

Buckeye Boys State



2018

District Orientation Guidelines

THE AMERICAN LEGION
DEPARTMENT OF  **HIO**

American Legion Buckeye Boys State
A Week to Shape a Lifetime

April 6, 2018

MEMORANDUM FOR Trustees and Commissioners Conducting Orientation


SUBJECT: ORIENTATION PACKET

1. Complete Orientation Schedule
2. Recommended Bullet Point Outline/District Orientation Guidelines/Script
3. Attendance Sheets
 - a. Delegate (Yellow)
 - b. Alternates (Blue)
 - c. Delegates No Packets (White)
4. Sample Delegate Packet (Now online at ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com)
5. Ohio Government Digest (Blue Book) (Now online at ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com)
6. Emergency Information Form
7. Alumni Association Pamphlet

Please call me at (740) 362-7478, if you need any additional materials.

** The full Orientation Schedule is also available on the Buckeye Boys State Website as www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com; and is in the “Delegate Handbook” which is part of the Delegate packet.

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MEMORANDUM FOR BBS Staff Conducting Orientation

SUBJECT: COUNSELOR ASSISTANCE

1. The Boys State Counselor Staff assist at Orientation programs when available to present information on the program from a Counselor's perspective.
2. If requested, Grant Grace, Boys State Chief Counselor will attempt to have members of the Counselor staff present at each Orientation.
3. This is an excellent resource to utilize at your programs as the Counselors deal with boys in a different manner than the Legion Staff. It would benefit the young men and his parents to hear how a Counselor interacts with the young men.
4. To find a Counselor who may be available to assist you, please e-mail Grant Grace at BBSChief@aol.com.
5. If you have any other questions, please feel free to reach out to the Department of Ohio Staff at (740) 362-7478.

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2018 BOYS STATE ORIENTATIONS **

As of April 5, 2018

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POST</u>
1	May 8	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Elmore	279
	May 8	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Ottawa	63
	May 9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Wauseon	265
	May 10	Thursday	7:00 PM	Toledo	587
	May 20	Sunday	2:00 PM	Tontogany	441
2	May 9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	New Bremen	241
	May 16	Wednesday	7:30 PM	St. Marys	323
3	May 2	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Ansonia	353
	May 6	Sunday	2:00 PM	Englewood	707
	May 23	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Miamisburg	165
4	May 14	Monday	7:00 PM	Mason	194
	May 17	Thursday	7:00 PM	Mt. Carmel	72
	May 18	Friday	7:00 PM	Mt. Washington	484
5	May 2	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Green Springs	295
	May 6	Sunday	2:00 PM	Medina	202
	May 9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	North Fairfield	706
	May 16	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Ashland	88
	May 23	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Elyria	12
6	May 1	Tuesday	7:30 PM	Lakewood High School	
	May 9	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Jefferson	201
	May 16	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Marion	162
7	May 10	Thursday	6:30 PM	Chillicothe	62
	April 29	Sunday	2:30 PM	Portsmouth	23
8	May 6	Sunday	1:00 PM	Pickerington	283
	May 13	Sunday	1:00 PM	Athens	21
9	April 15	Sunday	2:00 PM	Lake Milton	737
	April 19	Thursday	7:30 PM	Newton Falls	336
	April 22	Sunday	7:00 PM	Ashtabula	103
	May 6	Sunday	2:00 PM	Burton	459

10	April 29	Sunday	2:00 PM	Steubenville	33
	May 6	Sunday	2:00 PM	Leetonia	131
	May 27	Sunday	2:00 PM	Foltz Community Center	
	May 30	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Wooster	68
11	April 29	Sunday	1:00 PM	Bellaire	52
	May 6	Sunday	1:00 PM	McConnelsville	24
12	April 28	Saturday	12:00 PM	Westerville	171
	May 20	Sunday	1:00 PM	Grove City	164
13	May 20	Sunday	2:00 PM	Cleveland	FOP Lodge 8
14	May 6	Sunday	1:00 PM	Cuyahoga Falls	281

Recommended Bullet Point Outline for Orientations

1. Welcome
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Invocation
4. Introductions
5. Program Overview
6. Delegate Mailing
 - A. Contents
 - letter,
 - housing,
 - envelope for photos
7. Web site www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com
 - “Delegate packet”
 - Delegate Handbook (Gold book)
 - Digest of Ohio Government (Blue book)
 - (do not print out entire documents, use for reference)
 - Have an alternate plan, no unemployment
 - Emergency information form
 - turn in at check-in (don't pack in luggage)
 - also acceptable: OHSAA sports, scout or employment physicals
 - attach to emergency information form
 - emergency information form must have notarized signatures
 - can be completed by physician, physician assistant, minute clinic et al
 - I cannot attend**
 - Applications for certain positions
8. Arrival
 - Check-in 12:00n-1:30pm
 - Driving- follow directions (note detour info in Delegate Packet)
 - Parking & registration at Millet Hall (arena)
 - Can go to room with boy (walk or shuttle from Millet)
 - Delegates driving
 - Bus service up, no return
9. Other program opportunities
 - OSP Junior Cadet Week
 - Boys Nation
 - United States Senate Youth
10. Scholarships
 - Samsung (application on web site) (\$20,000)
 - application entirely on line, due end of 1st day of program
 - Print and bring a hard copy of application with you
 - U. S. Senate Youth Program (application on web site) (\$5,000)
 - College Fair

Recommended Bullet Point Outline for Orientations

11. Activities
 - Band (bring own instruments)
 - blood drive

12. Elections & employment
 - program is non-partisan
 - **Respect for God, Country, flag & veterans**
 - parties assigned arbitrarily, Nationalist & Federalist
 - research positions ahead of time
 - nomination and election process starts immediately
 - can only run for one elected office
 - no prepared campaign materials permitted except 10 photographs
(must be 5x7, black & white photocopy)
 - bar exam passage required for certain elected & appointed positions
 - no unemployment

13. At the program
 - Dress casual, no flip flops outside, dress for assemblies, weather
 - Computers, tablets, phones OK, not for campaigning, no internet access
 - Boys State money (teach check writing)
 - Spending money
 - Mini-mall
 - May bring snacks, drinks etc.
 - All drinking fountains have water bottle fillers
 - Rooms air conditioned, fans not needed
 - Mini-fridge in each room
 - Magnetic key card; \$20 fee for lost card
 - Sheets, pillows and pillow cases provided
 - Bring your own blankets, washcloths & towels
 - Laundry facilities free, bring soap, toiletries
 - Medical nurses, medication
 - Special needs, diet call Director (740-362-7478)
 - Security, law enforcement
 - Contact numbers: Program 513-529-3860; Miami U PD 513-529-2222
 - Free time intramural sports
 - Recreational facilities (information and REQUIRED waivers in Delegate Handbook section)

14. Visitation & Graduation
 - parents may visit anytime
 - regular visitation is Saturday
 - hotel reservations (info on web site)
 - blood drive
 - Graduation
 - Arrive early
 - Ecumenical service
 - Not a cross the stage graduation
 - Complete by 11:30am

15. Bus schedules
 - Pack a lunch for the bus, first feed Sunday evening**

16. Questions

Recommended Bullet Point Outline for Orientations

- I. Greetings
- II. Welcome by Hosts
- III. Introduction of Presenter(s)
- IV. What is Buckeye Boys State?
 - a. “A Week to Shape a Lifetime
 - b. Alumni, History, etc.
 - c. Leadership Development, Government Knowledge
- V. Basic Outline of the Week
 - a. Elections
 - b. The Work Week
- VI. Elections
 - a. 2 Parties Randomly Assigned – Develop their own philosophy
 - b. Procedures
 - c. Do’s and Don’ts (Campaign Materials etc)
 - d. Time Line
- VII. The Work Week
 - a. What happens if I don’t win an Elections
 - b. Gov’t Sections
 - i. State
 - ii. Legislature
 - iii. Courts
 - iv. Highway Patrol
 - v. County
 - vi. City
 - c. Support Sections (Competitive Exams)
 - i. Bank
 - ii. Utilities
 - d. Application Only Positions (Must apply in advance)
 - i. Hetuck/Social Media
 - ii. Legislative Service Commission
- VIII. Extra Curriculars
 - a. Band
 - b. Athletics
- IX. Awards
 - a. Samsung
 - b. Senate Youth
 - c. Jr. Cadet Week
- X. Logistics
 - a. Registration
 - b. Physical Forms
 - c. Dietary Needs / Meals / Concessions After Assembly
 - d. Evening Assembly (Live Streamed Via Facebook)
 - e. What to Pack
 - f. College Fair
 - g. Parent Visitation Day (State Fair)
 - h. Graduation
- XI. Questions
- XII. Contacts for Presenters if Questions After

GUIDELINES FOR BOYS STATE ORIENTATION PROGRAM

To ensure the information presented to the young men and their parents is correct and consistent, it is the responsibility of each Boys State Staff member(s) conducting an Orientation to follow the outline enclosed and see that the information enclosed is covered at the Orientation.

IMPORTANT: The orientations are a general program on the overall Buckeye Boys State program, designed to give the delegates and their parent a preview of what to expect, not a detailed day-by-day example of what will happen. Avoid discussing any specific section or job you are not knowledgeable on.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW – The Boys State program overview which can be taken from the Boys State website can be utilized at the Orientation for a PowerPoint presentation. A laptop, projector and a portable screen will be needed.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ORIENTATION PROGRAM AGENDA

1. Invocation (District, County, or Post Chaplain)
2. Pledge to the Flag (District, County or Post Commander)
3. Welcome by District Commander or District Officer
4. Welcome by Post Commander or Post Officer
5. Introduction of Guests:
District Officers: _____

Post Officers: _____

Others: _____
6. Introduction of Boys State Staff member(s) conducting Orientation
7. Boys identify themselves – School, Legion Post #, Parents
8. Recognition of former Boys State or Girls State Delegates in attendance. Ask for year each attended and where.

NOTE: Each section will have the subject topic **BOLDED** at the beginning. You can follow just these bolded topic sentences as an outline if you are comfortable with the material or use the script that follows each one. Boxes provide vital information which should be read verbatim or actions that are required to be done.

9. **Opening remarks for Boys State Orientation Program**

CONGRATULATIONS TO EACH OF YOU ON YOUR SELECTION TO ATTEND THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM. THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE STAFF EXTENDS A WELCOME TO YOU, YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIANS AND THE AMERICAN LEGION POST OR SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION SQUADRON THAT IS SPONSORING YOU TO THIS "WORKSHOP IN GOVERNMENT".

YOUR SELECTION TO ATTEND BUCKEYE BOYS STATE IS AN HONOR, WHICH SHOULD NOT BE TAKEN LIGHTLY.

IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY KNOW THE NUMBER OF THE AMERICAN LEGION POST SPONSORING YOU, PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU GET THIS INFORMATION BEFORE YOU ARRIVE AT BOYS STATE.

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, FEEL FREE TO ASK THEM AT THE END OF THIS PROGRAM. WE ALSO INVITE YOU TO VISIT THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE WEBSITE:

WWW.OHIOBUCKEYEBOYSSTATE.COM FOR INFORMATION.

For Your Information:

The majority of delegates should have received a letter directing them to the Boys State Website for information and forms and downloaded a packet prior to the Orientation.

10. Review the Contents of the Online Delegate Materials

EACH OF YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A DELEGATE MAILING IN A REGULAR BUSINESS ENVELOPE WHICH DIRECTED YOU TO THE BOYS STATE WEBSITE TO DOWNLOAD YOUR OFFICIAL DELEGATE PACKET.

IF YOU HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED THIS ENVELOPE, PLEASE BE ADVISED THE BOYS STATE OFFICE IS RECEIVING COMPLETED CITIZENSHIP APPLICATIONS FROM YOU THRU OUR POSTS ON A DAILY BASIS AND MAY NOT HAVE YET PROCESSED YOU IN THE SYSTEM.

IF YOU ARE AN ALTERNATE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE YOU WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER FROM THE BOYS STATE OFFICE ADVISING YOU OF STEPS YOU WILL NEED TO FOLLOW IN THE EVENT YOU ARE NOTIFIED YOU WILL BE REPLACING A DELEGATE.

ACTION ITEM:
Please obtain the name and address of any delegate who has not received an envelope and notify Department Headquarters following the orientation. A duplicate envelope will be sent.

THERE ARE A NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ITEMS OUTLINED IN THE DELEGATE PACKET WHICH ARE GOING TO WARRANT YOUR ATTENTION.

ON THE WEBSITE, YOU WILL FIND A GREAT DEAL OF INFORMATION THAT YOU WILL NEED TO KNOW BEFORE ATTENDING BOYS STATE.

11. **Emergency Information Form**

THIS FORM **MUST BE** DOWNLOADED, COMPLETED AND PRESENTED BY EACH BOY AT REGISTRATION ON OPENING DAY. DO NOT LEAVE THE EMERGENCY FORM AT HOME OR PACKED IN YOUR LUGGAGE.

PER THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MCCULLOUGH-HYDE HOSPITAL IN OXFORD, PARENTS OR GUARDIANS MUST HAVE THEIR SIGNATURE ON THE 2ND PAGE OF THE EMERGENCY FORM NOTARIZED.

THE EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM MAY BE COMPLETED BY A PHYSICIAN, PHYSICIAN'S ASSISTANT, THE STAFF OF A "MINUTE CLINIC" OR SIMILAR FACILITY.

BOYS STATE WILL ACCEPT, IN LIEU OF A PHYSICIANS EXAM, A COPY OF AN **OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION PHYSICAL**, EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL, OR SCOUT PHYSICAL IF TAKEN WITHIN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, **STAPLED TO** THE EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM.

THE COPY OF THE OHSAA PHYSICAL, EMPLOYMENT PHYSICAL, OR SCOUT PHYSICAL MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE EMERGENCY FORM, BUT CANNOT BE ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF THE EMERGENCY FORM.

12. **Boys State Program Overview**

THIS IS A DETAILED OVERVIEW OF THE ENTIRE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM FROM "A TO Z".

13. Citizens Handbook/Digest Of Ohio Government –

THE WEBSITE CONTAINS THE CURRENT **BOYS STATE CITIZENS HANDBOOK AND AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DIGEST OF OHIO GOVERNMENT.**

THE CITIZENS HANDBOOK DOES NOT NEED TO BE DOWNLOADED AND BROUGHT WITH YOU TO BOYS STATE. THE HANDBOOK IS FOR REVIEW BY YOU AND YOUR PARENTS BEFORE YOU COME TO BOYS STATE.

IMPORTANT: YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO DOWNLOAD, PRINT AND BRING SECTIONS OF THE “*OHIO GOVERNMENT DIGEST*” THAT INTEREST YOU TO BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BUT YOU **ARE NOT REQUIRED** TO DOWNLOAD AND PRINT THE ENTIRE DOCUMENT.

DOWNLOAD AND PRINT ONLY THOSE PAGES OF THE “*OHIO GOVERNMENT DIGEST*” WHICH YOU FEEL MAY BE OF USE AND INTEREST TO YOU IN THE POSITION YOU HOPE TO SEEK WITHIN BOYS STATE OR THE AREA OF BOYS STATE GOVERNMENT WHERE YOUR INTERESTS LIE.

THE “*OHIO GOVERNMENT DIGEST*” WILL ALSO BE ACCESSIBLE ON THE BOYS STATE SERVER IN THE COMPUTER LABS AT MIAMI UNIVERSITY.

THERE WILL BE VERY FEW “HARD” COPIES AVIALABLE AT BOYS STATE.

14. **Samsung American Legion Scholarship Information & Application – \$20,000 Scholarship**

ATTENDANCE AT BUCKEYE BOYS STATE COULD QUALIFY YOU FOR A CHANCE TO EARN A \$20,000 SCHOLARSHIP.

INFORMATION ON THE SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP, DIRECTING YOU TO AN ONLINE APPLICATION FORM WILL BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.

THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM HAS HAD FOUR (4) NATIONAL WINNERS IN THIS PROGRAM.

15. **U.S. Senate Youth Leadership Program – \$5,000 Scholarship**

ATTENDANCE AT BUCKEYE BOYS STATE COULD QUALIFY YOU FOR A CHANCE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM IN WASHINGTON D.C. SPONSORED BY THE WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST FOUNDATION WHICH COMES WITH A \$5,000 SCHOLARSHIP.

INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION FOR THE U.S. SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM IS ON THE WEBSITE. PLEASE BRING THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH YOU TO BOYS STATE IF YOU WISH TO APPLY.

TO READ:

THE SAMSUNG GROUP, AN INTERNATIONAL ELECTRONICS COMPANY HAS ENDOWED A SCHOLARSHIP FUND OF \$5,000,000.00 DOLLARS TO THE AMERICAN LEGION.

THE ENDOWMENT WAS MADE TO SHOW APPRECIATION TO U.S. VETERANS WHO CAME TO THE AID OF KOREA DURING ITS STRUGGLE AGAINST COMMUNISM IN THE KOREAN WAR.

16. **Cover Letter On Buckeye Boys State City Photographs.**
17. **Miami University Information**
18. **Ohio State Highway Patrol Brochure On Junior Cadet Week**

A PROGRAM HOSTED BY THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL AT THE PATROL TRAINING ACADEMY IN COLUMBUS FOLLOWING BOYS STATE AND GIRLS STATE WHICH BRINGS IN 15 BOYS STATE DELEGATES, 15 GIRLS STATE DELEGATES, AND 10 YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM WITHIN THE FAMILIES OF OHP OFFICERS FROM A 5 DAY MINI-COURSE IN WHAT A TROOPER CADET GOES THRU IN 22 WEEKS.

19. **American Red Cross Blood Drive Information – Saturday June 16**

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE, IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE NORTHWEST OHIO CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS, WILL CONDUCT A BLOOD DRIVE FOR ALL INTERESTED DELEGATES ON SATURDAY, JUNE 16 OF OUR CLOSING WEEK-END.

20. Guest Visitation Day – Saturday June 16

SATURDAY, JUNE 16 IS ALSO OUR “GUEST VISITATION DAY” AND ALL PARENTS, RELATIVES, AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED AND ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MOST WORTHY EVENT.

INFORMATION ON “GUEST VISITATION DAY” WILL BE FOUND IN THE CITIZENS MANUAL ON THE WEBSITE.

INFORMATION FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU ON HOTELS IN THE CITY OF OXFORD AND LOCAL RESTAURANTS WILL BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE.

IF YOU ARE PLANNING TO ATTEND “GUEST VISITATION DAY” AND/OR THE CLOSING CEREMONIES OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE AND WISH TO STAY IN THE CITY OF OXFORD, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS EARLY AS THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM WILL FILL UP EVERY HOTEL AND MOTEL IN OXFORD AS WELL AS SURROUNDING AREAS.

IMPORTANT NOTE:
IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A COAT OR SUIT, DO NOT LET THAT STOP YOU FROM ATTENDING THE PROGRAM.

21. General Information

A. A SUIT OR SPORT COAT, SHIRT AND TIE FOR OPENING CEREMONY, INAUGURATION, AND CLOSING CEREMONIES SHOULD BE BROUGHT WITH YOU, IF YOU HAVE THEM.

CASUAL CLOTHES THE REST OF THE TIME. FOR SAFETY REASONS SHOES MUST BE WORN AT ALL TIMES.

- B. A LAPTOP, SMART PHONE OR OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES ARE WELCOME AND CAN BE USEFUL TO YOU.**

BY THE RULES OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE, **COMPUTERS CANNOT BE USED TO GENERATE CAMPAIGN MATERIALS.**

- C. HOW MUCH MONEY TO BRING –** DEPENDS ON BOY: PICTURES \$13.00, SOAP, TOOTHPASTE, AND SOUVENIR ITEMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BOYS STATE “MINI-MALL”. SOFT DRINKS, CANDY, ETC. ARE AVAILABLE AT THE SNACK MACHINES IN RESIDENCE HALL LOUNGES. BOYS CAN ALSO VISIT NEARBY EATING ESTABLISHMENTS AND CONVENIENCE STORES DURING FREE TIME.

- D. ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS MUST BE OBTAINED THROUGH BBS CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS USING BBS MONEY. BRING NOTHING. NO PREPARED MATERIALS ALLOWED.**

YOU ARE PERMITTED TO BRING COPIES OF YOUR PHOTOGRAPH TO PUT ON YOUR CAMPAIGN PROMOTIONAL POSTERS, ETC.

- E. BOYS ARE WELCOME TO RECEIVE MAIL AND PACKAGES, INCLUDING UPS AND FED EX. MAILING ADDRESS WILL BE:**

(ATTENDEE NAME)
Buckeye Boys State
c/o Miami University Conference Service
701 E. Spring Street
Oxford, OH 45056

F. PARENTS MAY CONTACT THEIR SON VIA THE BOYS STATE BUSINESS OFFICE DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS AT 513-529-3860. A MESSAGE WILL BE GIVEN TO YOUR SON AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS THE BOYS STATE BUSINESS OFFICE GOES ON AN ANSWERING MACHINE. IN AN EMERGENCY, AFTER NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS, THE BOYS STATE OFFICE MAY BE CONTACTED THROUGH THE MIAMI UNIVERSITY POLICE DEPARTMENT AT **513-529-2222**.

BOYS CANNOT USE THEIR PHONES TO RECEIVE OR MAKE CALLS OR TEXTS AFTER 11:00 P.M.

G. INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL DIETARY OR RELIGIOUS NEEDS ARE ASKED TO CONTACT THE DIRECTOR.

22. Traffic Plan And Car Registration Procedure For Boys State Delegates

DELEGATES WHO DRIVE TO BOYS STATE WILL RECEIVE A BOYS STATE PARKING PERMIT FROM MIAMI UNIVERSITY AND BE DIRECTED TO PARK IN A DESIGNATED LOT FOR BOYS STATE DELEGATES WHERE YOU WILL PUT THE BOYS STATE PARKING

PERMIT ON YOUR DASHBOARD.

DELEGATES MUST TURN KEYS IN TO YOUR CITY COUNSELOR BY THE FIRST MEETING ON SUNDAY.

FAILURE TO OBTAIN A BBS PARKING PERMIT WILL RESULT IN YOUR CAR BEING TOWED AND COSTS FOR TOWING AND FINES ASSESSED. LICENSE PLATES IN THE RESTRICTED PARKING LOT ARE CHECKED BY UNIVERSITY POLICE.

BOYS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO DRIVE THEIR CAR OR RIDE IN OTHER VEHICLES, EXCEPT FOR OFFICIAL BUSINESS, UNTIL THEIR DEPARTURE FROM THE PROGRAM.

23. The Program

FOUNDED IN 1936, AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE IS THE **LARGEST** OF ALL FORTY-NINE BOYS STATES CONDUCTED TODAY.

THE MAIN **REGISTRATION** ON **SUNDAY, JUNE 10TH** WILL BE HELD FROM 12 NOON TO 1:30 PM MILLETT ARENA – WEST CONCOURSE. **YOU MUST HAVE YOUR EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM IN HAND WHEN YOU ARRIVE.**

ALL CHECK-INS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE FRONT DESK OF EACH BOYS STATE RESIDENCE HALL AND YOU WILL NEED THE WHITE CARD AT CHECK-IN.

IN THE DELEGATE ENVELOPE BEING MAILED TO YOU IS A COLORED PIECE OF PAPER. WHICH DESIGNATES THE RESIDENCE HALL TO WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN ASSIGNED.

PLACE THIS SIGN IN THE LEFT CORNER OF YOUR DASHBOARD BEFORE YOU ENTER THE BOYS STATE TRAFFIC PATTERN TO HELP PERSONNEL DIRECT YOU TO YOUR RESIDENCE HALL TO UNLOAD.

THE BASIC UNIT AT BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BOYS STATE IS THE CITY, COMPRISED OF APPROXIMATELY 40 BOYS, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF A CITY COUNSELOR - WHO IS HIMSELF A FORMER BOYS STATER.

THERE ARE TWO (2) POLITICAL PARTIES AT BOYS STATE: FEDERALIST AND NATIONALIST. THE PARTY YOU WILL BE A MEMBER OF WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT THE 1ST MEETING OF YOUR BOYS STATE CITY.

WITHIN ABOUT 3 HOURS OF YOUR ARRIVAL, CAMPAIGNING BEGINS IN EARNEST FOR ALL THE OFFICES OF BOYS STATE.

ALL CANDIDATES FOR STATE OFFICE MUST SECURE ENOUGH SIGNATURES TO HAVE YOUR NAME PLACED ON THE PARTY'S PRIMARY BALLOT.

PARTY CONVENTIONS, WITH DELEGATES SELECTED FROM EACH

CITY, ARE HELD TO ESTABLISH A PARTY PLATFORM AND OUTLINE THE GOALS OF THEIR PARTIES FOR THE CAMPAIGN AND THE WEEK AHEAD.

ALL CAMPAIGN MATERIALS MUST BE PURCHASED WITH BOYS STATE FUNDS FROM AN ACCOUNT WHICH IS ESTABLISHED FOR EVERY CITIZEN UPON THEIR ARRIVAL AT BOYS STATE.

IF YOU ARE A NON-CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES, YOU HAVE THE SAME OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROGRAM AS ANY OTHER DELEGATE.

TIME SET ASIDE FOR CAMPAIGNING WILL BE HECTIC. THERE WILL BE RALLIES, HAND SHAKING, AND POSTERS. IN JUST THREE DAYS, YOU WILL HAVE PARTICIPATED IN A COUNTY AND CITY CAUCUS, CONDUCTED A STATE PARTY CONVENTION, COMPLETED A CITY ELECTION, A STATE PRIMARY ELECTION AND A GENERAL ELECTION FOR COUNTY, STATE AND JUDICIAL OFFICES.

ALL ELECTIVE OFFICES IN BOYS STATE FROM GOVERNOR TO CITY COUNCILMAN WILL BE FILLED IN JUST THREE DAYS.

ON TUESDAY, THE THIRD DAY OF BOYS STATE, FOLLOWING THE GENERAL ELECTION, TIME IS SET ASIDE FOR OFFICE SEEKING AND JOB ORIENTATION BY APPOINTEES AND OFFICE HOLDERS.

AT THE JOB ORIENTATIONS IF YOU ARE A MAYOR, YOU LEARN THE DUTIES OF A MAYOR. IF YOU ARE A COUNTY ENGINEER - YOU LEARN THE DUTIES OF A COUNTY ENGINEER, ETC.

IF YOU'RE NOT ELECTED, YOU MUST SEEK A JOB THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF JOBS & FAMILY SERVICES.

ON WEDNESDAY MORNING, ALL OFFICES OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE WILL BE IN OPERATION. EVERYTHING THAT FUNCTIONS WITHIN OHIO GOVERNMENT OPERATES AT BOYS STATE.

AS THE BOYS STATE LEGISLATURE ORGANIZES, A **LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY** MUST BE STAFFED WITH ADMINISTRATIVE PERSONNEL TO SUPPORT THE HOUSE AND SENATE

EACH OF THE **NINE BOYS STATE COUNTIES** WILL HAVE THREE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS; AN AUDITOR, A TREASURER, A PROSECUTOR, A RECORDER, CLERK OF COURT, AND SHERIFF TO CONDUCT THE COUNTY BUSINESS.

TWENTY-NINE CITY COUNCILS BEGIN PREPARING ORDINANCES THAT DIRECTLY AFFECT THE CITIZENS IN THEIR CITY.

DELEGATE ACTION
REQUIRED BEFORE
THE PROGRAM!

APPLICATIONS FOR LEGISLATIVE SERVICES MUST BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE BOYS STATE WEBSITE AND MAILED IN TO THE BOYS STATE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM.

CITY GOVERNMENT IS THE LARGEST OF ALL THE GOVERNMENT LEVELS IN BUCKEYE BOYS STATE WITH NEARLY 500 POSITIONS TO BE FILLED. A PART-TIME NON-PARTISAN **CITY SCHOOL BOARD** WILL ALSO BE ELECTED DURING THE CITY GENERAL ELECTION.

THE BOYS STATE **JUDICIAL BRANCH** BEGINS TO HEAR CASES. THE BOYS STATE COURT OF APPEALS AND SUPREME COURT WILL CONVENE, AND HEAR CASES APPEALED FROM THE LOWER COURTS.

TO PRACTICE LAW AT BOYS STATE, YOU MUST PASS THE **BOYS STATE BAR EXAM**. IF YOU ARE ELECTED OR APPOINTED TO A LEGAL POSITION AT BOYS STATE AND HAVE NOT PASSED THE BAR EXAM, YOU MUST RESIGN YOUR POSITION. THE BAR EXAM IS AN OPEN BOOK TEST USING THE "DIGEST OF OHIO GOVERNMENT" DOWNLOADED FROM THE BOYS STATE WEBSITE. YOU HAVE THREE (3) CHANCES TO PASS THE BAR.

BOYS STATE HAS AN ON-LINE LAW LIBRARY AVAILABLE TO LAWYERS, LEGISLATORS, OR STATE OFFICIALS, KEPT CURRENT BY SUPPORT FROM THE OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION.

FINANCES AND BANKING PLAY A VERY IMPORTANT PART IN BOYS STATE.

EACH CITIZEN HAS HIS OWN **BANK ACCOUNT AT BOYS STATE WITH BOYS STATE MONEY** IN THE ACCOUNT TO HELP WITH CAMPAIGN FEES, FILING FEES, AND COSTS OF BEING A CITIZEN OF

BOYS STATE. YOU DERIVE INCOME AT BOYS STATE THROUGH WAGES PAID THROUGH THE EMPLOYMENT YOU HOLD.

YOU WILL HAVE TO PAY A PROPERTY TAX ON YOUR HOME (YOUR BED), AND STATE INCOME TAXES ON THE EARNINGS YOU RECEIVED.

THE BOYS STATE BANK AND REALTY COMPANY IS THE PLACE TO LEARN ABOUT PERSONAL AND CORPORATE FINANCE. LOANS WILL BE MADE AND PROPERTIES MORTGAGED.

IMPORTANT INFO!!

THE OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL IS A KEY PARTNER IN BOYS STATE, AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED WITH BOYS STATE SINCE THE PROGRAM'S INCEPTION IN 1936.

THREE HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPERS ARE ASSIGNED TO BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BY THE SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HIGHWAY PATROL.

THEIR PRIME DUTY IS THE INSTRUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES TO INTERESTED BOYS STATE CITIZENS, INCLUDING THE ORGANIZATION OF A BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

POSITIONS IN THE BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL ARE FILLED THROUGH A COMPETITIVE EXAM CONDUCTED FOR BOYS STATERS INTERESTED IN THE HIGHWAY PATROL AND LAW ENFORCEMENT.

ALL SIDEWALKS, HALLS, ETC. WITHIN THE CONFINES OF BOYS STATE BECOME STATE HIGHWAYS, COUNTY ROADS, OR CITY

STREETS, AND NORMAL DRIVING PROCEDURES ARE USED. YOU MUST SECURE A BOYS STATE DRIVERS LICENSE.

MANY OF YOU WILL HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET YOUR COUNTERPART IN CITY AND COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

VISITS BY VARIOUS OHIO STATE OFFICIALS ARE ARRANGED ON WEDNESDAY AND MANY ELECTED AND APPOINTED OHIO STATE OFFICIALS COME TO MIAMI UNIVERSITY TO VISIT THEIR BOYS STATE COUNTERPARTS.

SPORTS ARE AVAILABLE DURING FREE TIME AT BOYS STATE; BUT **BOYS STATE IS NOT A SPORTS CAMP.**

INFORMATION ON EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE TO THOSE INTERESTED THRU OUR "**COLLEGE FAIR**" WHICH **BRINGS IN OVER 90 UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE REPRESENTATIVES.**

RESPECT FOR THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES IS A PRINCIPLE WHICH THE AMERICAN LEGION BELIEVES STRONGLY IN AND WHICH PLAYS A MAJOR ROLE IN THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM. IF YOU ARE UNWILLING TO PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE, OR DO NOT WISH TO TAKE PART IN THIS TYPE OF CEREMONY, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU SEND YOUR ALTERNATE.

AT THE EVENING PROGRAMS THE **BOYS STATE BAND** WILL PERFORM. ABOUT ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY BOYS STATERS

PARTICIPATE IN THE BAND. **BRING YOUR INSTRUMENT IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BAND.** NEARLY ANY KIND OF INSTRUMENT IS WELCOME. STORAGE IS PROVIDED.

AN **HONOR CITY AWARD IS GIVEN EACH DAY** TO THE OUTSTANDING CITY IN EACH COUNTY. THE AWARD IS BASED ON GOVERNMENT, ORGANIZATION, BEHAVIOR, ETC. THE SAME METHOD IS USED TO DETERMINE A **DAILY HONOR COUNTY AWARD** AMONG THE NINE COUNTIES.

BOY STATE OPERATES A STORE LOCATED IN THE BOYS STATE COMPLEX THAT HAS SOUVENEIR TEE SHIRTS, WRITING MATERIALS, AND VARIOUS OTHER SUNDRY ITEMS AVAILABLE. PLEASE PLAN TO VISIT "THE MINI-MALL".

THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MEDIA, WILL SELECT YOUNG MEN TO PUBLISH THE "HETUCK", A DAILY ELECTRONIC NEWSPAPER, (HETUCK IS AN INDIAN WORD FOR THE EYE OF THE BUCK). THE DELEGATES SELECTED HELP TO ESTABLISH AND UPDATE THE PROGRAMS PRESENCE ON SOCIAL MEDIA AS WELL SO THAT FAMILY AND

**DELEGATE ACTION
REQUIRED BEFORE
THE PROGRAM!**

APPLICATIONS FOR THE OFFICE OF SOCIAL MEDIA AND THE "HETUCK" MUST BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE BOYS STATE WEBSITE AND MAILED IN TO THE BOYS STATE DIRECTOR PRIOR TO THE START OF THE PROGRAM.

FRIENDS CAN STAY INFORMED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING AT BOYS STATE. THE STAFF SELECTED FOR THE "HETUCK" CANNOT SEEK ELECTED OR APPOINTED OFFICE, AS THE "HETUCK" WILL CONSUME MOST OF YOUR TIME.

BOYS STATE TRIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE **SPIRITUAL NEEDS** OF THE YOUNG MEN ATTENDING, OFFERING A CATHOLIC MASS ON THE FINAL SUNDAY AND AN ECUMENICAL SERVICE AS PART OF OUR GRADUATION DAY'S EVENTS.

AS BOYS STATE NEARS A CONCLUSION, **WE HOPE YOU WILL LEARN:**

1. THE LESSONS OF POLITICS,
2. THE COMPLEX OPERATION OF ANY TYPE OF GOVERNMENT,
3. THE NECESSITY TO COOPERATE IN MAKING THINGS HAPPEN,
4. THAT ONE CANNOT BE A WINNER ALL THE TIME.
5. THE MOST IMPORTANT LESSON AT BOYS STATE IS LEARNING TO WORK TOGETHER FOR THE ACCOMPLISHING OF COMMON GOALS.

UPON YOUR RETURN FROM BOYS STATE, WE HOPE YOU UTILIZE THE KNOWLEDGE YOU ACQUIRED. YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO RELATE YOUR EXPERIENCES TO YOUR SPONSORS, FRIENDS, AND CLASSMATES. **WE HOPE YOU LEARN THAT GOVERNMENT IS PEOPLE, AND OUR GOVERNMENT WILL BE AS GOOD OR AS BAD AS THE PEOPLE MAKE IT TO BE.**

YOU WILL RETURN FROM BOYS STATE WITH MORE KNOWLEDGE ABOUT OHIO GOVERNMENT THAN 75% OF THE ADULT POPULATION OF OUR STATE.

IN THE FUTURE SOMEONE MAY SAY PROUDLY OF YOU, "**HE WENT TO BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**", AS WE DO WHEN WE THINK OF PEOPLE LIKE:

- **ASTRONAUT NEIL ARMSTRONG;**
- **SPACE SHUTTLE ASTRONAUTS TOM HENRICKS, CARL WALZ, MICHAEL GERNHARDT AND GREG JOHNSON;**
- **FORMER OHIO SUPREME COURT CHIEF JUSTICE THOMAS MOYER;**
- **FORMER OHIO SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE WILLIAM BATCHELDER**

AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER OUTSTANDING MEN WHO HAVE AND ARE CONTRIBUTING GREATLY TO OUR WAY OF LIFE, ALL OF WHOM ARE ALUMNI OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE.

ONE LAST IMPORTANT NOTE: AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE START OF THE BOYS STATE PROGRAM (EVEN THE NIGHT BEFORE), YOU FIND THAT YOU WILL BE UNABLE TO ATTEND, TAKE THE FOLLOWING STEPS:

1. GO ON- LINE TO THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE WEBSITE, CLICK ON "**ATTENDEE INFO**"; CLICK ON THE "**I CANNOT ATTEND**" BUTTON, FILL IN AS MUCH INFORMATION AS YOU KNOW AND

CLICK ON “SUBMIT”.

OR

2. CALL THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DIRECTOR AT 740-362-7478 AND HIT “1” ON THE VOICE MENU. CLEARLY STATE YOUR NAME, THE HIGH SCHOOL YOU ATTEND, AND IF KNOWN, THE POST NUMBER OF THE SPONSORING AMERICAN LEGION POST.

IN EITHER CASE, EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FIND A YOUNG MAN TO REPLACE YOU.

FOR THE DELEGATES AND THE PARENTS ALSO, IF YOU FAIL TO ARRIVE AT BOYS STATE, WITHIN HOURS OF THE START OF THE PROGRAM OUR STAFF “NO SHOW” COORDINATOR WILL BE CALLING OR E-MAILING YOU TO NOTIFY YOUR PARENTS YOUR YOUNG MAN HAS NOT SHOWN UP AND TO FIND OUT THE REASON.

THE AMERICAN LEGION **CONGRATULATES YOU ON BEING SELECTED.** WE HOPE THAT YOU COME AWAY FROM BUCKEYE BOYS STATE WITH A FRESH OUTLOOK ON WHAT AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AND PARTICULARLY OHIO GOVERNMENT IS ALL ABOUT.

"THE AMERICAN LEGION, DEPARTMENT OF OHIO, TRULY BELIEVES THAT YOUR DECISION TODAY TO TOTALLY COMMIT YOURSELVES TO WORK AND TO EXCEL IN THIS NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED LEADERSHIP PROGRAM, COUPLED WITH THE DEDICATED SERVICE OF ITS HUNDREDS OF VOLUNTEERS, WILL ENSURE THE 2018 BUCKEYE BOYS STATE PROGRAM WILL BE THE BEST PROGRAM EVER, AND WILL INDEED BE, FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY, **A WEEK TO SHAPE A LIFETIME.**"

WE WILL NOW BE HAPPY TO **ENTERTAIN QUESTIONS FROM ANYONE** AND THE BBS STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT WILL REMAIN AFTER THE MEETING TO FURTHER ANSWER QUESTIONS BUT PLEASE DO NOT ASK FOR ADVICE ON CAMPAIGNING. IT IS NOT IN KEEPING WITH THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE POLICY.

MANY THANKS TO POST _____ FOR HOSTING THIS ORIENTATION MEETING.

25. Open to questions from Boys and Parents

26. District, County, Local Chairman _____

- Transportation Arrangements

27. General questions

28. District, County or Post Commander to close the meeting

END OF ORIENTATION



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ALTERNATES

Date: _____
Orientation Site: _____

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