

SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE
PO BOX 67
WATERTOWN, SD 57201



TO: Citizens of South Dakota American Legion Boys State

Congratulations on your selection to attend South Dakota American Legion Boys State. On behalf of the Boys State staff, this is to extend our congratulations and welcome you to the 83rd Anniversary session of Boys State.

Please Read the following information carefully!

1. The enclosed Medical Statement/Claim Waiver and Release of Information must be completed and signed by your parent or legal guardian. Also, on that same page, you will find the Resolution 16 document – please sign and bring with you. **These two documents must be present with you at registration. Please have them on your person and not in your luggage upon arrival.**
2. Study the attached 2026 American Legion Boys State Manual. You will receive a hard copy of the 2026 American Legion Boys State Manual once you sign in at Boys State.
3. Read page 5 of your Manual **carefully** so you know what items to bring with you to Boys State.
4. Report to the Camp Director between 12:00 PM and 2:30 PM, Monday, May 25th, Johnson Fine Arts Center (JFAC), Northern State University. You will receive your City assignment at this time. It is imperative to be on time!
5. The Samsung Scholarship application **must be completed online** at <https://www.legion.org/get-involved/scholarships/samsung-american-legion-scholarship>) Boys Staters applying for the Samsung Scholarship will need to select the Register option to set up a [legion.org](https://www.legion.org) username and password. **All applications must be completed online prior to your arrival on Monday, May 25th.**
6. If, for any reason, you find you cannot attend, please notify your sponsoring American Legion Post **and** contact me at the phone/email at bottom of this page as well.
7. You will be expected to remain at American Legion Boys State for the entire week, from Monday, May 25th, until Friday, May 29th.
8. In case of emergency, please contact me at the number below.

We are looking forward to your attendance. We are confident you will remember South Dakota Boys State as a truly rewarding experience.

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Please complete this document and **bring with you to Boys State Registration**

Release of Information

I, the undersigned, hereby grant the South Dakota American Legion Boys State Corporation the unrestricted right to use, copyright, produce, publish, publicly distribute, and reproduce images and audiovisual works in which my child, _____ **(Boys Stater name)**, may appear, in whole or in part. This includes the use of printed materials, digital images, and other audiovisual media.

I provide this authorization in return for the Corporation's commitment to use such images and audiovisual works solely for its educational and public purposes, and not for commercial exploitation. I understand and authorize that these materials may be distributed or published, with or without fee, as deemed appropriate by the South Dakota American Legion Boys State Corporation. I acknowledge that the Corporation will be the sole owner of all rights granted herein, and I waive any right to inspect or approve the images, audiovisual works, or their eventual use.

I hereby release, discharge, and agree to hold harmless the South Dakota American Legion Boys State Corporation, its representatives, nominees, and any others acting on its behalf, from any liability arising from the use of such images or audiovisual works, whether intentional or otherwise, including any processing or production related to the creation of the final product.

Printed name and signature of parent or guardian

Resolution 16- Respect of National Ensign

The South Dakota American Legion at its Executive Meeting, held on February 10, 2018 in Oacoma, SD, adopted Resolution 16, passed by the National Executive Committee of the American Legion.

This resolution states that all participants in American Legion Youth Programs will pay proper respect to the American Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National anthem. Therefore, if any participant of any South Dakota American Legion Youth Program cannot or will not live up to these expectations, the individual will be removed from the program and not be able to resume participation.

I _____ **(Boys Stater name)** have read the above statement and agree to the terms of the statement.

Boys Stater Signature

Date

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AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA
HEALTH RECORD/WAIVER OF CLAIM

IMPORTANT: This form must be printed & filled out completely, signed and brought by the Boys Stater when registering at American Legion Boys State of South Dakota. The person in charge of registration will ask the Boys Stater for this form.

Do not pack this form in your luggage.

Name _____

First, middle initial, last name (do not use nicknames)

City _____ Zip Code _____ Date of Birth _____

Parent or Guardian Name _____ Telephone _____

To parent or guardian:

Are there any physical disorders or limitations that might handicap _____ (name of Boys Stater) while taking part in The American Legion Boys State Program. _____ If "Yes" please explain on the back of this form.

CONSENT TO MEDICAL TREATMENT AND HOSPITAL SERVICES

This will certify that we the undersigned parent(s) or legal guardian of _____ (name of Boys Stater) do, in the event that our (my) son becomes a participating member of The American Legion Boys State to be held at Northern State University in Aberdeen, SD, the dates of May 25th – 29th, 2026 (inclusive), hereby consent and grant permission, should the necessity of medical care arise, to the furnishing of medical treatment and hospital services as ordered or recommended by a qualified attending physician, including the administration of an anesthetic, laboratory procedures, medical or surgical treatment, X-ray examination or other hospital services.

WAIVER OF CLAIM

This will further certify that we (I), the undersigned in consideration of the benefits to be derived by our son, in the event he is a member of The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota, to be held at Northern State University in Aberdeen, South Dakota, the dates of May 25th – 29th, 2026 (inclusive), do hereby release and discharge the American Legion, Department of South Dakota, its officer, agents; and The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota Inc., its officers and staff, of all claims, demands, damages, suits, actions of causes of action which we (I) may, can or shall have by reason of any illness, injury or accident incurred or suffered by said son while traveling to, attendance at or participation in The American Legion Boys State of South Dakota program from the time of his departure from home until his return thereto.

Date _____

Printed name and Signature of Father or Legal Guardian

Printed name and Signature of Mother or Legal Guardian

City, State and Zip Code (if different from address above)

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Boy's State Essentials List

What to Pack

We highly recommend you bring following:

- Clothes (Here's a list to get you started):
 - Clothing (enough shirts, pants, underwear, and socks to last the week)
 - Gym Clothes
 - Comfortable Shoes
 - Coat & Tie
 - Dressier Shoes
- Personal Hygiene Supplies
 - Soap
 - Toothbrush/Toothpaste
 - Antiperspirant/Deodorant
 - Shaving Kit
 - Towel & Washcloth
 - Hand Sanitizer
 - etc.
- Bedding Materials
 - Sleeping Bag or Sheets/Blanket
 - Pillow
- School Supplies:
 - Notebook paper
 - Pen/Pencil
 - #2 Pencil
- Musical Instruments
 - If you play the trumpet, or similar instrument, please feel free to bring it.
 - We recommend you don't bring an overly large instrument, (some instruments available at NSU).
- Spending Money (While you are welcome to bring any amount, we have found that between \$50-\$75 is all that you really need to get a missed essential, a snack or the latest in Boys State sportswear.)

What Not to Pack

There are several items you will not need while at Boys State. These include any valuables, but not limited to, the following:

- Computers/Laptops
- Gaming systems
- Laser pointers
- Stereos
- iPods
- Televisions
- Your prize-winning baseball card collection
- etc.