

**WELCOME TO  
AMERICAN LEGION  
BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**

***#1 IN THE NATION***



**MIAMI UNIVERSITY  
Oxford, Ohio**

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sponsored by  
**THE AMERICAN LEGION  
Department of Ohio**

**This Handbook does not need to be downloaded and  
brought to the Buckeye Boys State program**

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

For an interactive overview of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program, please check out our website: [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com)

## DEDICATION

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State program is dedicated to the over 95,000 young men of Ohio who, since 1936 have attended and have been the inspiration for Buckeye Boys State; 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 Ohio and America.

## AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

In keeping with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), American Legion Buckeye Boys State will make reasonable accommodations for young men with disabilities 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.

**Telephone: 740-362-7478**

**E-Mail: [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)**

# PREFACE

This handbook serves to acquaint you, prior to your arrival at American Legion Buckeye Boys State, with the offerings of Buckeye Boys State and what is expected of you at the program.

You are attending Buckeye Boys State on the recommendation of members of the American Legion Post in your community and your school officials. 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 95,000+ counting among its ranks judges; lawyers; educators; military leaders; federal, state and local government officials; sports stars; physicians; and astronauts. Many of these individuals credit their success to the experience gained at Buckeye Boys State.

**PLEASE REVIEW THIS BOOKLET WITH YOUR PARENTS OR GUARDIAN**, as information for your parents or guardian regarding Buckeye Boys State is contained on the following pages.

Questions regarding Buckeye Boys State should be directed to:

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

**Telephone 740-362-7478**  
**E-Mail: [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com)**

# IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ

Dear Boys State Citizen:

ANY TIME prior to the start of Buckeye Boys State you find you will be unable to attend (even the night before Boys State starts), it is important that you take the following steps:

1. **IMMEDIATELY** go online to the American Legion Buckeye Boys State website <http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com> – click on “**ATTEND**” – then click on the “**BEFORE THE PROGRAM**” button, fill in the Unable to Attend Form accessible in the red dialogue box to the best of your ability and click on “**SUBMIT**”.

OR

2. **IMMEDIATELY** call the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Delegate “Hotline” at 740-362-7478 and hit “1” on the menu.

Clearly state your name, the High School you attend, and if known, the Post number of the sponsoring American Legion Post.

3. It is also suggested you contact the Post Boys State Chairman in your sponsoring American Legion Post.

If you do not know the name of the Post Boys State Chairman, please call the Boys State office at 740-362-7478 and our office will help provide the name to you.

If you know who your Alternate to Boys State is, after notifying the Boys State program, notify your Alternate so the Alternate may prepare to attend.

**If you fail to notify anyone you cannot attend Boys State 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.



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Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations and welcome to American Legion Boys State! American Legion Boys State is among the most highly respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. I am confident that you will not be disappointed with your decision to participate in this outstanding citizenship education experience. It will influence life decisions in ways that you may not fully realize until years later.

As one of thousands of young men from throughout the nation selected to participate in American Legion Boys State each year, you will experience government in a practical sense. 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 Boys State to be challenging and sometimes demanding, however, I'm certain you will undoubtedly also find it enjoyable and educational.

If this government "... of the people, by the people, and for the people" is to remain strong, it requires the involvement of its citizens. The onus of preparing for that responsibility now rests squarely upon your shoulders and those of future generations. Since 1935 American Legion Boys State has been prominent in producing young men who, just like you, stepped up to become ready for accepting that responsibility. It is possible that a future mayor, governor, congressman, or even president, may be among those in your class of American Legion Boys State citizens. I make this statement because this program has historically been the springboard for many careers in local, state and federal public service. Regardless of the future career path you follow – politics, education, business, medicine, information technology or so forth - you will develop lasting bonds of friendship with fellow Boys State citizens that will extend well after the formal program has ended.

I wish to again extend my best wishes for an interest-provoking, exciting and very fulfilling 2026 American Legion Boys State experience.

DANIEL J. SEEHAFFER  
National Commander



**Stan Oren**

Department Commander 2025-2026

Dear Buckeye Boys State Delegates:

On behalf of the Officers and staff of The American Legion Department of Ohio, I would like to welcome you to **YOUR** Buckeye Boys State Program for 2026. As the largest Wartime Veterans Service Organization in the nation, we are confident your participation in this educational program will provide you a new perspective on the workings of government, patriotism, the honor and respect of our National symbol the American flag and so much more.

Your ability to be part of the largest Boys State program in the nation will be a product resulting from your interest, participation and energy that you wish to apply as a delegate during the program. I encourage you to take full advantage of what this program has to offer you.

Throughout Ohio are located nearly 563 posts, over 100,000 Legionnaires and sponsors that wish you a great week of learning and experiences. Our staff of volunteers from The American Legion are here to serve you. If you have any questions please ask our dedicated staff of trustees, commissioners and consultants who will do everything they can to address your questions and concerns.

The American Legion was founded in 1919 and has served the youth of this country since it began. Founded upon service to community, state and nation the American Legion's belief that the youth of today are leaders of tomorrow cause us to look forward to you experiencing a week that complements our motto of "A Week to Shape a Lifetime." As you continue your journey through life, we hope that this week will be a time, in your life, that gives you an educational perspective on America.

You are an individual that has been recognized by your peers and Legionnaires as one who can succeed in all you do. Enjoy your week as a privileged delegate of Buckeye Boys State and good luck in your future and all you do.

Stan Oren  
Department Commander  
The American Legion Department of Ohio

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## American Legion Buckeye Boys State

A Week to Shape a Lifetime

Dear Boys State Delegate:

By attending American Legion Buckeye Boys State, you have distinguished yourself as one of the top young men in the state of Ohio. As such, you have earned the privilege to experience what we feel is “A Week to Shape a Lifetime.”

Boys State, on the surface, is going to teach you many things about the operations of the government on city, county, and state levels. You will campaign, hold caucuses, take part in elections, and learn the day-to-day responsibilities of one of the many jobs that are represented here. You and your fellow delegates will work together to come up with solutions to problems, achieve a great number of successes, and, hopefully, learn a lot along the way.

There is more than just an academic side to your learning, however. You will find over the course of your time at Boys State that you will learn just as much about what it means to be a good citizen as you will about government. Your leadership skills will grow, your confidence will be enhanced, and above all, your love and respect for this great nation will rise to new heights.

We are extremely excited to have you here this week and we hope that you feel the same way. The experiences that you have, the friends that you make, and the lessons that you learn will be with you for the rest of your life.

Robert E. Schmitt

President

American Legion Buckeye Boys State 2026



## American Legion Buckeye Boys State

A Week to Shape a Lifetime

Dear Buckeye Boys State Citizen:

The American Legion Department of Ohio and American Legion Buckeye Boys State welcome each of you 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 and is recognized across the nation. The Boys State staff is honored to have you be part of this year's 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 of service to the youth of Ohio.

The program rules and guidelines at Buckeye Boys State have been implemented for the well-being and safety of you and your fellow Boys State citizens 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, we hope you will find your experiences at Buckeye Boys State 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 year's session.

If 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 McBride Hall

Buckeye Boys State Team  
The American Legion  
Department of Ohio

# WHAT IS THE AMERICAN LEGION?

The American Legion is THE largest veteran's organization in the world, with a membership of nearly 2,500,000 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, the youth of this nation and especially 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, Beirut, Operation Desert Storm and the Global War on Terror, 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 a significant contributor to the building of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the Vietnam Women's Memorial; the Korean Veterans' Memorial; the World War II memorial and the renovation of the World War I Memorial in Washington D.C.

The American Legion conducts programs 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 over 100,000 members in nearly 550 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.

The veterans who comprise the membership of the American Legion are someone whom at one point in their life wrote a blank check made payable to: "The United States of America" for an amount of "up to and including their life".

# WHAT IS BUCKEYE BOYS STATE?

Buckeye Boys State is an eight-day “Hands On” experience in the operation of the city, county, and state levels of Ohio government, the Executive, Legislative and Judicial branches, the organization of Ohio 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 the Ohio governmental process in eight days 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; online newspaper operations; social media networks; 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 forming of friendships with other Boys State citizens, many of whom may 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.

In the tradition of Buckeye Boys State, the 1936 group of delegates are called “The Founding 400”.

Since 1936, 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 been conducted annually.

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
1978-2016	Bowling Green State University
2017-	Miami University

Each year nearly 800 of the finest young men in the State of Ohio attend Buckeye Boys State. Since its inception in 1936, over 90,000 young men of Ohio have experienced and benefited from 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 Illinois 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 American Legion Buckeye Boys State staff is comprised of over 100 highly motivated and qualified individuals working with one goal in mind: to make your eight days at Buckeye Boys State one of the most rewarding, educational, and worthwhile times 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 who devote eight days during the summer to Buckeye Boys State, taking time from their careers and families to do so. Many use their personal vacation time to work at Boys State.

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.

**For the safety and security of all participants in the Buckeye Boys State program, background checks are conducted on all members of the Buckeye Boys State staff.**

## **THE AMERICAN LEGION TRADEMARK and COPYRIGHT INFORMATION**

The names American Legion, American Legion Buckeye Boys State, Buckeye Boys State, the Ohio American Legion, etc., are among the trademarks of the American Legion organization and the American Legion emblem is protected by federal criminal law.

Internet networking services You Tube, Facebook, Twitter and other social media are part of the framework of our daily lives. The Ohio American Legion and American Legion Buckeye Boys State cannot control the actions of anyone in their use of these internet services. However, the American Legion does control the trademarks and emblem of the American Legion organization in these internet environments.

Any misrepresentations, misuse, or abuse of the American Legion emblem or trademarks on the internet could result in litigation, fines, or jail.

# BUCKEYE BOYS STATE CHECK-IN

## Sunday, June 14th, 2026

Registration for the 2026 session of Buckeye Boys State will be conducted from 12 noon to 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 14, 2026 in Millett Hall on the campus of Miami University.

Please plan to arrive between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. Registration will close at 1:30 p.m. **Note:** Exceptions 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.

Over 700 Delegates 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 leading to Millett Hall and the Miami campus.

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

Chartered buses 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 Buckeye Boys State registration area in Millett Hall.

Boys State and Miami University staff personnel will assist in directing you to the proper Residence Hall.

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

At the Registration area, you will hand the staff your Emergency Information form. In turn you will be given a white registration card and directed to your Residence Hall where other 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 registration problems will be directed to the Boys State “troubleshooting” table located in the Millett Hall Registration area.

# BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ORIENTATION PROGRAMS

By recommendation of the Buckeye Boys State Trustees and Commissioners, ALL young men selected to attend Boys State, including Alternates, are encouraged to attend an Orientation program on Buckeye Boys State prior to your attendance at Boys State.

The Buckeye Boys State staff conducts forty-two (42) Orientation programs throughout the state of Ohio and virtually during the months of April, May, and early June.

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

The purpose of the Orientations are to present information on Buckeye 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 community 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 or an upcoming virtual Orientation, a link is available on our website.

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](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com) click on "Orientations"

**NOTE:** In the event your circumstances (work, schedule conflicts, etc.) keep you from attending any In-person Boys State Orientation program, DO NOT let this keep you from attending the Buckeye Boys State program. Boys State has several virtual orientations, but please reach out if you are unable to attend either an in-person or virtual orientation.

# BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

**HOUSING:** Your Boys State City and 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 or a three-man suite and be given a magnetic key card to your room by your City Counselor. This magnetic key card is YOUR responsibility and must be returned to your Counselor before you leave on the closing day of the program. There will be a \$20.00 charge for any lost magnetic key card as the University must reprogram.

Sheets, pillowcases and pillows are provided by Miami University. Bring your own blanket, washcloths, and towels. Rooms are air-conditioned. Mini refrigerators are in each room.

**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 and owned or leased by Miami University.

*In order to promote the health of our students, faculty, staff, and visitors, all Miami University campuses are designated as Smoke- and Tobacco-Free Environments. Smoking is defined as the burning of tobacco or any other material in any type of smoking equipment, including, but not restricted to, cigarettes, electronic cigarettes, cigars, or pipes. The use of any tobacco product, including chewing tobacco, is also prohibited.*

*Smoking and tobacco use are prohibited in all Miami University-owned facilities and on the grounds of any University-owned property. This includes all buildings owned or controlled by Miami University, shelters, indoor and outdoor athletic facilities, indoor and outdoor theatres, bridges, walkways, sidewalks, residence halls, parking lots, and street parking and garages controlled by the University (will include inside personal vehicles parked on University property as of January 1, 2014). Smoking and tobacco use are prohibited on sidewalks that adjoin University property. Smoking and tobacco use are also prohibited in any vehicle or equipment owned, leased, or operated by Miami University.*

**DRUGS, ALCOHOL and WEAPONS POLICY:** Drugs (unless prescribed), 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 the “Garden Commons” dining facility on the Miami campus. 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 Coordinator of Buckeye Boys State at Department Headquarters 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 park your car in a designated parking area in the Millett Hall parking lot. Please register your car with Miami University at the following website, <https://miamioh.nupark.com/v2/portal/eventregister/980edf17-ef29-488d-853b-7ba542f18bf7>

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

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

The parking lot is patrolled by Miami University police officers.

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

Incoming mail is picked up by Boys State staff on a daily basis. Incoming mail will be routed to you through your City Counselor. UPS and FedEx deliveries for you are brought to the Boys State Headquarters office for distribution.

The UPS / FedEx delivery address for Boys State will be:

**American Legion Buckeye Boys State**  
**(YOUR NAME) – (YOUR BOYS STATE CITY)**  
**c/o Miami University Conference Center**  
**701 E. Spring St.**  
**Oxford, OH 45056**

Writing materials are available for purchase at the “Mini Mall” located in the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Lobby of the Withrow building.

Your USPS mailing address is: **(NAME)**  
**(BOYS STATE CITY)**  
**Buckeye Boys State**  
**Oxford, OH 45056**

**SOCIAL MEDIA:** Many events occurring at Buckeye Boys State during the week will be posted on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snap Chat and other social media outlets on a daily basis.

**CELLPHONES:** There are occasions during the Boys State program when delegates will be requested not to use cell phones or social networking devices out of respect for Boys State events occurring.

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

Medical staff will be located onsite in designated Boys State residence halls.

# BUCKEYE BOYS STATE GENERAL INFORMATION

If an illness warrants, you will be transported to the McCullough-Hyde Hospital in Oxford.

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 within the program called the "Mini-Mall".

The "Mini-Mall" carries items for purchase such as shaving cream, razors, laundry soap, bath soap, and other personal hygiene products; clipboards and a full line of Buckeye Boys State items, such as T-shirts, hoodies, sweatpants, etc.

**WASHING MACHINES:** Washers and dryers are located in each residence hall. The washing machines at Miami University require the use of a University laundry card to operate. University laundry cards will be available for purchase at the Boys State "Mini Mall" for \$5.00.

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

Rooms are air-conditioned. Sheets, pillows and pillowcases are provided by Miami University.

Valuables may be secured in the Headquarters Office safe.

**RECREATION:** Supervised recreation is scheduled during a part of your week at Boys State.

*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 laptop or tablet 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.

All (Delegates) using computing resources during American Legion Buckeye Boys State must comply with Section 19.2 of Miami University Policy and Information Manual (MUPIM), which is titled Responsible Use of University Computing Resources at Miami University. A copy of this policy, along with all other MUPIM sections, may be accessed at <https://blogs.miamioh.edu/miamipolicies/>. Each (Delegate) hereby agrees that (he or she) has read MUPIM Section 19.2, and understands the requirements and obligations contained therein, and the consequences for failing to comply with such policy.

**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.

Boys State offers a 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 during the week must be brought to the attention of the Director.*

**LEAVING CAMPUS:** All delegates are restricted to the Miami campus and the facilities used by Buckeye Boys State during the program hours, but may leave the campus during designated free time with the approval of the Boys State staff.

**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: 513-529-3860**  
**FAX: 513-529-3864**

The Buckeye Boys State office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:30 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 Miami University Police Department at 513-529-2222. 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 downloadable booklet from the Buckeye Boys State website: "**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, information on the Ohio General Assembly, and an overview of Ohio government in general.

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

The "*Digest of Ohio Government*" may be downloaded from the Buckeye Boys State website and will also be on the Buckeye Boys State server at Miami University.

Go to [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com). Click on "Attend" and then select "*View & Download The Blue Book*" in the corresponding section.

**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 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.

There will be very few "hard" copies available at 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. The color of the delegate badge issued to you on opening day of Boys State will determine the political party you belong to: Federalist (yellow) or Nationalist (blue).

**CITIES:** Buckeye Boys State consists of 15 "cities" with approximately 52 young men in each city. Each city is named after a Past President of the American Legion 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 15 Federalist and 15 Nationalist City Chairmen and a like number of Party Secretaries.

Each political party in a city elects 3 Delegates to its State Convention for a total of 45 Convention Delegates from each party. Each city also elects 1 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:** Three (3) Buckeye Boys State cities form most Buckeye Boys State "Counties". There are five (5) 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 5 Federalist and 5 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 elect 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 and General Election is done through 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 (2 per city), Senator (1 per city), Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Auditor, Treasurer.

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

*( ) 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: 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.

COURTS: Court of Claims Justices, Court Bailiffs.

If you are not elected or appointed to a position in Buckeye Boys State, you must seek employment through the Boys State "Job Fair".

**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 Monday at 9:15 a.m.

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

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 Boys State Acting Secretary of State's office 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 Monday.

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

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 BB\$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 BB\$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 BB\$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 five (5) 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: BB\$700.00 (Boys State Money)
    - 2) All other candidates for State Office: BB\$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.
- 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 five (5) 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: BB\$400.00 (Boys State Money)
    - 2) Associate Justice of the Supreme Court: BB\$300.00 (Boys State Money)
    - 3) Judge of the Court of Appeals: BB\$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 BB\$600 in Boys State Funds (BB\$) 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 such as markers and poster board may be purchased through the Boys State Campaign Headquarters.

The cost of campaign materials are paid from Boys State money or campaign contributions (Boys State money) collected from other citizens. (A deposit of \$1 (real U.S. money) is required to check out the magic markers, it will be returned upon return of the marker)

3. You are permitted to bring photographs or photo reproductions of yourself to be attached to campaign posters.

4. Personal computers 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.

5. Campaigning is not permitted in the Boys State dining facilities.

6. 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 Miami University and wishes to take care of the facilities afforded this program.

7. Buckeye Boys State asks for the use of common sense in any candidate's campaign. All campaign signs should be in good taste, free from obscene or offensive language and suggestive or lewd designs.

8. 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 RECYCLES

# **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 and those candidates to represent your party in the Boys State General election.

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

The Boys State Convention will appoint a Party Platform Committee to develop the goals and ideals of your political party.

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

Each Boys State political party will select three (3) Delegates from each Boys State city to attend the Party Convention. One (1) Alternates from each City will also be selected.

Two (2) 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 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**

Buckeye Boys State mirrors the real Ohio political process as part of the learning environment into Ohio politics and government.

In an Ohio Gubernatorial 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 Tuesday afternoon in Millett Hall before the assembled voters of Buckeye Boys State and will be moderated by the Buckeye Boys State staff.

In addition, the two (2) candidates from both parties for Lt. Governor, Attorney General, State Treasurer and State Auditor will each field moderated questions.

## **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION**

Positions exist within Buckeye Boys State for two (2) young men to serve on the staff of the Buckeye Boys State Legislative Service Commission to learn 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.

The young men in the Legislative Service Commission will 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.

Those young men in the Legislative Service Commission members learn more about the workings of the Buckeye Boys State Senate and House than the individual Senators and Representatives because 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](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com). Click on "Attend" then "Before the Program" and follow the instructions for completing and submitting an application. All applications for the Legislative Service Commission must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>. No applications will be accepted at Boys State.**

# AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

**NEIL ARMSTRONG:** NASA ASTRONAUT. FIRST MAN TO WALK ON THE MOON. APOLLO 11 AND GEMINI 8 SPACE MISSIONS.

**TERENCE HENRICKS:** NASA ASTRONAUT. STS- 44, STS-55, STS-70, STS-78 SPACE SHUTTLE MISSIONS.

**CARL WALZ:** NASA ASTRONAUT. STS-51, STS-65, STS-79 SPACE SHUTTLE MISSIONS AND INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION EXPEDITION 4.

**MICHAEL GERNHARDT:** NASA ASTRONAUT. STS-69, STS-83, STS-94, STS-104 SPACE SHUTTLE MISSIONS.

**GREGORY JOHNSON:** NASA ASTRONAUT. STS-123 AND STS-134 SPACE SHUTTLE MISSIONS.

**LARRY SMITH:** FOOTBALL COACH – TULANE UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI.

**GREG LASHUTKA:** FORMER MAYOR, CITY OF COLUMBUS.

**DAVID MORELAND:** FORMER MAINTENANCE OFFICER FOR UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIR DEMONSTRATION TEAM THE “THUNDERBIRDS”.

**REX KERN:** QUARTERBACK, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY 1968 NATIONAL CHAMPIONS. PRO FOOTBALL PLAYER – BALTIMORE COLTS AND BUFFALO BILLS.

**RANDY GRADISHAR:** LINEBACKER, OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY. LINEBACKER – DENVER BRONCOS TEN (10) YEARS. SUPER BOWL XII. MEMBER – DENVER BRONCOS “RING OF FAME”.

**DARRIN BLACKFORD:** UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE. WHITE HOUSE PRESIDENTIAL PROTECTION DETAIL FOR PRESIDENTS BILL CLINTON AND GEORGE W. BUSH.

**JOE JOHNS:** NATIONAL NEWS REPORTER, CNN NEWS.

**WILLIAM BATCHELDER:** FORMER SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE, OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

**JON WATERS:** FORMER DIRECTOR, THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY MARCHING BAND.

**ROGER AILES:** FORMER CHAIRMAN, FOX NEWS.

**THOMAS MOYER:** FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OHIO SUPREME COURT.

**MICHAEL OXLEY:** FORMER UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN.

**PAUL GILLMOR:** FORMER UNITED STATES CONGRESSMAN.

**RANDALL GARDNER:** STATE SENATOR.

**RICHARD EDWARDS:** MAYOR, CITY OF BOWLING GREEN.

**PAUL PRIDE:** SUPERINTENDENT AND COLONEL, OHIO STATE HIGHWAY PATROL.

**TIM GORRELL:** FORMER DIRECTOR, OHIO DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS SERVICES.

**RICK LEWIS:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

**RANDY COLE:** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OHIO TURNPIKE COMMISSION

**GALE HALDERMAN:** DESIGN ENGINEER, ORIGINAL FORD MUSTANG

**HUGH HEWITT:** NATIONALLY SYNDICATED RADIO TALK SHOW HOST

**JIMMY SHAHEEN:** NATIONALLY SYNDICATED MORNING RADIO SHOW CO-HOST

**DICK LABEAU:** NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND COACH. NATIONAL FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME

# 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 in the Millett Hall on the Bowling Green campus 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 instruments is provided. All 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.

Information on signing up for the Buckeye Boys State band will be announced at the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of all Boys State cities on the opening day of the Boys State program.

You will be directed at Registration on the opening day of Boys State on where to take your instrument to a secured storage area in Millett Hall.

Please direct specific questions regarding the Boys State Band to the Department Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator. Your question(s) will be forwarded to the Director of the Buckeye Boys State Band for reply.

## **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ONLINE NEWSPAPER - THE "HETUCK" and "OFFICE of SOCIAL MEDIA"**

Buckeye Boys State publishes a daily online 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. The "Hetuck" will also utilize social media such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snap Chat thru the Office of Social Media to promote the Boys State program.

Boys State citizen with school newspaper, yearbook, sports reporting, or other journalism experience are encouraged to make application to join the staff of the newspaper and the Office of Social Media.

**Applications for the "Hetuck" are available on the Buckeye Boys State website: [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com). Click on "Attend" then "Before the Program" and follow the instructions for completing and submitting an application. All applications for the "Hetuck" or Office of Social Media must be received by June 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 BB\$ 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 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**

A fully functioning LAW/COURT system operates within Buckeye Boys State.

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

To practice law within Buckeye Boys State, 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, 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 which can benefit them in college, especially those planning to be lawyers.

## **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL**

A functioning BOYS STATE HIGHWAY PATROL, led by Troopers of the Ohio State Highway Patrol operates within Buckeye Boys State.

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.

Fifteen (15) 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.

Information on the Junior Cadet Week program can be downloaded from the Boys State website.

On the Buckeye Boys State website, click on "Attendee Info"; click on "Junior Cadet Week"; click on Junior Cadet Week information.

# **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.

# **AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE COLLEGE FAIR**

Young men attending the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program have the opportunity to explore a number of in-state and out-of-state education institutions thru the Buckeye Boys State "College Fair".

Representatives from nearly 100 universities, colleges, military service academies, and R.O.T.C. programs from Ohio and across the nation will be on hand to present scholarship opportunities and showcase their respective institutes of higher education.

# **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE SCHOOL BOARDS**

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

Fifteen (15) functioning School Boards, one for each Boys State City, operate within Boys State.

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 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 visit the School Boards section during the week to provide insight on the operation of school boards in Ohio.

## **IF A DELEGATE DOES NOT SHOW UP AT BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**

For administrative and liability purposes, the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Program must account for each delegate registered to attend the Boys State program.

If a delegate fails to arrive at American Legion Buckeye Boys State, the parents or guardians will be contacted by a Boys State staff member, to notify the parent/guardian of this fact and to determine the reason the delegate failed to attend within a short period of time after the opening of the Boys State program and the arrival of all delegates.

Buckeye Boys State understands situations arise at the last minute which present valid reasons a delegate cannot attend, however, common courtesy is requested to notify Buckeye Boys State that a delegate cannot attend.

The Buckeye Boys State program has steps in place for any young man selected to notify Boys State they are unable to attend. (See Important!!! Please read .....Page 3).

# AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

The Alumni Association membership fee is a one-time, \$10.00 donation. Members receive a wallet membership card and an Alumni Association lapel pin.

**(NOTE: The Alumni Association membership list is the property of the Ohio American Legion. The membership 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 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES for BUCKEYE BOYS STATE DELEGATES

The American Legion and American Legion Buckeye Boys State would like to make young men participating in Buckeye Boys State aware of American Legion sponsored and outside agency programs available to you that could provide scholarship/financial opportunities in your senior year:

1. **SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP** – Ten (10) National Finalist receive a \$10,000 - \$5,000 scholarship. \*\*
2. **UNITED STATE SENATE YOUTH PROGRAM** – Two (2) \$5,000 scholarships and the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. are available thru the William Randolph Hearst Foundation. \*\*
3. **GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS** – Buckeye Boys State awards a \$500.00 Government Excellence financial award to six (6) selected Boys State citizens annually. The recipients of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State Government Excellence Awards are announced at the Closing Ceremonies on Sunday.
4. **OHIO AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIPS** - The Ohio American Legion Headquarters awards scholarships to qualifying recipients annually. The Ohio American Legion scholarship awards vary each year in the number given and the dollar amount of the awards. One of these annual scholarship awards is the **Durward I. Bernhard Scholarship**, named in honor of a long time Belmont County resident and American Legion member. The qualifying recipient must reside in Belmont County. For full scholarship criteria and to obtain an application, go to [www.ohiolegion.com](http://www.ohiolegion.com) anytime after February 1<sup>st</sup>. Click on “Programs” and click on “Scholarships”.
5. **AMERICAN LEGION HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM** - Speak your way to a potential \$18,000 scholarship thru participating in the “American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program”, a public speaking contest open to high school students which focuses on the United States Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of a citizen to our government. Objectives of the American Legion High School Oratorical Scholarship Program include the development of leadership qualities, the ability to think and speak clearly and intelligently and

understanding the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship all of which dovetail perfectly with the objectives you will accomplish at American Legion Buckeye Boys State. For full detail on the High School Oratorical Scholarship Program, go to [www.legion.org](http://www.legion.org). Click on “Programs” and then click on “High School Oratorical Program” or contact [programs@ohiolegion.com](mailto:programs@ohiolegion.com).

\*\* Full information on this program including the application process will be found as part of the online Delegate packet on the Buckeye Boys State website.

# AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Following the conclusion of all the American Legion Boys State programs across the country, in mid-July, 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 in teaching through “hands on” participation; the Federal level of government.

American Legion Boys Nation is held annually in mid-July at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia.

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 tour the 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.

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:

**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). Refrigerators are located in each Residence Hall room used by Boys State 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.

Qualified medical personnel on-site will only dispense medication to a delegate with the permission and knowledge of the parent or guardian.

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 (continued)**

**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.

## **NON-PRESCRIPTION (OVER THE COUNTER MEDICATION(S)) – DISPENSING OF:**

If a Delegate in attendance at the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program, in the opinion of the Buckeye Boys State licensed Medical staff, requires the administration of non-prescription, over the counter medication(s) to alleviate the problem/condition for which the Delegate is being seen by the medical staff, the following policy applies:

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State licensed medical staff, in keeping with the provisions of the Association of Camp Nurses, will administer/issue/dispense such non-prescription, over the counter medications in accordance with the standing orders issued by a licensed physician in the Oxford area supporting the American Legion Buckeye Boys State program.

Such non-prescription, over the counter medication(s) may include, but not limited to: Tylenol, Advil, Benadryl, Pepto Bismol, Claritin, cough drops, and calamine lotion.

Such non-prescription, over the counter medication(s) will be administered/issued/dispensed under the direct supervision of the American Legion Buckeye Boys State licensed medical staff.

# **MEDICATION POLICY (continued)**

All such non-prescription, over the counter medications will be administered/issued/dispensed in a manner consistent with any special medical needs of the Delegate (allergies, etc.).

## **EMERGENCY INFORMATION FORM**

Please list any medications being taken by a delegate on the Emergency Information Form downloaded at [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com) as part of the online Buckeye Boys State Delegate packet.

The Emergency Information form may be completed by a physician, physician's assistant or the staff of a "Minute Clinic" or similar facility.

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

Notary Publics will be on hand at Registration to notarize signatures on Emergency Information forms BUT the parent or guardian must be present in person.

If a Boys State delegate is seeking to have their parents/guardians notarized and the parent/guardian is not physically present at Registration, the Boys State Notaries CANNOT legally notarize any signatures.

# **IMPORTANT!!! PLEASE READ**

## **Dear Parent or Guardian:**

One of the forms to be downloaded by a Delegate at [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com) as part of the online Buckeye Boys State Delegate packet is an "*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 staff at the Millett Hall registration area when your son checks in 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 McCullough-Hyde Hospital in Oxford, your signature, as a Parent or Guardian must be on the form.
2. A copy of an Ohio High School Athletic Association sport physical, Boy Scout physical, or employment physical, if taken within the past school year may be attached to the "*Emergency Information*" form in lieu of having a health exam by a physician.

A physical performed by a physician's assistant, nurse practitioner or by the staff of a "Minute Clinic" or equivalent facility is also acceptable.

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.

**In accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) all "*Emergency Information*" forms will be kept in secured storage by the American Legion Buckeye Boys State office for six (6) years following the conclusion of Boys State and then destroyed by shredding.**

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The American Legion Buckeye Boys State Board of Trustees extends an invitation to see your son in performance of his Boys State office on Saturday, June 14, 2025, as part of our "*Guest Visitation Day*".

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

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

Parents and visitors who need overnight housing will find a list of area hotels provided by the Oxford Convention and Visitor's Bureau downloaded at [www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com](http://www.ohiobuckeyeboysstate.com) as part of the online Buckeye Boys State Delegate packet.

You are invited to attend our Saturday Evening Awards Assembly Program to be held in Millett Hall starting at 7:00 P.M.

You are also invited to be present for an Ecumenical Church Services on Sunday morning, June 15, starting at 9:30 A.M in Millett Hall to be immediately followed by the Graduation Ceremony, which should be concluded by 11:00 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. Have your son stop by the Buckeye Boys State Headquarters office to complete a bus slip. This will prevent the delay of a bus while a search is made for your son.

American Legion Buckeye Boys State hopes you can be with us on June 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> to share an experience long to be remembered.

You can follow the activities of ALBBS on a daily basis through the following social media outlets:

Facebook:           facebook.com/BuckeyeBoysState

X:                     @OhioBBS

Instagram:         @bbshetuck

Snapchat:           BBSHetuck

# 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. The wearing of "flip flops" are not permitted.
2. Don't forget to bring your musical instrument if you expect to play in the Boys State Band. Sports equipment may be brought for use in the assigned recreation periods.
3. A blanket, towels, washcloths, soap, and toilet articles need to be brought with you. So don't forget them. Shoes and shirts must be worn at all times during Boys State. "Flip flops" are not permitted.
4. If you have a laptop or tablet, feel free to bring it. These devices may be invaluable AFTER you are elected or appointed to an office, but please understand these devices CANNOT be used to generate campaign materials.
5. **LASERS POINTERS ARE PROHIBITED.**
6. Church Services will be organized by Catholic and Protestant Members of the Boys State staff on the closing Sunday of the Boys State program. 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. (see Orientations page)
8. In the event of an emergency, you can be reached through the American Legion Boys State Headquarters Office at Oxford, 513-529-3860.
9. Boys State will not be responsible for personal items that may be lost, damaged, stolen or left behind at the conclusion of the program.
10. Should you be unable to attend Boys State, please notify your sponsoring American Legion Post, and the American Legion Boys State office as outlined on Page 3 of this manual.

# HOW TO GET TO BUCKEYE BOYS STATE

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

As you near the entrance to Buckeye Boys State on the Miami University campus, Ohio State Highway Patrol Officers, Butler County Sheriff's deputies, Oxford City Police, and Miami University Police will be in place to direct vehicles in and out of the registration area in an expedient manner.

1. **From the north via I-75:** Take I-75 South to I-70 West (exit 61). Follow I-70 West to State Route 127 South (exit 4). Take State Route 127 South to State Route 73 South.
2. **From the northeast via I-71:** Take I-71 South to I-270 West/Dayton (exit 119). Follow I-270 West to I-270 South/Dayton. Follow I-270 South to I-70 West (exit 8). Follow I-70 West to State Route 127 South (exit 4). Follow State Route 127 South to State Route 73 West.
3. **From the northeast/southeast via I-77:** Take I-77 from the northeast or southeast to I-70 West (exit 178). Follow I-70 West to State Route 127 South (exit 4). Follow State Route 127 South (exit 4) to State Route 73 West.
4. **From the southeast via State Route 32/50:** Take State Route 32 West to I-275 South/North/Columbus. Follow I-275 North to State Route 127 North (exit 36). Follow State Route 127 North to State Route 73 West.
5. **From the southwest via I-71/I-75/I-74/I-275:** Take route of choice to I-275 Exit 36/State Route 127 North. Take State Route 127 to State Route 73.
6. **From Central Ohio via I-70:** Take I-70 West to State Route 127 South (exit 4). Follow State Route 127 South to State Route 73 West.

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 their parents.

# **BUCKEYE BOYS STATE**

## **"DO'S AND DON'TS"**

- DO.....Bring lots of ideas for campaign signs, campaign gimmicks, campaign 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 8-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 eight days is **MANDATORY.**)
- DO.....Bring a pillow, blanket, towel, shampoo, deodorant and other toiletries.
- 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 Miami 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.

# **A REMINDER FOR WHEN YOU LEAVE BUCKEYE BOYS STATE FOR HOME**

AMERICAN LEGION BUCKEYE BOYS STATE ASSUMES NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY OF YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS LEFT IN YOUR RESIDENCE HALL, LOST OR DAMAGED AT THE CLOSE OF THE PROGRAM.

PLEASE TAKE ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS AND BELONGINGS WITH YOU WHEN YOU DEPART THE PROGRAM FOR HOME. DOUBLE CHECK YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU CAME TO BOYS STATE WITH BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

SHOULD YOU LEAVE PERSONAL ITEMS BEHIND, IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTACT MIAMI UNIVERSITY TO TRY TO HAVE YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS LOCATED AND RETURNED TO YOU.

IF FOUND, MIAMI UNIVERSITY CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL WILL PACKAGE UP AND SHIP TO YOU THE ITEMS FOUND WITH A BILL FOR THE COST OF DOING SO.

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT YOU PROPERLY TAG ALL OF YOUR PERSONAL ITEMS SO IN THE EVENT YOU DO LEAVE SOMETHING BEHIND, THIS WILL AID IN IDENTIFYING WHAT YOU LEFT.

**For full 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 at  
Miami University  
(8:00 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.)** **513-529-3860**

**American Legion Buckeye Boys State Headquarters Office at  
Miami University** **513-529-3864 (fax)**

**Miami University  
Police Department** **513-529-2222**

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