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68th Mountaineer Boys' State Begins

The 68th Annual American Legion Boys' State was officially underway yesterday afternoon. At 12 noon, Clarence Walton, Director, and Steve Sluss, Administrator, opened registration for the 2005 Boys' State delegates.

Approximately 360 young men from all regions of West Virginia, went through the registration process. At the registration table, delegates were given their cottage assignments. Each delegate then received a Mountaineer Boys' State T-shirt, a WV Blue Book, and the American Legion's Boys' State Manual of Government.

Upon leaving Harrison Cottage, Mountaineer Boys' State Headquarters, each delegate reported to the medical staff in the Assembly Hall to turn in their physical forms. Then it was on to the cottage to meet the counselors, find a bed, have orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam.

This year's Boys' State program includes a banking system, a newspaper, touch-screen voting, and the opportunity for hands on learning. Delegates will also have the opportunity to become a State Trooper or Conservation Officer. The Boys' State counselors and staff are always available to help with any needs that may arise. If you need help with your campaign or are homesick, please let us know.

Throughout the week, you will be scored on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys' State. Each cottage will receive a daily cottage inspection score.

The newspaper will be staffed by delegates under the guidance of Betty Ann Williams and Jimmy Gemondo. The delegates will be reporting on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what's happening at the state, county, and city levels of government. We encourage you to get involved in everything offered this week—it's a once in a lifetime opportunity!

If you know of any newsworthy happenings, stop by the newspaper office located in Harrison Cottage and let us know.

Have a great time, learn alot about state government, and make many new friends.

Enjoy your week at Jackson's Mill!!!

Boys' State is Hi-Tech

The state wide races in the Primary and General Elections will be voted by the delegates using Touch-screen voting. Mountaineer Boys' State is probably the only Boys' State program nationwide that uses the touch-screen voting system. Many of the delegates will experience touch-screen voting before their parents actually do.

Danny Cline, of Casto & Harris, along with Gary Greenhalgh and Will Wesley of Election Systems and Software, have provided the voting machines and will be setting up the ballots and administering our voting.

Delegates will receive more extensive in-sight into how the process works during the Monday morning Informational Meetings.

American Legion Mountaineer Boys' State appreciates Danny of Casto & Harris, and Gary and Will of Election Systems and Software for supporting our program.

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Mountaineer Boys' State is the 2nd oldest Boys' State program
in the Nation!!!

Schedule - Monday

June 13, 2005

6:00 a.m. Reveille and Clean Quarters

7:15 In Formation at Dining Hall. **Inspection points to be deducted at this and subsequent meals for late arrivals.**

7:20 FLAG RAISING

7:25 BREAKFAST

8:25 - Noon FILE FOR ELECTIVE OFFICES

8:25 Make up Bar Examination at GHQ. All citizens who did not take the Bar Examination on Sunday will take the make up Bar Examination.

GROUP ARRANGEMENT BY COUNTIES FOR INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS

- GROUP 1 - BRAXTON, PANHANDLE
- GROUP 2 - MARION, KANAWHA
- GROUP 3 - CALHOUN, LEWIS, GILMER
- GROUP 4 - RANDOLPH, UPSHUR, MONONGALIA
- GROUP 5 - BARBOUR, WEBSTER, MONROE

GROUP I	8:25-9:00 Ballistics & FirearmsProcedures	9:10-9:45 Parliamentary	9:55-10:30 Voting Procedures	10:40 - 11:15 Legal Procedure	11:25-12:00 Leadership
GROUP 2	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Legal Procedure	Leadership	Ballistics & Firearms
GROUP 3	Voting Procedure	Legal Procedure	Leadership	Ballistics & Firearms	Parliamentary Procedure
GROUP 4	Legal Procedure	Leadership	Ballistics & Firearms	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure
GROUP 5	Leadership	Ballistics & Firearms	Parliamentary Procedure	Voting Procedure	Legal Procedure

GROUP MEETING LOCATIONS:

- Ballistics & Firearms West Virginia Building
- Parliamentary Procedure Flameway
- Voting Procedure EEC Building
- Legal Procedure Jackson Lodge Basement
- Leadership Assembly Hall

12:05 In formation at Dining Hall

12:15 Lunch

****After Lunch — Panoramic Picture and Staff Photo in front of Dining Hall**

1:15 - 3:15 Party Caucuses Federalists in Assembly Hall
 Nationalists in WV Building
 Parties Organized with Advisors. Meet the State Office Candidates

3:30 - 4:45 Athletics & Swimming
 State Police and Conservation Officers meet in the EEC Building #5
 Newspaper Staff organized and working - GHQ rear office
 Bank Staff organized and working - Agriculture Hall of Fame

5:15 In Formation at Dining Hall

5:30 Dinner

6:15 - 7:15 Athletics & Swimming
 State Police & Conservation Officers meet in EEC Building
 Newspaper Staff organized and working
 Bank Staff organized and working

7:00 - 8:00 Band Practice

8:00 ASSEMBLY

****After Assembly — Primary Elections.** All citizens proceed directly to their cottages to vote.
 State Election results posted at GHQ.
 Campaign material for General Election available for purchase (Boys State currency) at GHQ

****After Voting — Bank and Newspaper Staffs organized and working.** Police Academy in session.

11:00 Devotions (As time permits) at Kanawha and Panhandle cottages

11:30 All evening activities end.

11:40 All citizens will be in respective cottages. Individual cottage activities (meetings, devotions, etc.) left to discretion of individual cottage counselors.

12 Midnight ALL CITIZENS IN BED AND LIGHTS OUT. **Violators subject to disciplinary action and reduction in cottage inspection scores.**

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIPS

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Betty Ann Williams at Harrison Cottage by dinner on Wednesday, June 15, 2005. The following information should be turned in with the application:

1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. Transcript from High School
4. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the final assembly on Saturday, June 18, 2005.

Thanks to Our Sponsors

The question is often asked on who foots the bill for Boys' State? Who pays for the week of citizenship and fellowship enjoyed at Jackson's Mill? Who pays for the transportation, insurance, and administrative costs?

Civic clubs, lodges, school booster clubs, the American Legion and service organizations, as well as business firms, sponsor students to Boys' State. The WV Department of the American Legion pays for the administrative cost.

All delegates of Boys' State are selected by the High School Principal or by local American Legion Post officials.

Please be sure to write and thank your sponsor for enabling you to attend Mountaineer Boys' State by supplementing the cost of the program. Boys' State stationery and envelopes are available in Harrison Cottage.

**Don't
Pass It
Up,
Pick It
Up!!**

Urgent!!!

Panoramic Picture Notice

A panoramic picture will be taken of all citizens, counselors, and other staff members today in front of the dining hall. Anyone who is interested in purchasing one of these may still do so. Please turn your name and \$35.00 in to Headquarters, as soon as possible. The pictures will be available at Harrison Cottage on Thursday afternoon.

Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of To..mor..row, we march along in happy ranks today.

We never bor..row, a bit of care or grief along the way.

Glad..ly we're learning the things a good American should know.

Glad..ly we're yearn...ing to chart the way a patriot should go.

With lessons done, objectives won

Good citizens we'll be;

We'll proudly stand in our home land

Where Mountaineers are free.

Men..of To..mor..row, good fellowship each one of us enjoys,

Men..of To..mor..row, a group of all American

The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and depositing it in trash cans. Also put the pop cans in special containers where available, so we leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we

"It's more fun when you're involved." - Boys' State Governor Bobby Herron

Bobby Herron is serving as the Governor of MBS until your next Governor is elected and sworn in. Bobby was a delegate here in 2004 and was one of two delegates selected to represent MBS at Boys' Nation. While at Boys' Nation, he was elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate, which is third in line to the Presidency, behind only the Vice-President. Congratulations, Bobby.

ATHLETIC SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JUNE 13, 2005

FIRST SESSION

Area 1 Volleyball (beside Braxton)	Area 2 Volleyball (beside Softball)	Area 3 Frisbee (behind Chapel)	Area 4 Softball	Area 5 Basketball (behind Gilmer)
BARBOUR MARION - F	KANAWHA - F UPSHUR	BRAXTON - F RANDOLPH - N	LEWIS - F PANHANDLE - N	GILMER MARION -N
BRAXTON - N MONONGALIA	LEWIS - N WEBSTER	CALHOUN PANHANDLE - F	MONROE - N RANDOLPH - F	KANAWHA - N MONROE - F

SECOND SESSION

BRAXTON - F MONROE	MARION - N GILMER PANHANDLE - F	UPSHUR BARBOUR	RANDOLPH - N WEBSTER	LEWIS - N
CALHOUN MONROE - F		KANAWHA - N BRAXTON - N	RANDOLPH - F KANAWHA - F	
LEWIS - F	MARION - F MONONGALIA		PANHANDLE - N	

Yum!

MENU

Yum!

Eggs	Chips	Mashed Potatoes
Sausage	Corn	Italian Blend
Toast	Macaroni Salad	Rolls
Cold Cereal	Sakad	Salad
Hot Cereal	Rice Crispy Treats	Pudding
Fruit	Ham	
Pepperoni Rolls		

Mountaineer Boys' State Online

www.mountaineerboysstate.org

Parents and friends back home can keep up with all the happenings here at Mountaineer Boys' State by accessing the official website. During the week of Boys' State, the website will transform itself into Mountaineer Boys' State Live!!!

The website, maintained by Jacob McCarty, will include election results, the daily schedule, athletic results, pictures and much, much, more.

Be sure to have everyone at home check out the website!!!!

Why Do We March?

By now many delegates grumble about marching everywhere they go. Many want to know WHY we have to march. Marching is the most efficient and more importantly the SAFEST way to move large groups of people in the limited amount of time we have. Mountaineer Boys' State have a very good safety record in its sixty-eight year history. Requiring the citizens to march is a major factor in achieving and maintaining that record.

Secondly, we are visited by many dignitaries and other guests throughout the week. Seeing the delegates marching to their classes, to the dining hall, and to the assembly hall is quite impressive and adds to the prestige of Boys' State. Marching is as much a part of Boys' State as the American Legion itself.

So, Hup...two... three... four.... and have fun!!!!