

THE MOUNTAINEER



259 Citizens report for 2025 ALMBS

Are you ready for this "Week that shapes a lifetime?" Two hundred fifty nine young men from across West Virginia registered for the 2025 American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

The week is filled with countless opportunities to flex your skills in government, law enforcement, emergency services, journalism, and law. On the following pages are descriptions of the various concentrations that you can be a part of this week.



A New Newspaper

*By: Brock Tanner
Former ALMBS Citizen*

In 2024, a government representative informed The Daily Mountaineer staff that the governor had signed a bill into law that would provide both a paper and electronic copy of the newspaper to citizens and staff at next year's 86th American Legion Mountaineer Boys State.

If interested in a paper subscription fill out the form in this edition and drop it off at the newspaper office.

The ALMBS offers a variety of career paths, each providing unique learning experiences and opportunities. Here's a brief overview:

1. **Political:** Engage in the workings of city, county, and state government, understanding the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen.
2. **Legal:** Dive into the legal system, including court proceedings. Note: This path involves passing the ALMBS Bar Examination.
3. **Banking:** Gain insights into the financial system and the role of banks in the economy.
4. **Journalism:** Explore the role of media in society, including news reporting and editorial writing. This path includes both print and broadcast media.
5. **Office of Emergency Services:** Learn about emergency management and response, including disaster preparedness, recovery, fire protection, emergency medical services, emergency response, and dispatch.
6. **Corrections:** Understand the corrections system, including the management of correctional facilities and rehabilitation programs.
7. **Law Enforcement:** Comprised of the State Police and Natural Resource Police Officers, this path provides an understanding of law enforcement at the state level, including crime prevention and investigation. Also, learn about the role of the Department of Natural Resources Police in enforcing laws related to wildlife, state parks, and waterways.
8. **Forensic Laboratory:** Delve into the role of forensic science in criminal investigations, including evidence collection and analysis.
9. **Homeland Security/National Guard:** Learn about the role of these agencies in ensuring national security, including disaster response and military operations.
10. **Business Management & Marketing:** Focus on the operations of being an entrepreneur.

Please note that many of these career paths include hired positions and require the completion of an application. We encourage you to consider these paths and come prepared to embark on a journey that aligns with your interests and aspirations.

One key aspect of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is to assist you in starting to build your wider network of connections. Throughout your time at ALMBS you will be interacting with your peers across the state. Creating a LinkedIn profile is a great way to network and connect with your peers. Start by adding your professional image, including your current role, education, and skills. Make sure to add a professional photo and write a concise, compelling summary that highlights your experiences and aspirations. Once your profile is

set up, you can start connecting with others. We encourage you to connect with us at <https://i.wvboysstate.org>. This will provide you with updates and opportunities related to the American Legion Mountaineer Boys State program and start building your network so that you can continue your interaction with your peers when you return home at the end of the program. Remember, LinkedIn is about building relationships, so engage with your connections by sharing and commenting on posts. Happy networking!

A Stroll Through Nature

*By Brock Tanner
2024 ALMBS Citizen*

I decided to stroll through the West Virginia Boys State Wildlife Management Area this morning. It was wonderful. It was so lovely to have a place in the camp to enjoy nature and clear your head. I thank our local Department of Natural Resources officers for protecting the area. While I was there, I discovered a Goat's Beard flower. Goat's Beard is a large shrub-like perennial with feathery plumes of white flowers rising above the foliage in late spring and early summer. I encourage citizens to visit the Wildlife Management area while attending ALMBS.



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The Mountaineer is the official newspaper of American Legion Mountaineer Boys State. The newspaper is a daily newspaper which covers all the news, sports, and events for the entire week. All of this is possible because of your newspaper staff. The Mountaineer is available online or you can receive a paper version every morning in your cabin. Subscriptions are free until Tuesday. After that subscriptions will be \$50.00 payable in The Mountaineer office.

To receive a paper subscription of The Mountaineer please fill out the information below:

Name: _____

Cabin: _____

Bunk Number: _____

Citizen Number: _____

The Mountaineer office is located next to the general store in the Southeastern Learning Center left side.



The General Store has everything from snacks to toiletries to ALMBS clothing and gear. Make sure to stop in and purchase some goods this week