

**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 82<sup>nd</sup> 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 2025 American Legion Boys State Manual. You will receive a hard copy of the 2025 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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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, JUNE 2<sup>nd</sup>.**
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, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, until Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>.
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 give 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 be included in whole or in part, including the use of printed matter, digital images and other audiovisual works.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (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 June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025 (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.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

\_\_\_\_\_  
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:
  - 3-Ring Binder
  - 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.
- 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.