15 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. other than your parent(s) or guardian(s) are permitted as long as your parent(s) or guardian(s) accompanies them. On Wednesday evening, at 6:30 p.m., the Formal Review will be held. The Formal Review will be followed by an evening assembly that will be held in the Exhibition Hall. This would be a good time for your parent(s) or guardian(s) to visit. You will be permitted visit with them after the evening assembly.

Your parent(s) or guardian(s) are strongly encouraged to attend the Formal Review. It will begin promptly on Wednesday, June 13 at 6:30 p.m. They should arrive by 6:15 p.m., bring lawn chairs and assemble at the parade field in front of Harrison Cottage. In the past, it has been very warm during the Formal Review, so your parents may want to bring a cold drink with them. After the Formal Review, an evening assembly will be held in the Exhibition Hall. That assembly will last approximately one (1) hour. If your family member is a member of any of the American Legion Family organizations, it is requested that they wear their Uniform Cover for the Formal Review and Evening Assembly. All visitors, other than those attending the Formal review and Wednesday Evening Assembly, must report to General Headquarters in the Dorsey Center to sign in.

Your parent(s) or guardian(s) are also encouraged to attend the Commencement Ceremony that will begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Exhibition Hall. This ceremony will end by 11 a.m.

Devotions

Non-denominational devotion services are held nightly at Kanawha and Panhandle Cottages. Citizens who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. Citizens may volunteer to lead these services.



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A Model State

A real state with all the subdivisions of government is placed in operation by the Citizens under capable leadership. This fifty-first State of the Union is headed by the elected Citizens' Governor. Officials (state, county, and municipal) are elected through primary and general elections. Every function of government is in operation throughout the week. This includes courts, law enforcement, boards of education, other governmental units, a newspaper, and a bank.

ALMBS has its own House of Delegates and State Senate. The West Virginia State Code is followed with such additional measures as the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Legislature adopts.

Each Citizen participates in this serious, but fascinating, Citizenship training. You will have a job. There is no welfare at the ALMBS. You will be paid a salary (in ALMBS currency) based upon the job(s) you perform. **Begin planning now regarding the type of job you want to pursue at ALMBS.** You may run for elected office at the state, county, and/or city level. You may pursue employment with the ALMBS Journalism Department or the ALMBS Bank. You can pursue employment opportunities in Law Enforcement at the state, county, or city levels (ALMBS State Police, DNR Police Officer, Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, or Chief of Police). You may also pursue a career as an Attorney, providing you pass the ALMBS Bar Exam. As an Attorney, you will represent clients in hearings, trials, and other legal matters. Employment opportunities also exist in the ALMBS Department of Homeland Security/National Guard. **Please review the enclosed American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Job List to see all of the available jobs at ALMBS.**

You will learn that the orderly process of law is indispensable and that the preservation of our institutions and our freedoms is the duty of every Citizen.

Running for Office

Numerous opportunities exist for you to run for political office at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. **You are encouraged to run for at least one office.** At the state level, you may run for Governor, Auditor, Attorney General, Treasurer, Secretary of State, Commissioner of Agriculture, or Justice of the Supreme Court. You may only run for one state office. At the county level, you may run for Sheriff, County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, Assessor, County Commissioner, Prosecuting Attorney, State Senator, House of Delegates, Magistrate, Circuit Judge, or Board of Education member. At the city level, you may run for Mayor or City Council member. A Citizen shall be permitted to run for election for only one office at each level (State, County and City). A Citizen can hold only one elected office.

All candidates for State Office will be given an opportunity to address all the Citizens of their respective political party at the party caucus on Monday afternoon; prior to the primary election. **This is a critical phase in the state election process that often has a significant impact on the results of the state primary election.** State office candidates will be given approximately one (1) minute to provide their address. They are encouraged to give significant thought to their address's content and delivery.

IMPORTANT: You must pass the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bar Exam in order to be eligible to hold the offices of Attorney General, Justice of the Supreme Court, Prosecuting Attorney, Circuit Judge, and the position of Attorney. You will be provided specific instruction on how to run for the various offices upon your arrival at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.



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Campaign Guidelines

In order to assure fair and honest campaigns at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, the following guidelines will be observed by all candidates:

- No campaign materials can be brought from home. This is to ensure that all Citizens start out on an equal footing and develop a campaign of his own effort and initiative.
- Campaign materials may be purchased on Sunday and Monday afternoons/evenings at Headquarters. The cost of campaign materials are paid from the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State currency or campaign contributions (ALMBS Currency collected from other Citizens).
- Personal Computers and word processors are not permitted to be used by candidates for the ALMBS Offices.
- Campaigning and posting of campaign materials is not permitted inside Mount Vernon Dining Hall.
- No campaign signs are to be affixed to a point that is higher than one can reach standing on a chair. Additionally, no campaign signs are to be affixed to any lamppost, fire equipment, exit signs, automobiles, or stairwells.
- The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State asks for the use of common sense in any candidate's campaign. All campaign signs should be in good taste, free from obscene language, and suggestive or lewd designs.
- The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State also asks each candidate to be responsible. After elections are over, each candidate is required to remove his campaign signs and dispose of them in a proper manner.
- All nicknames must be approved by the ALMBS Administrator. No obscene/off-color nicknames will be tolerated.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Law/Court Section and Qualifications to be an Attorney

Study the Law Lecture prior to ALMBS. You will be required to take the Bar Exam after the noon meal on Sunday. A thorough study of the Law Lecture is recommended to enhance your possibility of receiving a passing score on that examination. The Law Lecture can be found on the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State website at <http://packet.mountaineerboysstate.org>.

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates a fully functioning Law/Court System. The ALMBS Law/Court System is chaired by members of the staff who, by profession, are Attorneys, Judges, and Administrative Staff Personnel within West Virginia Courts. Each American Legion Mountaineer Boys State county will prepare and present a court trial that will be reviewed and evaluated by visiting Attorneys from the Harrison County Bar Association. The ALMBS Court System hears a variety of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State offenses.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Journalism Staff

At ALMBS, a daily newspaper and nightly news broadcast are produced to keep citizens informed about daily events and upcoming schedules. A General Manager oversees both productions. The newspaper staff is comprised of a newspaper editor, reporters, photographer, graphic design editor and web site coordinator while the news broadcast will have a manager, reporters and cameramen. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening; if necessary.



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American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bank

One of the most important educational and functional segments of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program is the ALMBS Bank. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bank gives each delegate an opportunity to learn personal financial management and responsibilities. Several positions including President, Vice President, Accountant(s), and Teller(s) are available for those interested in learning about banking institutions. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening; if necessary.

Upon arriving at The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, each Citizen is given a checking account with \$1,000.00 in ALMBS currency. From that account, the Citizen pays a variety of taxes, license fees, registration fees, and other costs related to maintaining a household and employment within a city, county, and state. In addition, Citizens buy their residence (bed). Each Citizen will make deposits and withdrawals in his account by earning monies through a position of employment within the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

PLEASE NOTE: ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE PROGRAM ARE CONDUCTED WITH THE ALMBS CURRENCY ONLY.

There is no unemployment or welfare within The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. Each Citizen must find some form of employment, through Elective Office, Appointive Office, the Newspaper, the Bank, as an Attorney, or through the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Bureau of Employment Services. Wages paid in any ALMBS position are dictated either by West Virginia law or the budgetary action of the ALMBS employers, all of whom are ALMBS Citizens. Non-governmental ALMBS Attorneys will be paid a flat \$150.00 an hour for their services.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Law Enforcement

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State operates a functioning Division of Natural Resources (DNR) Law Enforcement Section (DNR Police Officers) and State Police chaired by West Virginia State DNR Police Officers and State Troopers who are assigned to ALMBS. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State DNR Police Officers and State Troopers attend a Police Academy during the week and perform a number of law enforcement responsibilities within the program. A minimum of one Citizen from each county is selected to be in the State Police and most counties have one Citizen who is a DNR Police Officer. The ALMBS DNR Police Officers and State Police are responsible for carrying out flag-raising and lowering, command functions during the Formal Review, and other duties. Participation in the ALMBS DNR Law Enforcement Section and State Police is a demanding endeavor and it is recommended that only Citizens, who are strongly interested in Law Enforcement careers and plan to involve themselves in few of the other opportunities at ALMBS, pursue these occupations. These occupations involve a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as scheduled free time. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening; if necessary.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State National Guard/Homeland Security

There exists at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State a functioning National Guard/Homeland security component. The mission of this component is to successfully mobilize and deploy soldiers, units and resources as necessary to meet missions and to add value to the ALMBS. The ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component exists to play a key role during floods, fires, and other disasters and is involved in helping during natural and manmade disasters and civil emergencies. This component will work closely with ALMBS Law Enforcement section and will receive some of the same training. Members of the ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component may be selected to participate in flag-raising and lowering functions as well as command responsibilities during the formal review. Approximately ten (10) individuals will be selected from the Applicants to be in the National Guard/Homeland Security component. Those individuals will receive specialized training throughout Sunday evening - Wednesday in preparation for their duties. Additionally, the applicants selected for the National Guard/Homeland Security component, on Sunday evening, will receive a \$1,000.00 signing bonus in ALMBS currency. Based upon the recommendation of the staff advisor(s) to this program, one of the Applicants, upon



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successful completion of training, will be appointed by the elected ALMBS Governor to be the Adjutant General. This career path, like the Law Enforcement career path involves a significant commitment and participants may be required to work long and late hours and may not be able to participate in other activities such as free time. Approximately five (5) to ten (10) individuals, from the ALMBS unemployment rolls, will be assigned to the ALMBS National Guard/Homeland Security component on Wednesday morning as "enlisted" individuals. Applications will be available from your cottage counselors on Sunday morning and should be brought when applying for this position on Sunday afternoon. Interviews will take place on Sunday afternoon and Sunday evening; if necessary.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Band

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State traditionally has an excellent band. The band plays for assemblies, flag rising, Formal Review, political rallies, and other events. **BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!** Citizens who participate in the band will have plenty of time to participate in other activities and will receive compensation (in ALMBS currency) for each of their performances. There are some items you will want to bring such as a flip folder, lyre, reeds, valve oil, etc. If you have a music stand, you may also want to bring it. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State does not own any instruments, so please be sure to bring your own, especially tuba players. We encourage all wind players to participate, especially horns, baritones, trombones, trumpets, saxes, clarinets, and flutes. Percussionists need to bring snares and tenors. We normally borrow one bass drum and set of cymbals, but feel free to bring them if you can. **Guitars, dulcimers, banjos, harmonicas, and any other types of instruments are also welcome.** Guitar payers are reminded to bring your amp. Each night, when time permits, an informal gathering of musicians occurs on the porch of Marion Cottage. This allows those interested to showcase their talents. Additionally, a talent show will be held on Friday evening and musicians may want to participate. If you are interested in participating in the ALMBS Band, please visit <http://packet.mountaineerboysstate.org> and practice the provided music prior to your arrival.

The American Legion Boys Nation

The National Headquarters of the American Legion conducts a program called the American Legion Boys Nation, which is held in Washington, DC. This program picks up the instructional process on government where respective American Legion Boys State programs leave off. Through hands on participation, young men learn about the Federal Government and its process.

The American Legion Boys Nation delegates meet with legislators from both Houses of Congress, Administration Officials, and usually have an opportunity to meet the President of the United States. Delegates will tour many historic sites in and around Washington, DC and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

The American Legion Boys Nation follows the national political process and culminates its program with the election of the President of the Boys Nation Senate. The American Legion Boys Nation is conducted at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia.

Two (2) ALMBS Citizens will be selected to represent West Virginia at Boys Nation. **This is the highest honor bestowed upon a Citizen of the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.** **IMPORTANT:** Only those American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Citizens who are elected to a state office, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and each political party chairman, are eligible for selection to attend American Legion Boys Nation. In extremely rare circumstances, the American Legion Boys Nation selection committee will consider a Citizen for American Legion Boys Nation who did not obtain one of the above offices, but has excelled in all aspects of the program.

The American Legion National Headquarters pays for the transportation, housing, and meal costs of all delegates to the American Legion Boys Nation. Alternates will be selected in the event a principal delegate is unable to attend.



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Commonly Asked Questions

These questions and many others will be covered at the Sunday Evening Assembly by the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Staff. If you have any questions at any time, ask your Counselors.

- **CAN I BE A PARTY CHAIRMAN AND RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE?** Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city).
- **CAN I RUN FOR A CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME?** Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city). A Citizen can hold only one elected office.
- **DOES PLAYING IN THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE BAND KEEP ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE POLITICAL PROCESS?** No. Playing in the band is an added benefit. As a band member, you can take part in all aspects of the political process and you also receive compensation (ALMBS currency) for each performance.
- **HOW DO I FINANCE MY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN?** Political campaigns are financed with your personal funds (ALMBS currency) and by obtaining campaign contributions (ALMBS currency) from other Citizens.
- **AS A VOTER, HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN?** You are limited to contributing \$50.00 per office to any candidate.
- **DO CANDIDATES HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR CAMPAIGN MONIES?** Yes. Any winning or losing candidate must file a Campaign Contribution and Expense form with the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Secretary of State.

A Few Do's and Don'ts

- DO.....Extend yourself to the fullest within the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.
- DON'T.....Think you can't do something without trying first.
- DO.....Come to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State with an open mind and a **willingness to become involved.**
- DON'T.....Think you are coming to a recreation camp.
- DO.....Come to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State with enthusiasm and a willingness to show pride in your country by **paying proper respect to the flag.**
- DON'T.....Hesitate to keep your local American Legion Post and sponsor informed of what you are doing. They are proud to have you represent them.
- DO.....Be proud of being selected to attend the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. It is an honor afforded only to a special group of young men each year.



The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Jobs List

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Upon arrival at the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, you will be encouraged to pursue one or more of the available career paths. The career paths are Political, Legal, Law Enforcement, Banking, Journalism (newspaper) and National Guard/Homeland Security. The jobs listed below are a complete list of all of the jobs available at ALMBS. The salary reflected will be paid in Boys State money and the pay period will be one month. You are highly encouraged to pursue a career path or paths that interests you. If you are not successful in securing a job by the end of Tuesday night, your name will be provided to the Unemployment office advisor and you will be assigned to a job. You will have one of the full time jobs, listed below, by Wednesday morning.

<u>Job (Position) Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>	<u>Job (Position) Title</u>	<u>Salary</u>
Governor	90,000	*Circuit Clerk Deputies (10)	10,000
Secretary of State	70,000	*County Clerk Deputies (10)	10,000
Auditor	70,000	*Assessor Deputies (10)	10,000
Treasurer	75,000	*Magistrate Clerks (10)	10,000
Attorney General	75,000	*Assistant Prosecuting Attorneys (10)	10,000
Commissioner of Agriculture	75,000	*Court Reporters (10)	12,500
Supreme Court Justices (5)	121,000	Mayor s(10)	35,000
Circuit Judges (10)	90,000	City Council (30)	30,000
State Senators (20)	60,000	Fire Chiefs (10)	27,500
House of Delegates (1 for every 7)	60,000	County Board of Education (30)	30,000
Magistrates (10)	40,000	Director Public Defenders Institute	65,000
Sheriffs (10)	60,000	*Defense Attorneys (10+)	5,000/case
Prosecuting Attorneys (10)	70,000	Journalism Staff (13)	
Circuit Clerks (10)	50,000	General Manager	70,000
County Clerks (10)	50,000	Newspaper Editor	50,000
Assessors (10)	50,000	Broadcast Manager (1-2)	50,000
County Commissioners (30)	47,500	Staff Reporters (3)	35,000
State Police (20)	40,000	Photographer	30,000
DNR Police Officers (14)	30,000	Cameraman (2)	30,000
Department Secretaries (1 each)		Graphic Design Editor	25,000
Education & Arts	75,000	Website Coordinator	25,000
Health & Human Resources	90,000	Bank Staff (7)	
Military & Public Safety	75,000	President	80,000
Revenue	75,000	Vice-President	60,000
Transportation	75,000	Loan Officer	40,000
Commerce	90,000	Staff (3) Full Time	25,000
Environmental Protection	85,000	*Staff (13) Part Time (1 per cottage)	10,000
State Superintendent of Schools	200,000	National Guard/Homeland Security	
Public Defender Director	70,000	Adjutant General	70,000
Education Broadcasting Director	70,000	Colonel	60,000
State Fire Marshal	70,000	Lieutenant	50,000
State Police Superintendent	70,000	Sergeant	40,000
Lottery Director	70,000	Private First Class (approximately 9)	27,500
Division of Corrections Commissioner	70,000	Private (approximately 10)	20,000
Highways Commissioner	70,000	House Clerk	32,500
Motor Vehicle Director	70,000	Senate Clerk	32,500
Tourism & Parks Director	70,000	House Sergeant at Arms	30,000
State Forestry Director	70,000	Senate Sergeant at Arms	30,000
Natural Resources Director	70,000	House Door Keeper	27,500
DNR Law Enforcement Chief	70,000	Senate Door Keeper	27,500
State Unemployment Directory	70,000	Corrections Officer	22,500
Supreme Court Clerk	50,000	Department of Highways Laborer(s)	20,000
Supreme Court Crier	47,500	BU Employment Programs Laborer	20,000
Governor Administrative Assistant (1)	50,000	Div. of Tourism and Parks Laborer(s)	20,000
*Band Member	100/performance	Div. of Motor Vehicles Laborer(s)	20,000
*Athletic Director	500	Lottery Department Laborer(s)	20,000
*Sheriff Deputies (20)	10,000		

***Indicates part-time (ancillary) position that may be held in conjunction with another full time position**



The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Orientation Schedule

The programs should last approximately 90 minutes. There will be an opportunity to raise any question(s) you may have. **NOTE: These orientation sessions are intended to supplement not replace information sessions that your local post may require.**

Date / Time	Location	Contact Person(s)
April 28 1:00 PM	Martinsburg Post 14 125 West Race Street, Martinsburg, WV	Jacob McCarty – (304) 376-2673 Robbie Robinson - (304) 260-0851
May 6 2:00 PM	Romney Post 91 154 East Main Street, Romney, WV	Jacob McCarty – (304) 376-2673 Robbie Robinson - (304) 260-0851
May 24 6:00 PM	Bridgeport Post 68 Airport Road, Bridgeport Road, WV	Randall Kocsis - (304) 672-9991
May 20 2:00 PM	Elkins Post 29 326 Railroad Avenue, Elkins, WV	Jacob McCarty – (304) 376-2673 Robbie Robinson - (304) 260-0851
May 20 2:00 PM	Moundsville Post 3 800 1 st Street, Moundsville, WV	Gary Wolfe – (304) 233-3338
May 20 2:00PM	Sherman Elementary School 7487 Coal River Road, Comfort, WV	Betty Ann Williams – (304) 837-4661
May 20 2:30 PM	Parkersburg Post 15 2505 Ohio Avenue, Parkersburg, WV	Jim Davis - (304) 481-4021
May 8 7:30 PM	Huntington Post 16 1421 6 th Avenue, Huntington, WV	Steve Sluss - (304) 389-3190
May 24 7:00PM	Wheeling Park High School Room: Tech #1 Center, Wheeling, WV Host: Post 1 and Post 89	John Nanny - (304) 233-5289
May 27 2:00 PM	Beckley Post 32 1708 South Kanawha Street, Beckley, WV	Truman Sayre - (304) 787-5544
June 3 2:00 PM	Engineering Sciences Building , Room G102 Evansdale Campus, WVU, Morgantown, WV Host: Post 2	Neil Bolyard - (304) 292-9564 Randall Kocsis - (304) 672-9991
TBD*	Bluefield Post 9 1780 Stadium Drive, Bluefield, WV	Mark Zachwieja - (304) 776-7436
TBD*	East Fairmont High School 1993 Airport Road, Fairmont, WV	Randall Kocsis - (304) 672-9991
TBD*	Kanawha County Courthouse County Commission Court Room 409 Virginia Street East, Charleston, WV	Steve Sluss - (304) 389-3190
TBD*	WVU Jackson's Mill 4-H Camp RM: Greenbrier Room 160 WVU Jackson Mill, Weston, WV	Bob Wines - (304) 266-8717

Questions or Comments Contact: Jacob McCarty – Email: jacob.mccarty@wvlegion.org or Phone: (304) 376-2673.

*At the time of printing, these dates were currently not available. They will be posted online as soon as scheduled.

Additional sessions may be scheduled after publication; please visit us online at for an updated schedule by visiting: <http://orientations.mountaineerboysstate.org>.