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WELCOME TO THE 75TH ANNUAL AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE

The **75th Annual American Legion Boys State** officially began yesterday, June 10, 2012. Approximately 400 young men from all regions of West Virginia went through the registration process which included their cottage and party assignments, as well as their Boys State t-shirts.

After registration, the citizens were off to the cottages to meet their counselors, find a bed, have orientation, and get ready for the Law Lecture and Bar Exam. Each citizen was given an American Legion Boys State Manual of Government which will be their guide throughout the week.

The Boys State program offers opportunities for each citizen to have hands on learning in banking, journalism, law enforcement, legal, and political career paths.

The Boys State counselors and staff are volunteers who are available to help with any need that may arise whether it be career path questions or simply homesickness.

Throughout the week, scores will be given on many phases of citizenship while participating in the activities of Mountaineer Boys State. Individual and cottage awards will be presented on Saturday for outstanding achievements during the week.



Pictured: Emmett Stine - 1949

A Brief History of Boys State

American Legion Boys State is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for high school students. It is a participatory program where each participant becomes a part of the operation of his local, county, and state government.

Boys State has been a program of The American Legion since 1935 when it organized to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps.

The program was the idea of two Illinois Legionnaires, Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card, who organized the first Boys State at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield. The American Legion Auxiliary sponsors Girls State, a similar program for young ladies.

At American Legion Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights and privileges, the duties and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by the students elected to the various offices. Activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, chorus and recreational programs. High school juniors are selected by their school and/or local American Legion Posts to attend the program. In most cases, expenses associated with attending this program are paid by a sponsoring American Legion Post, a local business or another community-based organization.

American Legion Boys State is currently conducted in 49 Departments of The American Legion. Hawaii does not conduct a program. As separate corporations, Boys States vary in content and method of procedure, but each and every Boys State adheres to the basic concept of the program; that of teaching government from the township to the state level.

From the AL website www.legion.org





The Mountaineer

The Mountaineer is the daily newspaper which is published by the Boys State journalism staff. A daily broadcast will be shown each night at the assembly. Staff members, Betty Ann Williams and Chris Sharps, will oversee this process. Citizens report on guest speakers, elections, classes, legislative news, cottage happenings, athletics, and what is taking place at the city, county, and state levels of government

"Got News?" Stop by the journalism office located in the Southeastern Learning Center and let us know.

Advertisements are welcomed.

College Credit Offered

College credit is available for attending Mountaineer Boys State for the 4th year in a row. The ACE Network, a non-profit organization created to support Boys and Girls State has arranged for 3 hours of general education elective credit through Clemson University. Citizens who applied for the college credit will need to complete a daily journal of their Boys State activities, pass the final exam given on Friday and design a community service project online. The credit will transfer to any public college and university as well as most private colleges. The cost is only \$475.00 and citizens will have until the end of the month to complete. **Citizens may visit www.ed190.com for more information**



Samsung Scholarships

The Samsung Scholarship applications should be submitted to Jim Davis at the Dorsey Center by the assembly on Wednesday, June 13, 2012.

If you completed the Samsung Scholarship online, please let Mr. Davis know by Wednesday.

The following information should be turned in with the application:

1. SAT scores
2. Application completed
3. DD-214 (Honorable Discharge papers)

The winner of the scholarship will be announced at the final assembly on Saturday, June 16, 2012.



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 Streaming Video!!! Provided by USTREAM LIVE!

The website, maintained by the IT team, Jacob McCarty, Michael Sluss, and Paul Turner, 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!!!

MBS Twitter

If you'd like to post pictures or messages for your citizens use twitter #ALMBS

You can also follow us @WVBOYSSTATE



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

The campus of Jackson's Mill is a beautiful place. Let's take good care of it this week by picking up trash and recycling pop cans. Let's leave the grounds as clean and neat as they were when we arrived.



Thanks to our Sponsors

"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 citizens of Boys State are selected by their high school staff and/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. If you don't know who that is, see Marie in headquarters. Boys State stationery and envelopes are available in the Dorsey Center. There is also a box for outgoing mail in the Dorsey Center.

MONDAY'S SPEAKERS!

Breakfast– Congresswoman Shelley Moore Capito

Dinner– Secretary of State Natalie Tennant

Assembly – WVU President Clements

and representatives from Chesapeake Energy and Console Energy

WHY DO WE MARCH?

By now many citizens have grumbled about marching everywhere they go. The answer to that question is simple. 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 has a very good safety record in its seventy-three 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 citizens marching to class, 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!!!!

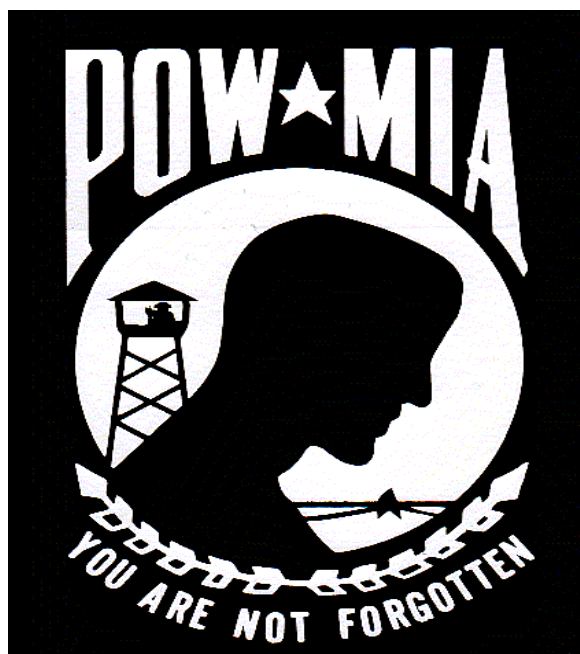


POW/MIA Recognition Day

By Brent Bailey

POW/MIA recognition day is the third Friday in September. It was chosen to salute all prisoners of war and soldiers who have gone missing in action, and a flag was created with it to bring recognition to unreturned soldiers- that flag is now officially a national flag. On this day there are ceremonies throughout the nation for remembrance of the fallen or unreturned, so as not to let the public forget. Our own West Virginia American Legion has created its own day, the American Legion Family Salute to All Veterans Past and Present, which is held September 19th at Holly Gray Park in Flatwoods. It is a remembrance and tribute to all veterans, past and present. The event was started by the West Virginia detachment of the Sons of the American Legion as something to promote the American Legion family and, according to our very own Bill Diedrich, an SAL member, it's "something to promote the American Legion family and educate the public that we're more than just a legion post in their town. It has ceremonies similar to the empty table Boys State witnessed earlier this week, a field of white crosses, and behind that, 25 POW/MIA flags for the 25 West Virginia men who went missing during Vietnam and were never recovered. There is American Legion literature available, a pavilion with memorabilia from all wars, and a replica a prisoner of war cage from Vietnam. All funds received at this event go towards the West Virginia Children's Hospital and the Legacy Fund (scholarships for children of soldiers killed in service of their country), both of which are American Legion programs. Ceremonies are from 10 to 2, and all Boys State citizens are welcome and encouraged to attend and honor the men who gave everything for their country.

Thanks to Bill Diedrich for providing the information necessary for this article.



JOURNALISM AD FEES

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<i>Full page</i>	<i>\$1000.00</i>

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<i>10 seconds</i>	<i>\$500.00</i>
<i>20 seconds</i>	<i>\$1,000.00</i>
<i>30 seconds</i>	<i>\$1500.00</i>



To place an ad, come to Southeastern Learning Center.

MONDAY'S MENU!

Breakfast

Breakfast Bagels
Hot & Cold
Cereal
Fruit – Bananas
Orange Juice
Milk

Lunch

Pepperoni Rolls
Chips
Applesauce
Cookies

Dinner

Sapghetti w/
Meat Sauce
Italian Blende
Veggies
Garlic Bread
Salad
Chocolate Cake
Iced Tea



West Virginia University

Jackson's Mill Farmstead

General Store hours

Monday	3:00pm-7:30pm	9:00pm-11:00pm
Tuesday	10:00am-7:30pm	9:00pm-11:00pm
Wednesday	10:00am-5:00pm	9:00pm-11:00pm
Thursday	10:00am-7:30pm	9:00pm-11:00pm

American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Store Prices

To purchase - See Jim Davis at Dorsey

License Plates	\$8.00
Back Packs	\$5.00
Frisbees	\$2.00
Water Bottles	\$2.00
Hats	\$5.00
License Plate Frame	\$2.00
Lanyard	\$2.00
Ink Pens	\$2.00

Pencils	\$1.00
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MONDAY'S SCHEDULE!!!!!!

Monday's Schedule is on page 13 of your Boys State Manual. Any changes in daily schedules will be announced by the Officer of the Day.



Monday's Athletic Schedule

****See page 18 of your Boys State Manual****

Todd Morgan is the Athletic Director.

Tommy E. Jones Trophy Award

The Tommy E. Jones Trophy will be awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who contributes the most to the political process. Among the criteria for this award are:

- Enthusiasm
- Sincerity
- Honesty
- Organizational Ability
- Creativity

P.E. Kercheval Award

The P.E. Kercheval Award will go to a citizen who is a participant in the activities of Boys' State, is courteous, congenial, has high moral standards, and demonstrates leadership.

Frank Taylor Jr. Award

This trophy is awarded to the citizen of Mountaineer Boys' State who exhibits an enthusiastic interest in law and displays a high moral character with honor, respect, and integrity for the rights of others. In addition, this young man must be an active participant in the programs of Mountaineer Boys' State. All citizens who successfully passed the Mountaineer Boys' State Bar Exam may be considered for this award.

William R. Fugitt Memorial Award

The Bill Fugitt Award will go to the cottage that attains the best total score in the following seven categories:

- City Government
- County Government
- Board of Education
- Law Examination
- Circuit Court
- Inspection
- General conduct of all citizens of that cottage during the entire week
- Athletics/Band

Dr. John T. Dombrosky Memorial Award

The Dr. John T. Dombrosky Award will be given to the staff member or citizen who has displayed the attributes of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness with the Legion principles as exemplified by Dr. Dombrosky.

David Farris Award

The David —Dave Farris Award is presented to the Boy's State citizen who contributes significantly to the city and/or county government aspects of the Mountaineer Boys' State program and exhibits the qualities of a good sense of humor, kindness, competence, and fairness for all. All citizens who hold an elected city or county office shall be eligible for this award. Dave Farris was a citizen of Boys' State in the late 1970s. He was a long time Staff member who served in many positions. He was a Junior Counselor and served on the headquarters' staff. Dave played a vital role in the City and County governmental process at Boys' State in 1991. Dave was killed by an automobile accident a few weeks following the 1991 Boys' State.

Boys' Nation Award

Citizens who have been elected to a state office, Speaker of the House or President of the Senate, have served in the capacity of State Party Chairman, or have demonstrated extraordinary leadership are eligible to be considered as a candidate for Boys' Nation. Each candidate will be required to complete an application as well as go through an interview. The interview panel will seek input from the eligible candidate's counselors regarding the individual's character, leadership, participation, etc...

Legislator of the Year

The Legislator of the Year shall be a member or officer of the Senate or House of Delegates who best exemplifies extraordinary character, enthusiasm for education, and a genuine devotion to the legislative process. The legislative advisors, chaired by the legislative coordinator, shall select the award.

Men of Tomorrow

Oh, we're the Men of Tomorrow,
We march along in happy ranks today.

We never borrow
A bit of care or grief along the way.

Gladly we're learning
The things a good American should
know.

Gladly we're yearning
To chart the way a patriot should go.

With lessons done
Objectives won
Good citizens we'll be;
We'll proudly stand
In our homeland
Where Mountaineers are free.

Men of Tomorrow
Good fellowship each one of us enjoys,

Men of Tomorrow
A group of all American boys.