

**WELCOME TO
AMERICAN LEGION
BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**

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**BOWLING GREEN STATE UNIVERSITY
Bowling Green, Ohio**

June 13-21, 2009

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THE AMERICAN LEGION
Department of Ohio

DEDICATION

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is dedicated to the over 83,000 young men of Ohio who, since 1936, have been the inspiration for the Buckeye Boys State program; the hundreds of former Boys State citizens who have served as members of the Buckeye Boys State staff; and to those members of The Ohio American Legion who as Trustees and Commissioners of Buckeye Boys State, have served to shape and guide the Buckeye Boys State program for the betterment of America.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), American Legion Buckeye Boys State will make reasonable accommodations for physically impaired young men to participate in the Buckeye Boys State program.

Young men with disabilities who may be selected to attend Buckeye Boys State and the parents/guardians are asked to contact the Director of Boys State to review the needs, accommodations needed to be made, and the ability of the young man to participate based on the scope of the disability.

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PREFACE

This booklet serves to acquaint you, prior to your arrival at American Legion Buckeye Boys State, with an overview of the Buckeye Boys State program, what will be offered through the program, what is expected of you at the program, and what is provided to you by the staff of Buckeye Boys State and Bowling Green State University.

You are attending Buckeye Boys State on the recommendation of your school officials and members of the American Legion Post in your community. Uphold the confidence placed in you.

Conduct yourself in a manner to reflect credit not only upon yourself, but your school and community as well. Being selected to attend Buckeye Boys State is an honor which should not be taken lightly.

The goal of Buckeye Boys State is to educate and train you in understanding one of this country's most precious freedoms; the democratic form of government. It is hoped you will use the knowledge gained to take an active role in not only Buckeye Boys State, but society as well.

Upon completing Buckeye Boys State, you join an alumni of over 83,000 numbering among its ranks judges; lawyers; educators; military leaders; federal, state and local government officials. Many of these individuals credit their success to the experience gained at Buckeye Boys State.

PLEASE REVIEW THIS BOOKLET WITH YOUR PARENTS. Information for your parents on the Buckeye Boys State program is covered on the following pages.

Questions regarding Buckeye Boys State or requests for additional copies of this booklet should be directed to:

**The American Legion Department of Ohio
ATTN: Buckeye Boys State
P.O. Box 8007
Delaware, OH 43015-8007**

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IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ

Dear Boys State Citizen:

If at ANY TIME prior to the start of the Buckeye Boys State program you find for any reason that you will be unable to attend, it is important that you take the following steps:

1. **IMMEDIATELY** contact an official in your sponsoring American Legion Post. It is suggested this person be the Post Commander or Post Boys State Chairman.

If you do not know the name(s) of those individuals please call the Boys State office at 740-362-7478 and our office will help provide the name(s) to you.

2. **IMMEDIATELY** notify an official in your high school, preferably, or those who have helped select you for Boys State.
3. If you know whom your Alternate to Boys State is, after notifying the local Legion Officials and School Officials, give the Alternate the contents of your Delegate packet.

If you do not know whom the alternate is, give the contents of this packet to an American Legion Official.

If you do not attend Buckeye Boys State and you never notify anyone you are not going so a replacement can be found, you have just thrown away \$300.00 of a sponsor's money. Sponsors are too hard to find, and too easy to lose.

Your cooperation is appreciated.

Sincerely

GERALD A. WHITE
Director
Buckeye Boys State

Dear Boys State Citizen:

Congratulations and welcome to the American Legion Boys State family. I am confident that you will not be disappointed with your decision to participate in this outstanding citizenship education experience. It will likely influence your life decisions in ways that you cannot fully appreciate until years later.

As one of more than 20,000 young men who participate nationwide in this activity, you will experience government in a practical sense by actually participating in it. American Legion Boys State is a leadership action program; one that teaches government and its structure. It proves that government is just what you make it. You will find it to be challenging and sometimes tiring, but I'm certain you will always find it to be enjoyable and educational.

Our form of government requires citizen involvement if it is to continue. The American Legion Boys State program strives to meet that objective. If this government "...of the people, by the people, and for the people" is to continue, the burden of the task rests squarely on your shoulders and those of your generation.

It is possible that a future governor, congressman or even president will be in your class of American Legion Boys State citizens. I make this statement because this program has historically been the springboard for many to careers in public service. Others benefit by their participation by developing friendships with their fellow citizens while joining a common fraternity that extends long after the on-site program ends. I encourage you to make the most of this experience.

Finally, I again extend best wishes for an interest provoking, exciting and personally rewarding American Legion Boys State.

DALE REHBEIN
National Commander

Delegates:

On behalf of the more than 140,000 members of the American Legion in the great state of Ohio, I want to welcome you to American Legion Buckeye Boys State. Buckeye Boys State is the largest programs of its kind in the country, and being selected should be considered an honor.

Over the next nine days, you will be given the opportunity to gain hands-on experience in the democratic process at the city, county and state levels. In just a short time, you will learn more about the political process than most Americans do in a lifetime.

While you are here, don't be surprised if you also make a new friend or two. Many of our delegates begin to forge lifelong relationships during their time at Buckeye Boys State and we feel that, too, is a rewarding opportunity.

The Buckeye Boys State staff and volunteers take great pride in providing you with this unique opportunity. The only thing we ask in return is you go back to your school and community and help promote this outstanding Americanism program.

Again, congratulations on your selection as a delegate to this year's American Legion Buckeye Boys State program. It is my wish you walk away from this experience a better son, better student and better American...GOOD LUCK!

FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

ROBERT J. (Bob) KIMBALL
Commander
The American Legion
Department of Ohio

Dear Boys State Delegate:

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you as a delegate to the 2009 American Legion Buckeye Boys State program. The American Legion Department of Ohio, the Legionnaires, and the staff of American Legion Buckeye Boys State are excited about the 2009 program. We look forward to a life shaping experience for you and approximately 1,200 more of your colleagues and friends.

Buckeye Boys State is a leadership program with emphasis on leadership in government. Each delegate is chosen because someone somewhere believes that you have leadership potential and are the type of person who has the potential to be one of the future government or business leaders that run this nation. I can assure you that your nine days at Boys State will be something that you will remember for the rest of your life. I have been involved with the program since 1989, and have been honored to meet so many of the fine young men who will lead our nation in the years to come. A roster of past participants includes several congressmen, a state senator, a federal judge, and several astronauts including Neil Armstrong. What giant footsteps they have left for us to follow in.

At Boys State, you will learn government, but you will not go to class. You will learn by doing. Delegates will set up a complete state, county and city government system and operate it just as it operates in real life. While you are doing it, you will make friends and you will have a blast. Participants even earn transferable college credit for having so much fun. You will work hard at Boys State learning about the Democratic form of government that is the United States of America.

We, as Legionnaires, have set forth to establish and preserve the freedoms that we enjoy in our democratic society. At Buckeye Boys State, we will pass the torch of freedom to your generation. Hold it high! We look forward to seeing you in Bowling Green in June.

Best Regards

JAMES GARRITY
President
American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Dear Buckeye Boys State Citizen:

As Director of American Legion Buckeye Boys State welcome to a unique youth leadership and management program, the largest of its type in the United States: AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE.

Buckeye Boys State is the premier Boys State program in the nation. The Boys State staff is honored to have you be part of this years' session, and you are to be congratulated for your selection to attend. Soon you will be part of living Ohio history, which has covered a span of nearly 8 decades.

Program rules and guidelines at Buckeye Boys State are implemented for the well-being and safety of you and your fellow Boys State citizens.

These rules and guidelines are based on years of experience and are necessary to carry out a highly successful Boys State session each year.

You are asked to understand the rules of Boys State, as outlined in this "Citizens Handbook," and others that will be presented to you upon your arrival at Boys State.

You will be treated by the Boys State staff as the responsible young adult we believe you to be. Infractions of program rules will be dealt with in an appropriate manner.

At the conclusion of your week at Buckeye Boys State, I hope you will find your experiences within the Buckeye Boys State program to have been truly, "A Week to Shape a Lifetime."

All of us associated with Buckeye Boys State look forward to having you as a participant in this years' session.

If I, as Director, or the Boys State staff can be of service to you during the week of Boys State, please come to the Buckeye Boys State Headquarters office located in the Harshman "C" residence hall.

Sincerely

GERALD A. WHITE
Director
American Legion Buckeye Boys State

WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LEGION?

The American Legion is THE largest veterans organization in the world, with a membership of nearly 3,000,000 members in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia, and 4 foreign countries.

Founded in 1919, The American Legion has been a moving force for fair treatment of this nation's veterans, their families, and especially the disabled veterans.

American Legion members were and are honorably discharged men and women who served their country on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Panama, Grenada, Operation Desert Storm, and Operation Enduring Freedom, at military bases in the United States or overseas.

The American Legion was the author of the G.I. Bill of Rights, which has benefited millions of ex-service personnel since its passage in 1944.

The American Legion was the largest contributor to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. with over \$1.5 million dollars donated by American Legion members nationwide to this memorial. The American Legion was also a significant contributor to the Vietnam Women's Memorial; Korean Veterans' Memorial; and the World War II memorial.

The American Legion conducts programs designed to benefit the youth of our nation. Notable among these programs are: American Legion Baseball, American Legion Boys State, the American Legion High School Oratorical Contest, the American Legion School Awards program, and the American Legion Americanism and Government Test.

The American Legion founded Boys State in 1935. Since that time, the American Legion Boys State program has remained a premier youth program in the nation.

The American Legion, Department of Ohio, which conducts Buckeye Boys State, is one of the five largest Departments in The American Legion organization with a membership of nearly 140,000 members in 600 American Legion Posts throughout the state.

The Department of Ohio is a major contributor and sponsor to the Veterans Affairs hospitals in the state, the Dayton National Cemetery, the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Ohio Special Olympics, the Ohio Veterans' Homes, and the "*Gifts for Yanks*" program for veterans in Ohio VA hospitals.

WHAT IS BUCKEYE BOYS STATE?

Buckeye Boys State is a nine-day “Hands On” experience in the operation of the Democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Ohio government.

Through the Boys State objective of “learning by doing” you will learn more about city, county, and state government in one week than you would in an entire semester of high school.

Opportunities are available to expand your skills and interests through special program segments on Ohio laws and the Court Systems; Banks and Realty Company operations; Public Utility companies; Law Enforcement; Newspaper operations; Legislative Service and School Boards, each conducted by staff members versed in the area of instruction they will cover and each “mirroring” a similar real experience.

One of the finest objectives afforded you by Boys State is the friendship you will form with other Boys State citizens, many of whom will become life-long friends.

HISTORY OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

The Ohio American Legion’s first “Boys State” program was held in 1936 in the cattle barns of the Ohio State Fairgrounds with over 440 delegates in attendance.

Since 1936, Buckeye Boys State has been conducted annually, with the exception of 1945, when World War II restrictions forced a suspension of activities, and 1952, when a flood prohibited the use of the site at the time.

Buckeye Boys State has had many “homes” since 1936. Sites which have been host to Buckeye Boys State are:

1936-1941	Ohio State Fairgrounds
1942-1943	Ohio Wesleyan University
1944	Otterbein College
1946	Miami University
1947-1949	Ohio Wesleyan University
1950-1958	Camp Perry
1959-1970	Ohio University
1971-1974	Ashland College
1975-1977	Ohio University
1978-Present	Bowling Green State University

Each year nearly 1,300 of the finest young men in the State of Ohio attend Buckeye Boys State. Since its inception in 1936, over 83,000 individuals have experienced the Buckeye Boys State program.

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE PROGRAM

The creation of the Boys State program is credited to Hayes Kennedy, who in 1935 was an instructor at the Loyola University School of Law in Chicago and Americanism Chairman of the Illinois Department of the American Legion and Harold Card, the Department Boy Scout Chairman and Junior High School instructor.

Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card became concerned about a project underway in the late 1930's called "Young Pioneer Camps" promoted by the Fascist Party to attract high school students. At these camps the Fascist Party would advocate the virtues of the Fascist system and the uselessness of Democracy.

Hayes Kennedy felt that a counter movement must be started among the ranks of the nation's youth to stress the importance and value of our Democratic form of government and maintain an effort to preserve and perpetuate it.

The Illinois Department of The American Legion approved Hayes Kennedy's and Harold Card's project and in June 1935, the very first "Boys State" in the nation was held on the grounds of the Illinois State Fair.

From that beginning in Illinois in 1935, the program swiftly spread among other American Legion Departments. By 1941, 34 states were conducting a "Boys State" program. Today, the American Legion conducts a "Boys State" program in 49 states. Hawaii is the only state that does not have a Boys State program. District of Columbia delegates attend either the Maryland or Virginia Boys States.

**HISTORY OF BOYS STATE:
MAX E. BLESSING, JULY 13, 1977**

STAFF OF BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

The staff of American Legion Buckeye Boys State is comprised of over 100 highly motivated and qualified individuals who work with one goal in mind: to make your week at Buckeye Boys State one of the most rewarding, educational, and worthwhile weeks of your life.

The staff of Buckeye Boys State is drawn from the ranks of the Trustees and Commissioners of Buckeye Boys State, the Ohio State Highway Patrol, the Ohio General Assembly, the Agencies of Ohio Government, the United States Military Services, professional career fields, the American Legion State Headquarters Staff, and former Boys State delegates.

Many staff members are former Buckeye Boys State delegates, who devote nine days during the summer to Buckeye Boys State, taking time from their careers and vacations to do so.

The staff of Buckeye Boys State is always available to assist you. Never hesitate to come to any member of the Buckeye Boys State staff should a question or problem arise.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE CHECK-IN

Saturday, June 13, 2009

Registration for the 2009 session of Buckeye Boys State will be conducted from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2009 in the Harshman Residence Halls and the Kreischer Residence Halls on the campus of Bowling Green State University.

Please plan to arrive between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Registration will close at 1:30 p.m. **Note:** An exception to the established Registration time period will be made for delegates arriving late due to special circumstances who have been approved in advance by the Director of Buckeye Boys State.

Nearly 1,300 people will be registered between 12:00 noon and 1:30 p.m.

To assist you and your parents in arriving at the registration area, a Traffic Plan will be in effect on the streets around the Bowling Green State University complex.

Please follow the Boys State Traffic Control personnel and Ohio State Highway Patrol Officers, who will direct you into and out of the Registration area.

Chartered busses bringing delegates will also follow the Traffic Pattern.

The traffic pattern has been designed to move you in and out of registration quickly.

Each delegate will check-in directly to the Front Desk of one of the following Residence Halls used by the Boys State program as directed on the Boys State Check-In form provided in each Delegate Information Packet:

(H)arshman (A)nderson
(H)arshman (B)romfield
(H)arshman (C)hapman
(H)arshman (D)unbar

(K)reischer (A)shley
(K)reischer (B)atchelder
(K)reischer (C)ompton
(K)reischer (D)arrow

Color coded directional signs, which correspond to the check-in forms, will be located outside each Residence Hall to help you find the correct Residence Hall where you will check in.

Boys State staff personnel will also be available to assist in directing you.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU HAVE YOUR GREEN EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM IN YOUR PHYSICAL POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF CHECK-IN. *Do not pack the Green Form in your suitcase. It must be in your hand at the time you check-in.*

At the check-in desk, you will show the clerk your Green Emergency Information form. In turn you will be given a white registration card and directed to your residence floor where staff personnel will meet and direct you to your Boys State city and your room.

DO NOT LOSE THE WHITE REGISTRATION CARD. IT MUST BE TURNED INTO YOUR CITY COUNSELOR.

Special Attention: Alternates or delegates experiencing a registration problem are asked to come to the Boys State Headquarters office located at the Harshman C/D Front Desk for assistance.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

By mandate of the Buckeye Boys State Trustees and Commissioners, ALL young men selected to attend Boys State MUST attend an Orientation program on Buckeye Boys State prior to your attendance at Boys State.

The Buckeye Boys State staff conducts thirty-five (35) Orientation programs throughout the state of Ohio during the month of May.

Parents, school officials, sponsoring organizations, and alternates are welcome and encouraged to attend the Orientation programs.

The purpose of the Orientation is to acquaint you with Buckeye Boys State, present information on Boys State, and help you and your parents prepare for you to attend the Boys State program.

You and your parents will have an opportunity to meet the other Boys State delegates from your locale and ask questions about the Boys State program.

There is a standardized Orientation program presented at all Orientation sites.

In many instances, the Legionnaires in your area may provide transportation for you and other delegates to the Orientation site. As stated, your parents are encouraged to join you.

If you are unable to attend the Orientation in your area, you may attend another Orientation close to you.

Please bring this Citizens Handbook and the other contents of the delegate packet you have received with you to the Orientation and to Boys State.

The Buckeye Boys State Orientation program schedule is shown on the following page. A full orientation schedule with the addresses of the Orientation sites and Orientation staff contacts to call for driving directions and questions will be found on the official Buckeye Boys State website: www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com click on "Orientations."

****2009 BOYS STATE ORIENTATION****

<u>DIST.</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>POST</u>
1	May 5	Tuesday	7:00 PM	Ottawa	63
	May 6	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Wauseon	265
	May 7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Toledo	587
	May 17	Sunday	1:00 PM	Tontogany	441
2	May 6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	New Bremen	241
	May 17	Sunday	2:00 PM	Lima	96
3	May 6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Greenville	140
	May 17	Sunday	2:00 PM	Fairborn	526
4	May 11	Monday	7:30 PM	Middletown	218
	May 13	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Reading	69
	May 14	Thursday	7:30 PM	Mt. Carmel	72
5	May 2	Saturday	2:00 PM	New London	292
	May 6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Willard	514
	May 13	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Green Springs	295
	May 20	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Voiture 40&8	20
	May 27	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Elyria	12
6	May 6	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Granville Middle School	
	May 13	Wednesday	7:30 PM	Marion	162
	May 20	Wednesday	7:30 PM	West Jefferson	201
7	May 7	Thursday	7:00 PM	Portsmouth	23
	May 13	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Chillicothe	62
8	May 3	Sunday	1:00 PM	Pickerington	283
	May 17	Sunday	1:00 PM	Athens	21
9	May 2	Saturday	2:00 PM	Ashtabula	103
	May 3	Sunday	2:00 PM	Willowick	678
	May 3	Sunday	2:00 PM	Lake Milton	737
	May 7	Thursday	7:30 PM	Newton Falls	236
10	April 26	Sunday	2:00 PM	Steubenville	33
	May 3	Sunday	2:00 PM	Glenmoor	736
	May 17	Sunday	2:00 PM	E. Canton Community Center	
	May 27	Wednesday	7:00 PM	Wooster	68
11	April 26	Sunday	1:00 PM	Bellaire High School Cafeteria	
	May 10	Sunday	1:00 PM	McConnelsville	24
12	May 3	Sunday	2:00 PM	Thomas Worthington H.S.(East Auditorium)	
	May 17	Sunday	2:00 PM	Grove City	164
13	May 17	Sunday	2:00 PM	FOP Hall-Cleveland	
14	May 3	Sunday	2:00 PM	Cuyahoga Falls	281

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

HOUSING: You will be housed in one of 8 residence halls on the campus of Bowling Green State University: Harshman “A”, Harshman “B”, Harshman “C”, Harshman “D”; Kreischer “A”, Kreischer “B”, Kreischer “C”, and Kreischer “D”.

The residence hall you will reside in and your room number will be given to you at the time you register on the opening day of the program.

You will stay in a two-man room and will be given a key to your room by your City Counselor. This key is YOUR responsibility and must be returned to your Counselor before you leave on the closing day of the program. There will be a \$15.00 charge for any lost key.

ONLY sheets, pillowcases, and pillows will be provided by Bowling Green State University. Bring your own blanket, washcloths, and towels. Bring a small fan as rooms are not air-conditioned.

TOBACCO POLICY: There is NO SMOKING or use of other tobacco products in the residence halls, offices, and other space used by Buckeye Boys State.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, and WEAPONS POLICY: Drugs, alcoholic beverages, and weapons are strictly PROHIBITED. Violators will be subject to immediate dismissal from the Boys State program and could be subject to arrest.

DINING: Meals are provided at no cost to you. The meal cost is paid by your sponsoring American Legion Post as part of the Enrollment Fee.

You will eat in a dining area assigned to your Boys State City. Your City Counselor will direct you to the proper dining hall.

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served at the following times:

Breakfast.....7:00 a.m.

Lunch.....11:30 a.m.

Dinner.....5:30 p.m.

You will eat with your Buckeye Boys State City. Admission to the dining area is by an official Boys State badge that will be issued to you upon your arrival on the opening day of the program.

Individuals with special dietary needs are asked to contact the Director of Buckeye Boys State prior to the start of the program.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL AUTO: It is acceptable for you to drive to Buckeye Boys State. Once you arrive at Boys State and have registered, you will be directed to a designated parking area.

After parking your car, you will be required to turn your keys in to your City Counselor who will secure the keys with the Headquarters office.

You will not be allowed to drive your car or ride in other vehicles except for official business until your departure from Boys State at the conclusion of the program.

The parking lot is patrolled by University police officers.

MAIL: You will be able to send and receive surface mail while at Buckeye Boys State.

A mailbox is located at the Ohio State Highway Patrol trailer in the mall area between the residence halls. Outgoing mail is taken to the Post Office daily.

Incoming mail is picked up by Boys State staff on a daily basis and will be routed to you through your City Counselor.

Postage stamps, postcards, and writing materials are available for purchase at the "Mini Mall" located in the lobby of Harshman "D".

Your mailing address will be: (NAME)
(BOYS STATE CITY)
Buckeye Boys State
Bowling Green, OH 43402

E-MAIL: You will be able to receive e-mail while at Buckeye Boys State.

E-mails will be down loaded by the Boys State System Administrator on a daily basis and will be routed to you through your City Counselors.

Your e-mail address will be: **buckeyeboysstate@yahoo.com**
Subject: (Name)(Boys State City)

TELEPHONES: You are encouraged to bring a cell phone to Buckeye Boys State.

There are no telephones in any of the Residence Hall rooms and only a limited number of telephones to make calling card and collect calls in the Residence Hall lounges.

MEDICAL CARE: Buckeye Boys State maintains trained medical personnel on the Boys State premises 24 hours a day.

A medical office is located in the Harshman residence hall complex and the Kreischer residence hall complex.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

If an illness warrants, you will be transported to the Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green.

If you must utilize the Boys State medical facilities, please inform your City Counselor. Should an emergency arise, your counselor is well briefed on procedures to follow to get you immediate aid.

INSURANCE: While you are attending Buckeye Boys State, you are covered by a blanket Accident and Liability policy maintained by the Ohio Department of The American Legion.

This coverage is EXCESS COVERAGE to insurance maintained by your parents. In the event you receive treatment at Boys State, the bills will be directed through your Parent's Health Insurance.

MINI-MALL: For your convenience, Buckeye Boys State operates a small store called the "Mini-Mall" located in the lobby of the Harshman "D" residence hall.

The Mini-Mall" carries items for purchase such as shaving cream, razors, soap powder, bath soap, and other personal hygiene products; computer disks, clipboards, disposable cameras, and a full line of Buckeye Boys State items, such as T-shirts, decals etc.

WASHING MACHINES: Coin operated washers and dryers are located in each residence hall.

WHAT TO BRING: Towels; wash cloths; shaving kit and toilet articles; swimming trunks; a suit or sport jacket; tie; a pair of dark pants; shirts; underclothes; and a blanket.

You may also desire to bring a small fan, as rooms are not air-conditioned. Linen is provided by BGSU.

Valuables may be secured in the Headquarters Office safe.

RECREATION: Supervised recreation is scheduled during a part of your week at Boys State, including swimming and access to a weight room.

Participation in these events or use of any athletic facilities is at the discretion of each Buckeye Boys State Delegate.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

PERSONAL COMPUTERS: You are welcome to bring a Personal Computer to Buckeye Boys State and many useful purposes can be found in your work at Boys State.

HOWEVER: BY DIRECTION OF THE BOYS STATE TRUSTEES, personal computers cannot be used to generate campaign materials of any kind.

CHURCH SERVICES: Buckeye Boys State wishes to afford each young man the opportunity at Boys State to worship as he would in his home community.

Buckeye Boys State offers Catholic and Protestant Services on the first Sunday of the Boys State program.

Boys State also offers Catholic Mass and an Ecumenical Church Service on the closing day of Boys State. All services are conducted by clergy who are part of the Boys State staff.

Special religious requests must be brought to the attention of the Director.

LEAVING CAMPUS: All delegates are restricted to the Bowling Green campus and the facilities used by Buckeye Boys State during the program hours.

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Parents who need to contact a delegate for *emergency* reasons may contact the Buckeye Boys State Headquarters office at the telephone numbers below:

OFFICE: 419-372-2101
FAX: 419-372-6800

The Buckeye Boys State office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. daily.

A telephone message form will be sent to the delegate through the City Counselor. Immediate attempts will be made to contact the delegate in the event of an emergency.

After business hours, messages may be left on the Boys State office answering machine. Calls will be returned as soon as possible.

If an emergency situation exists after business hours, please contact the Bowling Green State University Police Department at 419-372-2346. The University Police Department will contact the proper Boys State Officials.

DIGEST OF OHIO GOVERNMENT

"THE BLUE BOOK"

One of the most important program texts you will use during Buckeye Boys State is the CD/Rom and printable booklet: **"DIGEST OF OHIO GOVERNMENT"**.

You will hear this booklet commonly referred to at Boys State as "The Blue Book." You will work with the *"Digest of Ohio Government"* on a daily basis at Buckeye Boys State.

The *"Digest of Ohio Government"* contains information on the organization and operation of every State Agency within the state of Ohio; information on the responsibilities of the officials who head each agency; information on the Ohio courts; County, City, Township, and Village Governments.

The *"Digest of Ohio Government"* also presents current information on the Ohio General Assembly, and an overview of Ohio government in general.

At Buckeye Boys State, you will work in and from the *"Digest of Ohio Government"* in any facet of the Buckeye Boys State program in which you choose to involve yourself.

A CD/Rom of the *"Digest of Ohio Government"* is provided as part of the material in your Delegate Packet and can be printed to your printer or downloaded..

IMPORTANT! *You MUST BRING a copy of the "DIGEST OF OHIO GOVERNMENT" received in your packet or downloaded from the website with you to Buckeye Boys State!!! There will only be a limited number of "hard" copies available at Boys State.*

Much of the information outlined in this Citizens Handbook has been referenced and researched from the *"Digest of Ohio Government"*.

REMEMBER: *You MUST BRING "The Blue Book"/"Ohio Government Digest" with you to Buckeye Boys State.*

You will be reminded of this at the Boys State Orientation program.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ORGANIZATION

POLITICAL PARTIES: Buckeye Boys State is divided into two (2) political parties, Federalist and Nationalist. A coin flip, held on the opening day, will decide your political party.

CITIES: Buckeye Boys State consists of 32 "cities" of approximately 45 young men. Each city is named after a former State Commander of the Ohio American Legion or President of the Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees.

Each city is as balanced as possible, politically, between the two Boys State political parties.

In each city, both political parties elect a City Chairman and Party Secretary for a total of 32 Federalist and 32 Nationalist City Chairmen and a like number of Party Secretaries.

Each political party in a city elects 5 Delegates to its State Convention for a total of 160 Convention Delegates from each party. Each city also elects 2 Alternates to each Convention.

Each Party nominates, through City Party Caucus, a full slate of candidates for City Offices to be elected during the Primary Election.

COUNTIES: Four (4) Buckeye Boys State cities form a Buckeye Boys State "County." There are eight (8) counties in Buckeye Boys State. Each County is named in honor of former National Commanders of the American Legion from Ohio, Past Directors of Buckeye Boys State, and Founders of Buckeye Boys State.

In each County, both political parties elect a County Chairman and Party Secretary for a total of 8 Federalist and 8 Nationalist County Chairmen and a like number of Secretaries.

Each Party nominates, through County Party Caucus, a full slate of candidates for County offices to be elected during the General Election.

Both the City and County organizations also nominate candidates to be elected in non-partisan elections for specific offices, usually School Boards.

STATE: All of the voters of Buckeye Boys State elects a full slate of candidates for the state offices of Boys State, including a House and Senate. Nominees are selected through petitions and the Primary Election process.

WHAT OFFICE CAN I RUN FOR?

At Buckeye Boys State you can run for any one of the many elected public offices found in the state of Ohio, except Township and Village offices.

The Buckeye Boys State election process consists of a Primary Election and a General Election. Voting in the Primary Election is by paper ballot. Voting in the General Election is done thru the computer labs in each Residence Hall.

To become a candidate for City offices elected during the Primary, you have to be nominated through the City Caucus of your political party, file a Declaration of Candidacy form, and pay a filing fee. *

To become a candidate for County offices, elected in the General Election, you have to be nominated through the County Caucus of your political party, file a Declaration of Candidacy form, and pay a filing fee. *

To become a candidate for any State offices, elected in the General Election, you have to obtain a designated number of signatures through Petitions, file a Declaration of Candidacy form, and pay a filing fee.*

*** (FILING FEES ARE PAID IN BOYS STATE MONIES, NOT REAL MONEY)**

The offices at Buckeye Boys State that you can run for are:

CITY: Mayor, Treasurer, Auditor, Director of Law, Councilman (5), School Board (3).

COUNTY: Commissioner (3), Treasurer, Sheriff, Engineer, Recorder, Auditor, Prosecutor, Clerk of Courts, Municipal Judge, Common Pleas Judge, State Board of Education.

STATE: Representative (3 per city), Senator (1 per city), Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer, Environmental Judge.

COURTS: Chief Justice of Supreme Court (1), Associate Supreme Court Justice (6), Judge of the Court of Appeals (3), Environmental Judge (1).

() INDICATES NUMBER OF POSITIONS FOR THAT OFFICE.

These are the ELECTIVE offices of Buckeye Boys State. There will also be a great number of appointive offices filled. A partial list of appointive offices will be found on the next page.

WHAT OFFICE CAN I RUN FOR?

Numerous opportunities exist for you at Buckeye Boys State. There is NO welfare or unemployment within Buckeye Boys State. YOU, as a Buckeye Boys State Citizen MUST obtain some form of employment.

APPOINTIVE OFFICES:

CITY: Clerk of Council, Clerk to Mayor, Engineer, Fire/Police Chief, Safety/Service Director, Director of Parks and Recreation.

COUNTY: Court Bailiffs, Department clerks, Department staff.

STATE: Directors of State agencies, State Commission members, Administrative staff, Judicial staff, Legislative staffs, Clerks, Assistants, and numerous other appointive positions.

PLEASE REFER ALSO TO *"HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AT BOYS STATE."*

THE ELECTION PROCESS

Ohio election laws govern the structure and conduct of most, but not all, of the election process at Buckeye Boys State.

Your attention is directed to "**WHAT OFFICE CAN I RUN FOR?**" and "**HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE**" for additional information on the Election Process of Boys State.

CITY OFFICES: Nominations for all City elected offices will take place at the City Party Caucus (Federalist and Nationalist) to be held on Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

The City Election will take place at 8:15 a.m., on Monday.

Boys State Citizens will have an opportunity to meet the candidates from their City at 10:30 p.m., on Sunday.

COUNTY OFFICES: Nominations for all County elected offices will take place at the County Party Caucus (Federalist and Nationalist) to be held on Sunday at 1:00 p.m. County office positions will be elected at 3:00 p.m. on Monday.

STATE OFFICES: Candidates for State Office must obtain a number of signatures on election petitions to have their name placed on the ballot.

Petitions can only be obtained from the Acting Secretary of State's temporary office located in the Harshman "B" residence hall beginning on the opening day of the program at 4:15 p.m.

All completed petitions must be returned to the Acting Secretary of State's office by 5:30 p.m., on Sunday.

The election for State offices will be at 3:00 p.m., Monday.

If you decide to run for an office, learn the duties and responsibilities of that office. Boys State Section Heads have file information available for your review on the operation of any particular office at Boys State.

HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AT BOYS STATE

I. **City Offices:** Mayor, City Treasurer, City Auditor, Director of Law, City Councilman, Member of City School Board (Board of Education).

- A. You must be nominated at your first *City Party Caucus*.
- B. If you are nominated for the office of Mayor, City Treasurer, City Auditor, Director of Law, or City Councilman, you must: (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee of \$50.00 (Boys State Money) to your *City Board of Elections*.

Your name will then appear as your party's candidate for the respective office on your *City General Election Ballot*.

- C. Nomination and election of the City School Board (part time) will be held during the City General Election. If you are nominated for City School Board, you must: (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee of \$1.00 (Boys State Money) to your *City Board of Elections*.

Your name will then appear on non-partisan ballot for your *City General Election Ballot*.

II. **Members of the Boys State General Assembly:** Buckeye Boys State Senate and House of Representatives.

- A. You must be nominated at your first *City Party Caucus*.
- B. If you are nominated for the office of State Senate or Member of the House of Representatives, you must: (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee of \$75.00 (Boys State Money) to your *Board of Elections*.

III. **County Office:** County Commissioners, County Treasurer, County Sheriff, County Engineer, County Recorder, County Auditor, County Prosecuting Attorney, Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, Judge of Municipal Court, Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and a member of the State Board of Education.

- A. You must be nominated at your first *County Party Caucus*.
- B. If you are nominated, you must: (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee of \$150.00 (Boys State Money) to your *County Board of Elections*.
- C. Candidates for County Commissioner, County Treasurer, County Sheriff, County Engineer, County Recorder, County Auditor, County Prosecuting Attorney and Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas will have their names appear as their party's candidate for the respective office on the *General Election Ballot*.
- D. Candidates for Judge of Municipal Court and Judge of the Court of Common Pleas will have their names appear on the *Non-Partisan Judicial Ballot* at the General Election.
- E. Candidates for the State Board of Education must: (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee of \$1.00 (Boys State Money) to your *County Board of Elections* to have their names appear on the *Non-Partisan State Board of Education Ballot* at the General Elections.

HOW TO BECOME A CANDIDATE FOR PUBLIC OFFICE AT BOYS STATE

- IV. State Offices:** Governor/Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Auditor of State, Treasurer of State, Attorney General.
- A. You must secure a nominating petition.
 - B. A total of fifty-four (54) signatures of the same party are required. All signers must be of the same political party as the candidate. Signatures are required from at least six (6) counties and a maximum of eleven (11) signatures may be secured from any one county.
 - C. If you secure enough signatures on your nominating petition, you must file the petition with the Acting Secretary of State and (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee as follows:
 - 1) Governor and Lieutenant Governor together: \$700.00 (Boys State Money)
 - 2) All other candidates for State Office: \$300.00 (Boys State Money)
 - D. If you successfully completed A, B, **and** C above, your name will appear as a candidate for the respective office on your party's *Primary Election Ballot*.
 - E. If you win the Primary Election, your name will then appear as your party's candidate for the respective office on the *States General Election Ballot*.
- V. State Judicial Offices:** Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of the Court of Appeals, Environmental Judge.
- A. Secure a nominating petition.
 - B. A total of fifty-four (54) signatures of the same party is required. All signers must be of the same political party as the candidate. Signatures are required from at least six (6) counties and a maximum of eleven (11) signatures may be secured from any one county.
 - C. If you secure enough signatures on your nominating petition you must file the petition with the Acting Secretary of State and (1) file a *Declaration of Candidacy*, and (2) pay a filing fee as follows:
 - 1) Chief Justice of the Supreme Court: \$400.00 (Boys State Money)
 - 2) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court: \$300.00 (Boys State Money)
 - 3) Judge of the Court of Appeals: \$200.00 (Boys State Money)
 - 4) Environmental Judge: \$200.00 (Boys State Money)
 - D. If you successfully complete A, B **and** C above, your name will appear as a candidate for the respective office on your party's *Primary Election Ballot*.
 - E. If you win the Primary Election, your name will appear as a candidate for the respective office on the *State's Non-Partisan Ballot*.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Each delegate will be given \$600 in Boys State Funds in his personal checking account. Obviously, you will need to seek contributions to have sufficient funds to pay most of the filing fees and conduct your campaign. Following the elections, candidates must file a campaign contribution and expenditure form whether they win or lose.

DO'S AND DON'TS OF CAMPAIGNING

In order to assure fair and honest campaigns at Buckeye Boys State, the following guidelines will be observed by all candidates:

1. NO campaign materials (signs, prepared campaign literature, etc.) can be brought from home. This is to insure each Boys State Citizen starts out on an equal footing and develops a campaign of his own effort and initiative.

It has been the general experience that any delegate who has tried to bring prepared materials with him usually, by decision of his fellow Boys State citizens, achieves no success.

2. Campaign materials may be purchased through the Boys State Campaign Headquarters located in the lobbies of the Harshman "D" and Kreischer "A" residence halls.

Campaign Headquarters will sell poster board, dry markers, and provide xerox services. The cost of campaign materials are paid from Boys State money or campaign contributions (Boys State money) collected from other citizens.

3. Personal computers and word processors are welcome at Boys State and can prove invaluable to your work within the program. HOWEVER, computers CANNOT be used to generate campaign materials. Again, this is to give everyone an equal footing at the start of campaigning.
4. Campaigning is not permitted in the Residence Dining Halls.
5. NO signs should be affixed to any window, painted or glass surfaces, fire equipment, exit signs, elevators, stairwells, or Counselor bulletin boards. Buckeye Boys State is a guest on the campus of Bowling Green State University and wishes to take care of the facilities afforded this program.
6. Buckeye Boys State asks for the use of common sense in any candidates campaign. All campaign signs should be in good taste, free from obscene language and suggestive or lewd designs.
7. Buckeye Boys State asks each candidate to be a responsible candidate. After the Elections are over, each candidate is required to remove his campaign signs and dispose of them in a proper manner.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE POLITICAL CONVENTIONS

As part of the Buckeye Boys State political experience, you may participate in a political party convention to determine the goals and philosophies of your Boys State political party.

The party conventions at Buckeye Boys State are based on Ohio political party conventions and will operate in the same manner and procedures as will be found at the real party conventions.

The Boys State Convention will adopt a Party Platform representing the goals and ideals of your political party, adopt Convention Rules, and appoint Convention Officials.

As a Boys Stater you may have several opportunities to become active in the Party Convention Procedure.

Each Boys State political party will select five (5) Delegates from each Boys State city to attend the Party Convention. Two (2) Alternates from each City will also be selected.

One of the five Convention Delegates from each City will represent that City on the Convention Rules Committee and one of the five Convention Delegates from each City will represent that City on the Convention Platform Committee.

If you do not serve in any of the capacities listed, you can still be an active worker in the political process by working for your political party and its slate to promote your party among the Boys Staters prior to the time they go to the polls for the Primary or General Election.

The value of the Party Conventions at Buckeye Boys State, just as with the rest of the program, is that all the preparation, organization, and participation is done by the Boys Staters themselves.

The Buckeye Boys State staff will work with you to instruct and guide you, but the actual work will be done by each Boys Stater.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GUBERNATORIAL DEBATE

As part of the learning process into Ohio politics and government, Buckeye Boys State attempts to mirror the real Ohio political process.

In an Ohio political campaign, the major candidates seeking the office of Governor debate each other on the issues and philosophies of their respective campaigns in a moderated debate, so the voters may see and hear for themselves where each candidate stands on issues affecting the Governor's race. This helps prepare the voter to make an intelligent decision when they enter the voting booth.

At Buckeye Boys State, as part of the campaign process, a debate will be conducted between the two Boys State citizens nominated by their respective Boys State political party to run for the office of Governor of Buckeye Boys State.

The debate between the two Boys State Governor candidates will be held on Monday afternoon.

The debate will be moderated by members of the Buckeye Boys State staff.

The debate will be conducted in Anderson Arena before the assembled voters of Buckeye Boys State.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

Positions exist within the Buckeye Boys State program for two (2) young men interested in learning how the Senators and Representatives in the Ohio General Assembly are supported in the organization, administration, and preparation of the Legislative and Administrative processes of the General Assembly, to serve on the staff of the Buckeye Boys State Legislative Service Commission.

Members of the Legislative Service Commission have an opportunity to hone and expand their computer skills and administrative skills by working with the Senators and Representatives in the Buckeye Boys State General Assembly, several administrative software programs, and professional advisors.

Legislative Service Commission members can learn more about the workings of the overall Buckeye Boys State Senate and House than the individual Senators and Representatives because positions on the Legislative Service Commission support the overall Legislative process.

Applications for the Legislative Service Commission are available on the Buckeye Boys State website: www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com. Click on "attendee information" and follow the instructions for completing and submitting an application. All applications for the Legislative Service Commission must be received by June 1st. No applications will be accepted at Boys State.

FREQUENTLY ASKED BOYS STATE POLITICAL QUESTIONS

1. **CAN I BE A PARTY CHAIRMAN AND RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE?** YES. However, you cannot run for more than one elective office in the Primary or General Election, except School Board.
2. **IF I AM ELECTED TO AN OFFICE, CAN I RESIGN TO TAKE AN APPOINTIVE POSITION WHICH MIGHT BE MORE APPEALING?** NO. Time is too short at Boys State to find replacements for office. If you choose to run for an office and are elected, it is your responsibility to serve the office.
3. **IF I AM ELECTED TO A CITY SCHOOL BOARD, CAN I HOLD ANOTHER POSITION WITH A CITY?** YES. Generally a position on a City School Board is a part-time position.
4. **CAN I RUN FOR A CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME?** NO. You cannot run for more than one elective office in the Primary or General Election.
5. **DOES PLAYING IN THE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BAND KEEP ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE BOYS STATE POLITICAL PROCESS?** NO. Playing in the band is an added benefit to Boys State. As a Band Member, you can take part in all aspects of the political process.
6. **HOW DO I FINANCE MY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN?** Political campaigns are financed with your personal funds (Boys State money) and by obtaining campaign contributions (Boys State money) from the citizens of your Boys State City and/or County.
7. **IF I AM ELECTED TO A POSITION SUCH AS DIRECTOR OF LAW, PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, OR JUDGE IS THERE OTHER CRITERIA I MUST FOLLOW?** YES. You MUST pass the Boys State Bar Examination. If you are an elected legal official and fail the Bar Examination, you cannot practice law within Boys State and must resign the position.
8. **AS A VOTER, HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN?** By Boys State law, you are limited to contributing \$10.00 (Boys State money) for any City, County, School Board or Legislative candidate, and \$20.00 (Boys State money) for any State or State Judicial candidate.
9. **DO CANDIDATES HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR CAMPAIGN MONIES?** YES. Any winning or losing candidate must file a Campaign Contribution and Expense form with the Boys State Acting Secretary of State.

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BAND

ATTENTION MUSICIANS!!! Buckeye Boys State presents for your participation the AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BAND, the largest Boys State band in the nation, and a highlight of the Buckeye Boys State program.

The Buckeye Boys State Band plays at each evening assembly program throughout the week, and helps set the tone of the overall Boys State program. Participating in the Buckeye Boys State Band will not interfere with any other Boys State activities.

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN INSTRUMENT!! NO band instruments will be provided. Any type of brass, woodwind, or percussion instrument is welcome and can be incorporated into the Boys State band. Secured storage for most instruments is provided. Music will be provided.

SPECIAL ATTENTION: Anyone with bagpipe experience is encouraged to bring your bagpipes for special ceremonies on the closing day of Buckeye Boys State.

SPECIAL NEED: A special need exists for a young man with an electric piano to bring this instrument for ceremonies during the week.

Information on signing up for the Buckeye Boys State band will be announced at an Election/Information session for all Boys State delegates on the opening day of the Boys State program.

Vehicles will be in the Registration area on the opening day of the Boys State program to collect all instruments and transport them to a secured area.

Please direct specific questions regarding the Boys State Band to the Director of Buckeye Boys State. Your question(s) will be forwarded to the Director of the Buckeye Boys State Band for reply.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE NEWSPAPER - THE "HETUCK"

Buckeye Boys State publishes a daily newspaper, The American Legion Buckeye Boys State "**Hetuck**" (Eye of the Buck) for all Boys State citizens and staff.

Over 25 positions are available for Boys State citizens on the "Hetuck" staff. These positions range from Editor-in-Chief, Computer Operator, Layout Editors, Reporters, Artists, Photographers, and others.

Like all other segments of the Boys State program, the "Hetuck" is a "hands on" learning environment under the guidance of trained staff members.

Any Boys State citizen with school newspaper, yearbook, sports reporting, or other journalism experience is encouraged to make application to join the staff of the newspaper.

Any Boys State citizen interested in serving as a photographer is encouraged to bring his own camera, especially digital cameras.

Applications for the "Hetuck" newspaper are available on the Buckeye Boys State website: www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com. Click on "attendee information" and follow the instructions for completing and submitting an application. All applications for the "Hetuck" must be received by June 1st. No applications will be accepted at Boys State.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BANK BUCKEYE BOYS STATE REALTY COMPANY

Two of the most important educational and functional segments of the Buckeye Boys State program are the BUCKEYE BOYS STATE BANK and BUCKEYE BOYS STATE REALTY COMPANY.

The Boys State Bank gives each Boys State citizen an opportunity to learn personal financial management and financial responsibilities.

Over forty positions are available within the Boys State Banking System for bank officers, tellers, computer operators, and others interested in learning about banking institutions.

Upon his arrival at Boys State, each Boys State citizen is given a checking account with \$ 600 (Boys State money).

From the account, Boys State citizens pay a variety of taxes, license fees, registration fees, and other costs related to maintaining a household and employment within a City, County, and State. In addition, Boys State Citizens buy their residence (bed).

Each Boys State citizen will make deposits and withdrawals in his account by earning monies through a position of employment within Boys state.

(PLEASE NOTE: ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS WITHIN THE BOYS STATE PROGRAM ARE CONDUCTED WITH BOYS STATE MONEY ONLY.)

There is no unemployment or welfare within Boys State. Each young man MUST find some form of employment, either through Elective Office, Appointive Office, or the Boys State Bureau of Employment Services.

Wages paid in any Boys State position are dictated either by Ohio law or the budgetary action of Boys State employers, all of whom are Boys State citizens.

The Boys State Bank Company operates two (2) branch outlets within the Boys State residence halls.

The Boys State Realty Company functions among all levels of Boys State, as an official issuer of property deeds, a holding company for Boys State Utilities, and a regulator of properties not held by the levels of Boys State government.

As with the Boys State Bank, a variety of positions are available with the Realty Company to learn about Real Estate functions and property management.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE LAW/COURT SECTION

Buckeye Boys State operates a fully functioning LAW/COURT system.

The Boys State Law/Court system is chaired by members of the Boys State staff who, by profession, are attorneys, judges, and administrative staff personnel within Ohio Courts.

To practice law within the Buckeye Boys State program, citizens must pass a Boys State Bar Examination. This examination is an open book test, using, in part, the "*Digest of Ohio Government*" as a research book.

A variety of Elective/Appointive positions are available through the Boys State Law/Court system. These positions range from a City Law Director to the Chief Justice of the Boys State Supreme Court.

Buckeye Boys State conducts a Municipal Court, Environmental Court, State Court of Claims, State Court of Appeals, and Supreme Court.

The Boys State court system hears and tries a variety of Boys State offenses.

As with all other aspects of Buckeye Boys State, young men participating in the Law/Court system learn by doing and gain practical knowledge in Ohio law.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL

Buckeye Boys State operates a functioning BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, chaired by Officers and Troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

The Boys State Highway Patrol, through learning by doing, performs a number of law enforcement responsibilities within the Boys State program.

The young men who are selected to form the Boys State Highway Patrol receive comprehensive training in Ohio Law, Law Enforcement, and the role of a police officer.

Twenty (20) Boys State citizens are selected to attend, following the conclusion of Buckeye Boys State, a program jointly sponsored by the American Legion and Ohio State Highway Patrol: JUNIOR CADET WEEK at the Highway Patrol Training Academy in Columbus.

Please refer to the pamphlet enclosed in the Delegate packet on the Junior Cadet Week program for full details.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE UTILITY COMPANIES

Buckeye Boys State, like the state of Ohio, operates a number of vital agencies within the government infrastructure, which provide services to the citizens of Boys State, and has responsibilities to the Boys State City and County Governments.

The UTILITY COMPANIES of Buckeye Boys State are such agencies. The UTILITY COMPANIES, like all phases of Boys State, are learning and "hands on" operations for Boys State citizens.

Buckeye Boys State operates an Electric Company, Water Company, and Gas Company. Each company operates a division in each of the main residence halls used by Boys State.

Job opportunities are available with the Buckeye Boys State Utility Companies for thirty Boys State citizens. As the Utility Companies do not begin operation until the elections are over and the government is functioning, the employees of the Utility Companies may be defeated political candidates.

The Utility Companies at Boys State issue stock shares. Only the officers and employees of the Utility companies can purchase stock shares in their own utility company.

Each Utility Company bills individual Boys State citizens, each Boys State City and each Boys State County for utility services provided.

(ALL PAYMENTS ARE MADE WITH BOYS STATE MONEY ONLY)

As part of the learning process at Boys State, the rates charged by the Utility Companies are governed by the Boys State Public Utilities Commission (PUCO) and other Boys State government agencies.

The Boys State citizens who form the Utility Companies work very closely with all levels of government within Buckeye Boys State.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE SCHOOL BOARDS

Young men attending the Buckeye Boys State program are afforded an opportunity to learn about the role of community and State in supporting and providing quality education for its students through active participation in the BUCKEYE BOYS STATE SCHOOL BOARDS section.

Thirty two (32) functioning School Boards, one for each Boys State City, operate within the Boys State program.

In addition, a fully functioning State Board of Education working through the Boys State Department of Education under the direction of a State Superintendent of Public Instruction operates within the Boys State program.

The young men working in the School Boards Section fill and operate all the offices associated with these agencies of education.

Boys State School Board members hire school Administrators, set salaries for education personnel, establish educational policies, deal with budgets, and solve problems similar to the ones facing Ohio educators every day.

Representatives from the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio School Board Association will visit the School Boards section during the week to provide insight and information on the operation of school boards in Ohio.

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Upon the completion of the week at Buckeye Boys State, Boys State citizens have the opportunity to become members of the AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION.

The membership fee to join the Alumni Association is a one-time, \$10.00 donation. Members receive a wallet membership card, an Alumni Association lapel pin, and the annual Alumni Association Newsletter each year.

(NOTE: The Alumni Association mailing list is the property of the Ohio American Legion. The mailing list is not sold or given to any other organization or outlet.)

City Counselors at Buckeye Boys State will provide information on how to join the Buckeye Boys State Alumni Association.

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE FOUNDATION

The American Legion operates, within the Boys State structure, a non-profit organization called: THE AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE FOUNDATION.

The Buckeye Boys State Foundation is a public educational trust dedicated to augmenting future needs of the parent American Legion Buckeye Boys State program.

Each year at Buckeye Boys State, the Foundation awards a \$ 1,000.00 Government Excellence Award to each of six Boys State citizens. Each award is a United States Savings Bond.

As a citizen of Buckeye Boys State, information will be provided during the week on how to make application for a Foundation Award.

The recipients of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Foundation Awards are announced at the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

The National Headquarters of The American Legion conducts a program called: **AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION**, held in Washington, D.C., which picks up in the instruction process on government where respective Boys State programs leave off.

At American Legion Boys Nation, young men learn about the Federal levels and process of our government, through "hands on" participation, like Buckeye Boys State.

American Legion Boys Nation delegates will meet with top legislators from both Houses of Congress, Administration officials, and have an opportunity to meet the President of the United States.

Boys Nation delegates will tour many historic sites in and around Washington, D.C. and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery.

Boys Nation follows the national political process and culminates its program with the election of the President of American Legion Boys Nation.

The American Legion Boys Nation program is conducted at Marymount College, Arlington, Virginia.

Two (2) Buckeye Boys State citizens will be selected to represent Ohio and Buckeye Boys State in the weeklong American Legion Boys Nation program.

At Buckeye Boys State candidates to be considered for Boys Nation are nominated by their Section Heads and interviewed by a Boys Nation selection panel, comprised of Buckeye Boys State staff members.

The American Legion National Headquarters pays for the transportation costs of all delegates to American Legion Boys Nation, housing, and meal costs.

In addition to the two (2) principal Boys Nation Delegates two (2) Alternates, who will attend in the event a principal delegate from Buckeye Boys State is unable to attend Boys Nation, will also be selected.

MEDICATION POLICY

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program has established the following Medication Policy that will be in force for the duration of the Buckeye Boys State program:

PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION(S): Delegates taking prescribed medications as authorized by a physician or other medical practitioner and with knowledge and approval of a parent/guardian will be personally responsible for the control, use as prescribed, and security of such medication (s). Refrigeration will be available in the office of the Buckeye Boys State Medical Staff for medication that requires refrigeration.

Delegates will be personally responsible to ensure that their personal schedule for taking their medication is adhered to.

IMPORANT!!! The welfare and concern of each young man attending Buckeye Boy State is the primary responsibility of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State staff.

To help the Boys State staff be watchful of young men taking prescribed medication(s), a delegate is asked to provide the following information to the Boys State Counselor upon check-in to the Buckeye Boys State City:

1. Type (name) of medication being taken.
2. Schedule of taking medication and dosage.
3. Whether medication requires refrigeration.
4. Side effects of medication.
5. Steps to be taken by the Counselor/Medical staff in the event an adverse reaction to the medication is experienced.

The Boys State City Counselors will not, nor will any other Boys State staff member with the exception of professional, qualified medical personnel on site dispense any medication.

Boys State City Counselors will monitor the medical needs of the delegates in their charge and will serve to remind a delegate to take medication, but will not act in any other medical capacity.

MEDICATION POLICY

DIABETICS: Please advise the City Counselor of your needs:

1. Schedule of injections, if taken.*
2. Insulin refrigeration needs, if necessary.
3. Blood sugar testing needs, if required.
4. Steps the Counselor/Medical Staff can have available to assist you, such as candy.

*If injections are required to be administered by qualified medical personnel, arrangements will be made by the City Counselor to direct the delegates to medical personnel on site who will provide the services needed.

NON-PRESCRIPTION (OVER THE COUNTER) MEDICATION(S):

American Legion Buckeye Boys State does not prohibit the bringing or use of non-prescription (over the counter) medication(s) by a delegate to the Buckeye Boys State program.

If such medications are brought to Boys State, the delegate and the parent/guardian assume all responsibility and liability for the use and consumption of such medication for the expressed medical/physical problem for which the medication(s) are intended to be used.

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program reserves the right for a delegate to be dismissed from Buckeye Boys State for the abuse or unauthorized use of any prescription or non-prescription (over the counter) medications(s) while in attendance at Buckeye Boys State.

EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM (GREEN FORM)

Please list any medications being taken by a delegate on the green Emergency Information Form enclosed in this packet.

Having this information on file will assist the Buckeye Boys State medical staff in the care of the delegate.

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees extends an invitation to you to see your son in performance of his Boys State office on Saturday, June 20, 2009, as part of our "*Guests Visitation Day*".

You are welcome to arrive anytime between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on "Guests Visitation Day" as all of the Boys State Government offices will be operating during these hours.

Check in at our Boys State Visitors Tent on the Alumni Mall where you will receive the location of your son's office and be escorted to the office by members of the Buckeye Boys State Highway Patrol or Buckeye Boys State County Sheriffs.

All parents and visitors who wish overnight housing may secure it by contacting one of the motels provided by the Bowling Green Convention and Visitor's Bureau in your son's delegate packet or on the Boys State website.

You are invited to attend our Saturday Evening Awards Assembly Program to be held in Memorial Hall (Anderson Arena) starting at 7:45 P.M. You are also invited to be present for the Ecumenical Church Services on Sunday morning, June 21, starting at 9:30 A.M to be immediately followed by the Graduation Ceremony, which should be concluded by 11:30 A.M. Your son will leave at the conclusion of this ceremony.

If your son will return home with you, and he arrived by chartered bus or by transportation arranged by the sponsoring American Legion Post, please inform those providing the transportation that your son will be returning home with you. Also have your son stop by the Boys State office in Harshman "C" to complete a bus slip. This will prevent the delay of a bus while a search is made for your son.

Boys State hopes you can be with us on June 20 and 21 to share an experience long to be remembered.

Very truly yours

GERALD A. WHITE
Director
Buckeye Boys State

IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In the Delegate packet received by the young man selected to attend the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program will be found a green "*Emergency Information*" form that must be completed and brought with him to Boys State.

The "*Emergency Information*" form must be turned in to the Boys State City Counselor in the Residence Hall after going through Registration on the opening day of the Boys State program.

To provide timely care for the young man assigned to the responsibility of the Boys State program, please note the following procedures when filling out the "*Emergency Information*" form:

1. To expedite treatment by the Wood County Hospital in Bowling Green, your signature, as a Parent or Guardian must be notarized by a Notary Public. This is a policy of Wood County Hospital.

A notary seal or notary stamp must be visible **over** your signature.

2. A copy of an Ohio High School Athletic Association sport physical, Scouting physical, or employment physical, if taken within the past school year may be attached to the green "*Emergency Information*" form in lieu of having a health exam by a physician.

A copy of any physical will not be accepted in place of the "*Emergency Information*" form. The physical must be **attached** to the "*Emergency Information*" form and turned in at Registration.

Sincerely

GERALD A. WHITE
Director
Buckeye Boys State

ALL "*Emergency Information*" forms are destroyed by shredding at the conclusion of Buckeye Boys State.

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE FINAL REMINDER

ONE LAST TIME!!! ARE YOU WITH ME???

1. A sport coat, shirt and tie, or suit is required for the Opening Assembly, Inauguration, and Graduation. If you're planning to be a candidate for office, your appearance (coat, shirt, and tie) will help to present your best image. Slacks or shorts and tee shirts are normal dress at Buckeye Boys State. Also bring rain gear, and comfortable shoes.
2. Don't forget to bring your musical instrument if you expect to play in the Boys State Band. Swimsuits and sports equipment may be brought for use in the assigned recreation periods.
3. A blanket, towels, washcloths, soap, and toilet articles will be needed. So don't forget them. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times during Boys State.
4. If you have a portable word processor or laptop, feel free to bring them. This equipment may come in handy AFTER you are elected or appointed to an office, but please understand this equipment CANNOT be used to generate campaign materials.
5. **LASERS POINTERS ARE PROHIBITED.**
6. Church Services will be conducted by Catholic and Protestant Chaplains of the Boys State staff. Participation in the Boys State worship services is voluntary on the part of the Boys State citizen.
7. Check with your local American Legion Post for the location, date, and time of the Boys State Orientation program in your area. You are required to attend if you are a delegate.
8. In the event of an emergency, you can be reached through the American Legion Boys State Headquarters Office at Bowling Green, 1-419-372-2101.
9. Boys State will not be responsible for any personal items that may be lost, damaged, or stolen.
10. Should you not be able to attend Boys State, please deliver all materials to your alternate, and notify your sponsoring American Legion Post, and High School officials.

HOW TO GET TO BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

Buckeye Boys State and the campus of Bowling Green State University may be conveniently reached via several routes around the Bowling Green area.

As you near the entrance to Buckeye Boys State on the Bowling Green campus, Buckeye Boys State traffic personnel, Ohio State Highway Patrol Officers, Bowling Green City Police, and Bowling Green State University Police will be in place to direct vehicles in and out of the registration area in an expedient manner.

Buses bringing delegates will be boarded by Boys State traffic personnel upon entering the BGSU campus and directed into the Boys State Registration area.

1. **From I-75:** Exit at the Bowling Green/Highway 64/105 exit, (Exit #181). Turn West onto Wooster Avenue into town. Follow the directions of Boys State traffic personnel.
2. **From State Route 25:** Enter the city of Bowling Green from the North or South on State Route 25. State Route 25 becomes Main Street within the city.

Follow State Route 25 (Main Street) to the intersection of Wooster Avenue. Turn East onto Wooster Avenue. Follow Wooster Avenue through town. Follow the directions of Boys State traffic personnel.

3. **From U.S. 6:** Traffic on U.S. 6 may exit at either the State Route 25 or I-75 exits from U.S. 6. Follow directions shown in #1 and #2 above.
4. **From the Ohio Turnpike (US 80/90):** Exit at I-75 tollgates and follow I-75 South. From I-75 South, follow directions shown in #1 above.

NOTE: A traffic plan and traffic personnel will be in place on the closing day of Boys State to help with a timely departure of Boys State delegates and vehicles.

NOTE: I-75 in Ohio is designated by the Ohio General Assembly as "American Legion Highway."

BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

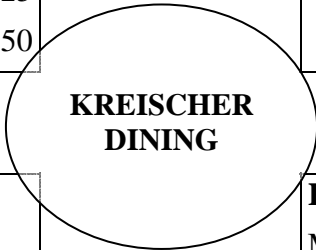
"DO'S AND DON'TS"

- DO.....Bring lots of ideas for campaign signs, gimmicks, slogans, etc. with you.
- DO NOT..... Bring any prepared campaign material with you. **YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO USE IT.** Cardboard, paper, markers, and copier services will be available at Boys State Campaign Headquarters for your use.
- DO.....Bring comfortable clothes. T-shirts and shorts can be worn on most occasions. Coats, shirts, and ties will be required for at least three evening assembly programs. Candidates for office should dress accordingly.
- DO NOT..... Bring clothes that are not respectable.
- DO.....Plan on making a full 9-day commitment to the Buckeye Boys State program.
- DO NOT..... Plan to leave Boys State early to attend another program, basketball tournaments, family vacations, or for any other reasons. (Attendance at Boys State for the entire nine days is **MANDATORY.**)
- DO.....Place your money in the Boys State safe in the Headquarters Office for safekeeping. You may draw on it during regular business hours.
- DO NOT..... Bring anything with you which is extremely valuable. All personal items are your responsibility. Buckeye Boys State assumes no responsibility for any lost items.
- DO.....Learn the number of the American Legion Post which is sponsoring you to Boys State.
- DO NOT..... Hesitate to keep the Post informed of what you are doing. They are proud to have you represent them.
- DO.....Come to Boys State with an open mind and a willingness to learn. Be prepared to spend long, but rewarding, hours learning with the Boys State program.
- DO NOT..... Think you are coming to a recreation camp.
- DO.....Plan to report to the Registration site on the campus of Bowling Green State University between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. on the opening day of the program.
- DO NOT..... Plan on arriving after 1:30 p.m. Registration will be closed and Boys State will be in session.
- DO.....Extend yourself to the fullest within Boys State.
- DO NOT..... Think you can't do something without trying first.
- DO.....Be proud of being selected to attend Boys State. It is an honor afforded to only a special group of young men each year.

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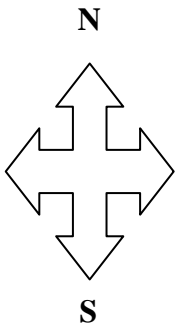
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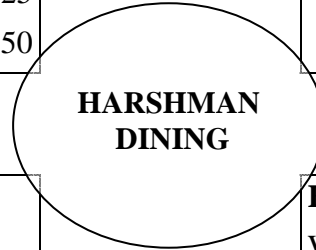
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WOOSTER STREET

**For more information on American Legion Buckeye
Boys State visit the official Buckeye Boys State
Website at:**

<http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com>

For information on the American Legion National
Organization visit the American Legion Website at:

<http://www.legion.org>

For information on the American Legion
Department of Ohio visit the American Legion Website at:

<http://www.ohiolegion.com>

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Headquarters Office.....419-372-2101

(8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.)

June 8-21 only

American Legion Buckeye Boys State

Headquarters Office.....419-372-6800 (fax)

June 8-21 only

Bowling Green State University

Police Department.....419-372-2346

American Legion State Headquarters...740-362-7478