



Green Mountain Boys' State

A program of the American Legion
Leadership – Scholarship - Citizenship

Program: Green Mountain Boys' State is a leadership laboratory for rising high school senior boys. The central focus of the program is Vermont town, county, and state government, and its organization, policies and procedures. Delegates are elected and appointed to offices within the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of government. They work on issues relating to Vermont, and debate and discuss these issues during the Thursday session at the State House in Montpelier, VT on Thursday. **If you are considering making application to one of the Service Academies, Boys' State is a must!**

Dates & Times: Sunday, June 18 @ 12:00 Noon – Friday, June 23, 2017 @ 11:30 AM

Location: Lyndon State College in Lyndonville, Vermont. **Cost:** \$275 per delegate

General Schedule:

- Sunday: Delegate team building; Vermont political party information; developing your political platform.
- Monday: Election of town officers, Town Orientation, Town Meeting, work on Town Problem
- Tuesday: Primary election for state and county offices, Town Meeting, work on Town Problem
- Wednesday: General Elections, Town Meetings, and Organization of Legislature
Legion & Parents' Night: Band Concert, Inauguration of State officers.
- Thursday: Legislative session at the Capital in Montpelier, All-Star games, Marco the Magician
- Friday: Town Meetings, awarding of Model Town and scholarships, selection of delegates to Boys' Nation Program in Washington, DC, closing and departure for home.

Activities: The Band is one of the proud traditions at Boys' State. Other activities include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and swimming. Delegates organize tennis, running, Ultimate Frisbee and other activities to take advantage of the facilities at Lyndon State. Lyndon State generously makes their campus and facilities available to the delegates throughout the week.

Scholarships and Awards: Scholarships are awarded to Lyndon State College, Johnson State College, Castleton State College, and Norwich University. Boys' State provides two recommendations for scholarship to Middlebury College. **The Samsung Corporation awards a scholarship of \$800 to a direct descendant of a US wartime veteran.** The American Legion awards three cash scholarships in honor of past directors Richard Curtiss, Harry Loyzelle, and Norm Messier.

Boys' Nation Program: Two delegates and two alternates will be selected to represent Vermont all expenses paid at the Boys' Nation Program in Washington DC in late July.

Staff & Volunteer Resource People: The staff is comprised of teachers, administrators, business owners, lawyers, legislators, and past delegates. All are volunteers who donate a week of their time to work with our delegates.

Throughout the week, many of Vermont's elected and appointed officials supplement the members of the staff. These professionals include town government officials, law enforcement officers, local development authorities, staff from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns, representatives from the Vermont School Boards Association, members of the Vermont House of Representatives, The Vermont Senate, the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Auditor of Accounts.

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