



American Legion Boys State

American Legion Boys State was founded in 1935 by two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. It is one of the most respected educational programs of government instruction for United States high school students. In this program students become part of the operation of local, county and state government.

At Boys State include legislative programs, law-enforcement presentations, court proceedings, assemblies, band and choruses and recreational activities. Boys State programs currently exist in all almost all Legion departments with the exception of Hawaii.

Boys State programs vary in content and method of procedure from Department to Department, but each adheres to the same basic concept; teaching government from the township to the state level.

The Sons of The American Legion have always played an important role in this program. In addition to Detachments sponsoring delegates, Sons members are encouraged to assist in whatever capacity they are able too such as volunteering as councilors. For more information on how you can be involved in Boys State please write to The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206 or go to

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