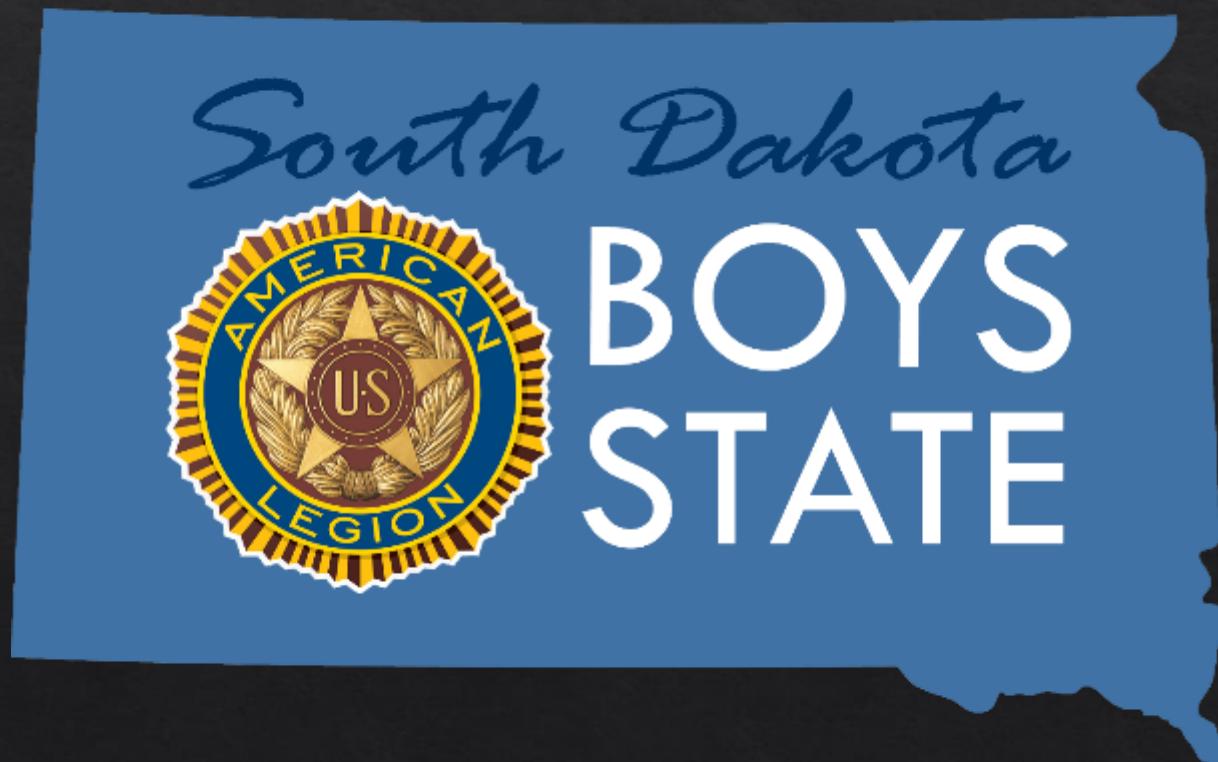


# SOUTH DAKOTA AMERICAN LEGION

## 83<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL

## BOYS STATE





# WHAT IS BOYS STATE?

A program to better help America's youth understand and appreciate the American system of government and way of life including the rights and responsibilities of citizenship, and to give you better knowledge of the fundamental principles of South Dakota State government.

<https://youtu.be/zgfPD3kja3c>



# WHEN AND WHERE?

May 25 - 29, 2026





# NSU FACILITIES

- ❖ Barnett Center and Athletic Fields
  - Rec time
- ❖ Wolves Den
  - Meals
- ❖ Student Union
  - Pool and Ping Pong available
- ❖ Book Store
  - NSU Apparel, Basic Office Supplies



# BOYS STATE GOVERNMENT

- ❖ City/Municipal Government
- ❖ County Government
- ❖ State Government
- ❖ Executive
- ❖ Legislative
- ❖ Judicial
- ❖ Citizens Forum



# DAILY ROUTINE

- ❖ Flag Ceremony
- ❖ Morning Exercise
- ❖ Breakfast
- ❖ Classes/Assemblies
- ❖ Noon Meal
- ❖ Classes/Assemblies
- ❖ Afternoon recreation period
- ❖ Evening Flag Ceremony
- ❖ Evening Meal
- ❖ Classes/Assemblies
- ❖ Evening recreation period
- ❖ Lights out 11:00 PM



# BOYS STATE MUSIC

## ◆ CHORUS & BAND

- Citizens are encouraged to bring their instruments. Bass drums and Bass Horns are provided.

Concert will be performed at the Thursday night general assembly



# BOYS STATE MEDIA TEAM

- ❖ The Media Team is responsible for producing the daily newscast and creating social media content.
- ❖ The Media Team is led by a Media Professional.
- ❖ Opportunities available include journalist, videographers, production specialists, photographers, editors and influencers.
- ❖ Special recognition for the Outstanding Media Team Boys Stater.



# BOYS STATE OLYMPICS

Thursday evening following the Governor's Banquet, Cities will compete to be named the Boys State Champions



# BOYS NATION

- ❖ Two representatives from each Boys State represent their state at Boys Nation.
- ❖ Delegates acts as a senator from his Boys State.
- ❖ Senators learn the proper method of handling bills, according to U.S. Senate rules. The organization of party conventions and nominating and electing a president and vice president.
- ❖ The week of government training also includes lectures, and visits to federal agencies, memorials and historical sites.



# MEALS

All meals are provided at no cost to Boys  
Staters in the Wolves Den.

If you have allergies please alert your  
counselor as soon as you arrive.



# LIVING AT BOYS STATE

- ❖ Two to a room in college residence halls.
- ❖ City counselor resides with city
- ❖ Respect the facilities of Northern State University





# ATTENDANCE

Boys Staters are required to remain the entire session and must report to Boys State no later than 2:00 PM, Monday and remain until 2:00 PM, Friday



# SPECIAL RECOGNITION

- ❖ Each Citizen receives a certificate
- ❖ Special recognition for
  - ❖ Governor
  - ❖ Outstanding Citizen
  - ❖ Outstanding Speaker/Orator
  - ❖ Memorial Scholarships
- ❖ Most South Dakota Colleges and Universities offer scholarships to Boys Staters. Check with the school for availability.



# SD Scholarships Opportunities

- ❖ Governor
- ❖ Lt. Governor
- ❖ Secretary of State
- ❖ State Auditor
- ❖ State Treasurer
- ❖ Attorney General
- ❖ Public Utilities Commissioner (3)
- ❖ Commissioner of School and Public Land
- ❖ Citizens Forum Award of Merit
- ❖ Supreme Court Justices (7)
- ❖ Speaker of the House
- ❖ Outstanding Journalist
- ❖ Outstanding Speaker/Orator
- ❖ Outstanding Citizen
- ❖ Boys Nation Delegates (2)
- ❖ State Party Chairmen (2)
- ❖ Keynote Speakers (2)
- ❖ Check with individual Colleges for availability.

Boys State itself has several scholarships available. Check the following website for listings:

<https://southdakotaboysstate.org/scholarships>



# Samsung American Legion Scholarship

- ❖ Samsung scholarships may be used for undergraduate studies..  
Winners are selected according to academic record, involvement in school and community service.
- ❖ Ten National Scholars receive \$10,000 each
- ❖ Ten National Runners-Up receive \$5,000 each
- ❖ Remaining Department Finalists receive \$1,250 each guaranteed



Senate  
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# SPECIAL GUESTS



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# SPECIAL GUESTS

Governor Rhoden



Governor Rhoden with  
2025 Boys State  
Governor Brody Tynan.





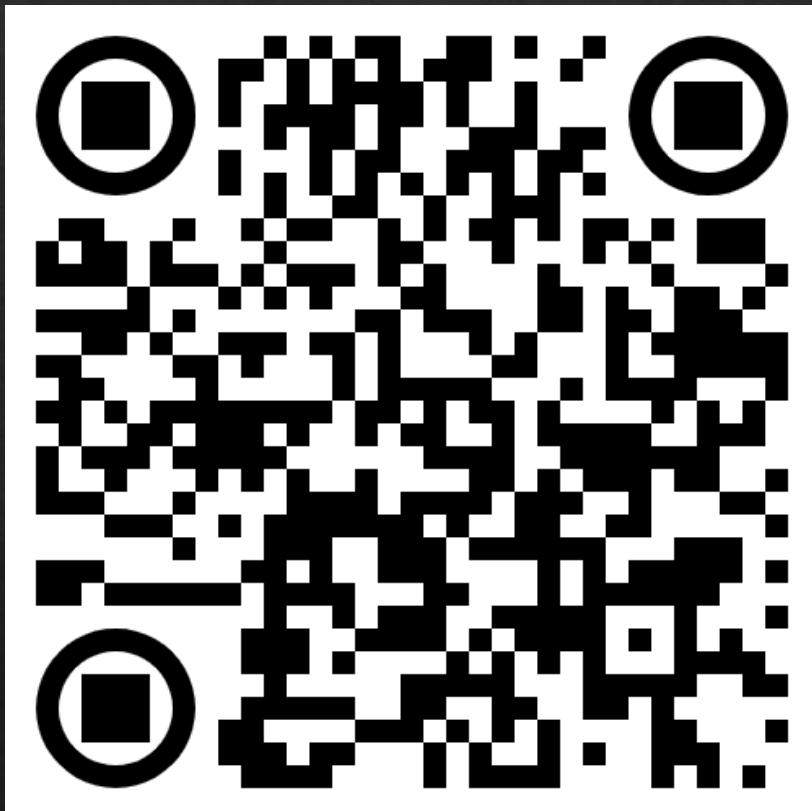
# LEGION DAY AT THE CAPITOL



2024 American Legion Auxiliary President, AnnaMae Warnier, Boys State Lt. Governor Jesse Wentz, Governor Rhoden, Girls State Governor Hannah Heiman, American Legion Commander, Kevin Morello.



# APPLY TODAY!!!



Boys State Application



Girls State Information