

ALMBS CITIZEN PACKET

THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE

JUNE 7 – JUNE 13
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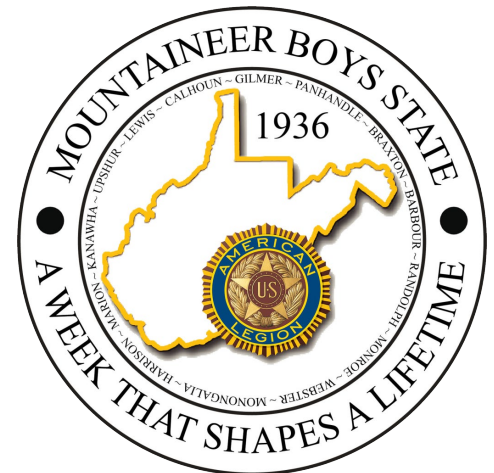
CONGRATULATIONS on your selection to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State!

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is among the most respected educational programs of government instruction for high school students and is *West Virginia's Premier Leadership Academy*. Each participant becomes a part of the operation of his city, county, and state government. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State has been a program of The American Legion Department of West Virginia since 1936.

At The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State, participants are exposed to the rights, privileges, duties, and responsibilities of a franchised citizen. The training is objective and practical with city, county, and state governments operated by the participants elected or selected to the various offices and positions. Activities are varied and include many facets of government such as elections, legislative sessions, legal proceedings. Other activities include educational presentations, assemblies, guest speakers, band, chorus, recreational programs, a college/career fair, and a talent show. The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is nonpartisan and has no association with any real-world political parties or their platforms.

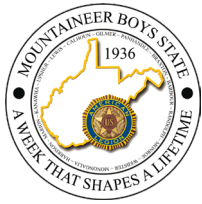
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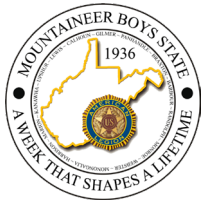


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PREPARATION CHECKLIST

- Read entire contents of this packet.
- Obtain physical examination and bring completed *WVSSAC Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certification Form* and *Affidavit and Consent to Treat* to Registration. The *Affidavit and Consent to Treat* requires a parent(s)/guardian(s) signature and must be notarized.
- Attend an online orientation session. (See enclosed schedule, additional sessions may be scheduled; visit <https://e.wvboysstate.org> for an updated schedule.)
- Visit ALMBS website <https://wvboysstate.org>.
- Subscribe to our channel on **YouTube** at <https://y.wvboysstate.org>, like our **Facebook** page at <https://f.wvboysstate.org>, connect with us on **LinkedIn** at <https://l.wvboysstate.org>, follow us on **Bluesky** at <https://b.wvboysstate.org>, follow us on **X** at <https://x.wvboysstate.org>, and follow us on **Instagram** at <https://i.wvboysstate.org>.
- Study law lecture (<https://activities.wvboysstate.org>), under the Legal Career Path.
- Develop a plan (what you want to do/be at The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State) and backup plan(s) if your first choice fails.
- Complete **one** career path application (available at <https://activities.wvboysstate.org>), if interested. The Banking, Journalism, Office of Emergency Services, Corrections, State Police, DNR Police, Forensic Laboratory, Homeland Security/National Guard, and Business Management & Marketing career paths are hired positions and require the completion of an application.
- Pack personal belongings/items including one pair of navy-blue shorts, musical instruments, etc. per enclosed instructions.
- Complete and bring the following forms to Registration: *ALMBS Pledge*, *Proposed Legislation Form*, *Summer Foods Household Application*, *WVSSAC Athletic Participation/Parental Consent/Physician's Certification Form*, notarized *Affidavit and Consent to Treat*, and *Order Form*. **To proceed through Registration all forms must be completed and in-hand.**
- Arrive at WVU Jackson's Mill Main Pavilion (near swimming pool and West Virginia Building) on Sunday, June 7, 2026, between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. (early arrival is recommended) with all completed forms, personal belongings, musical instruments and no more than \$50.00 spending cash.

NOTE: ALMBS Staff will be positioned near the entrances and throughout Jackson's Mill to assist in navigating the campus. To help alleviate traffic issues, some vehicles may be redirected to a specific parking area or cottage for unloading before arriving at the Main Pavilion.



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OVERVIEW

ATTENDANCE

Your school officials and members of The American Legion recommended you to attend The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS). **Selection for ALMBS is an honor that should not be taken lightly.**

If you will not be able to attend, immediately notify your school's recommending official, your local American Legion representative, and The American Legion Department of West Virginia Headquarters at (888) 534-4667. This will allow an alternate to be selected to replace you. Failure to make notification in a timely manner will hold you or your parent(s)/guardian(s) liable for reimbursement of the \$350.00 application fee.

You are expected to conduct yourself in a manner that reflects well on yourself as well as your school and community. You will be expected to show proper respect to the American Flag by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance as well as participate in the singing of the National Anthem. If you are not willing to do either of these then please inform us that you are unable to attend so that a replacement can be found. The Staff reserves the right to dismiss any Citizen for failure to follow camp rules, regulations, policies, and/or for engaging in behavior that is deemed by the Staff to be inappropriate and/or disruptive. If you are dismissed from ALMBS, your high school principal and sponsoring American Legion Post will be notified of your dismissal and reason for it.

All attendees of ALMBS agree to stay the entire duration of the program. Requests for excused absences will only be approved by the Director in the event of an emergency and must be presented to the Director by the attendee's parent(s)/guardian(s). If you leave the camp early for any reason, you will be required to reimburse the balance of your meal and lodging fees to ALMBS.

PUBLIC HEALTH POLICY

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will adhere to all WV Bureau for Public Health and Lewis County Health Department guidelines that are in place at the time of the program. All participants are required to have a physical examination, and all participants will undergo a medical screening upon arriving at the WVU Jackson's Mill campus. Frequent hand washing and hand sanitizing is encouraged and expected. Participants are permitted to bring face masks, hand sanitizer, and sanitization wipes. Participants will not be required to wear masks but are permitted to do so. This policy is subject to change and will be updated as necessary.

Only one person may accompany the Citizen through the Registration process.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If you have any special accommodation or dietary needs, please address those needs with The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Director as soon as possible prior to camp at almbs@wvboysstate.org.

ALMBS STAFF

The ALMBS Staff is comprised of over 75 highly motivated and qualified individuals who work with one goal in mind: to make your week at ALMBS one of the most rewarding, educational, and worthwhile experiences of your life. The Staff is drawn from the ranks of The American Legion, West Virginia State Police, West Virginia Division of Natural Resources Law Enforcement Section, other Agencies of West Virginia Government, United States Military Services, professional career fields, The American Legion State Headquarters Staff, and former ALMBS Citizens who distinguished themselves during their participation in the program. All Staff members are required to undergo background checks. They are volunteers that receive no financial compensation for their participation. The Staff is always available to assist you should a question or problem arise.



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ORIENTATION SESSIONS

You and your parent(s)/guardian(s) are requested to attend an online Orientation Session to become acquainted with the program and provide an opportunity for questions. Each virtual session should last approximately 60 minutes. Citizens are requested to be available by video, but this is not required. **Please have this information packet with you during the Orientation Session.** Your local American Legion Post may have a supplemental orientation that will provide additional information.

Pre-registration for an Orientation Session is required. **Register at <https://e.wvboysstate.org> at least 3 hours prior to the scheduled orientation.** To register:

1. Go to <https://e.wvboysstate.org> and select the most convenient orientation.
2. Enter the password "1936" (numbers only).
3. Select the blue box labeled "Going."
4. Complete the Attendee Registration form.
5. Click the blue box labeled "Finish."
6. The screen will refresh and show a blue checkmark that "You Are Going."
7. Verify you received an email in your registered email box that includes the Zoom link to the orientation.

DO NOT LOSE THE LINK AND CONNECTION STRING AS YOU WILL NEED THIS TO CONNECT TO THE ONLINE ORIENTATION. If you have not received this email within 2 hours, check your spam folder, and then if you still have not received it, send an email to almbs@wvboysstate.org requesting the information be sent to you. Please include your name and registration email address in this request so that we can appropriately identify your registration.

Orientation sessions will be held at 7:30 p.m.

May 12 May 14 May 18 May 20 May 22 May 24 May 27 May 30

Additional sessions may be scheduled; please visit us online at <https://e.wvboysstate.org> for an updated schedule.

ALMBS ONLINE

The ALMBS website that can be accessed at <https://wvboysstate.org>. It will be updated daily with information about the Citizens' activities, including election results, daily newspapers, pictures, assemblies, speakers, etc. There will also be live video feeds of major events during the camp so check the website daily for a list of scheduled events that can be streamed.

ALMBS maintains a web presence through the following channels: YouTube (<https://y.wvboysstate.org>), Facebook (<https://f.wvboysstate.org>), LinkedIn (<https://l.wvboysstate.org>), Bluesky (<https://b.wvboysstate.org>), X (<https://x.wvboysstate.org>), and Instagram (<https://i.wvboysstate.org>). Please check us out and follow, like, or subscribe on the platforms where you are active.

SAMSUNG AMERICAN LEGION SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a direct descendant (e.g., child, grandchild, great grandchild, stepchild) of a US wartime veteran, a participant in the ALMBS Program, and a current year Junior, you are eligible to apply for the Samsung American Legion Scholarship.

Applications MUST be submitted online (<https://samsung.wvboysstate.org>) prior to your arrival at ALMBS. If eligible, complete the application online and upload the required Veteran's Certificate of Release or Discharge Form Active Duty (Form DD-214) or other government document showing time served on active military duty prior to your arrival at camp. Extra points are awarded for American Legion Family membership. If you are a member or have recently joined, upload a copy of your membership card or your receipt from joining when you complete your application. This is the only year that you may apply for this scholarship.

If you need assistance in obtaining a copy of the veteran's DD-214, you may contact the West Virginia Department of Veterans Assistance Cabinet Secretary's Office at (304) 558-3661 or through your local Field Office (locations can be found by visiting <https://veterans.wv.gov>). They may not have copies of every DD-214, but they may be able to tell you how to get a copy. The County Clerk's office, in the county to which your qualifying wartime veteran returned from war, may also be a source of the DD-214 form.



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TRANSPORTATION

For safety purposes, Citizens are prohibited from bringing their own vehicle to ALMBS.

ALMBS is a very intense program, and the ALMBS Board of Directors decided this for the safety and well-being of the Citizens. All transportation to and from ALMBS **must** be furnished by parent(s)/guardian(s) or sponsor(s).

You should arrive between 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. Early arrival is recommended. The Commencement Ceremony will begin on Saturday morning promptly at 9:15 a.m. and will conclude at approximately 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION

ALMBS is held at WVU Jackson's Mill near Weston, West Virginia. This campus is nestled in the most beautiful hills of West Virginia and offers every comfort and recreational facility of a modern camp. The native stone Mount Vernon Dining Hall, 14 spacious county cottages, a tennis court, softball fields, volleyball courts, swimming pool, frisbee golf course, and other facilities make WVU Jackson's Mill an ideal home for ALMBS. ALMBS has been held at WVU Jackson's Mill since the program's beginning in 1936.

You will be randomly assigned to a cottage. Each cottage will be managed by a Senior Counselor and one (1) to three (3) additional Counselors, depending upon the cottage's size. You will be provided with a bed, mattress, pillow, bed sheets, pillowcase, blanket, and instructions on the proper way to maintain your living quarters. A daily inspection of the cottages will be conducted by an Inspection Staff.

REGISTRATION

Registration will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 7, 2026. ALL forms in the Forms Packet must be completed and brought to Registration. Registration will close by 9:30 a.m., and ALMBS will be operational at that time. Early arrival is encouraged. The first meal will be the afternoon meal on Sunday at 12:30 p.m. so eating breakfast prior to Registration is recommended.

STEP 1. MAIN PAVILION. Citizens must complete medical screening and turn in required medical forms first.

STEP 2. WV BUILDING. Citizens receive cottage assignments, collect the ALMBS Manual of Government and ALMBS T-shirts, complete any optional purchases, and have photos taken. Step 2 cannot be started until Step 1 is completed in the Main Pavilion.

Citizens will be provided with one (1) ALMBS T-shirt. Additional ALMBS T-shirts can be purchased for \$6.00 each, and at least two (2) additional T-shirts are recommended to be purchased during Registration because one is required to always be worn. T-shirts will remain available for purchase through Thursday. The ALMBS T-shirts will be washed by Staff members at least once during week.

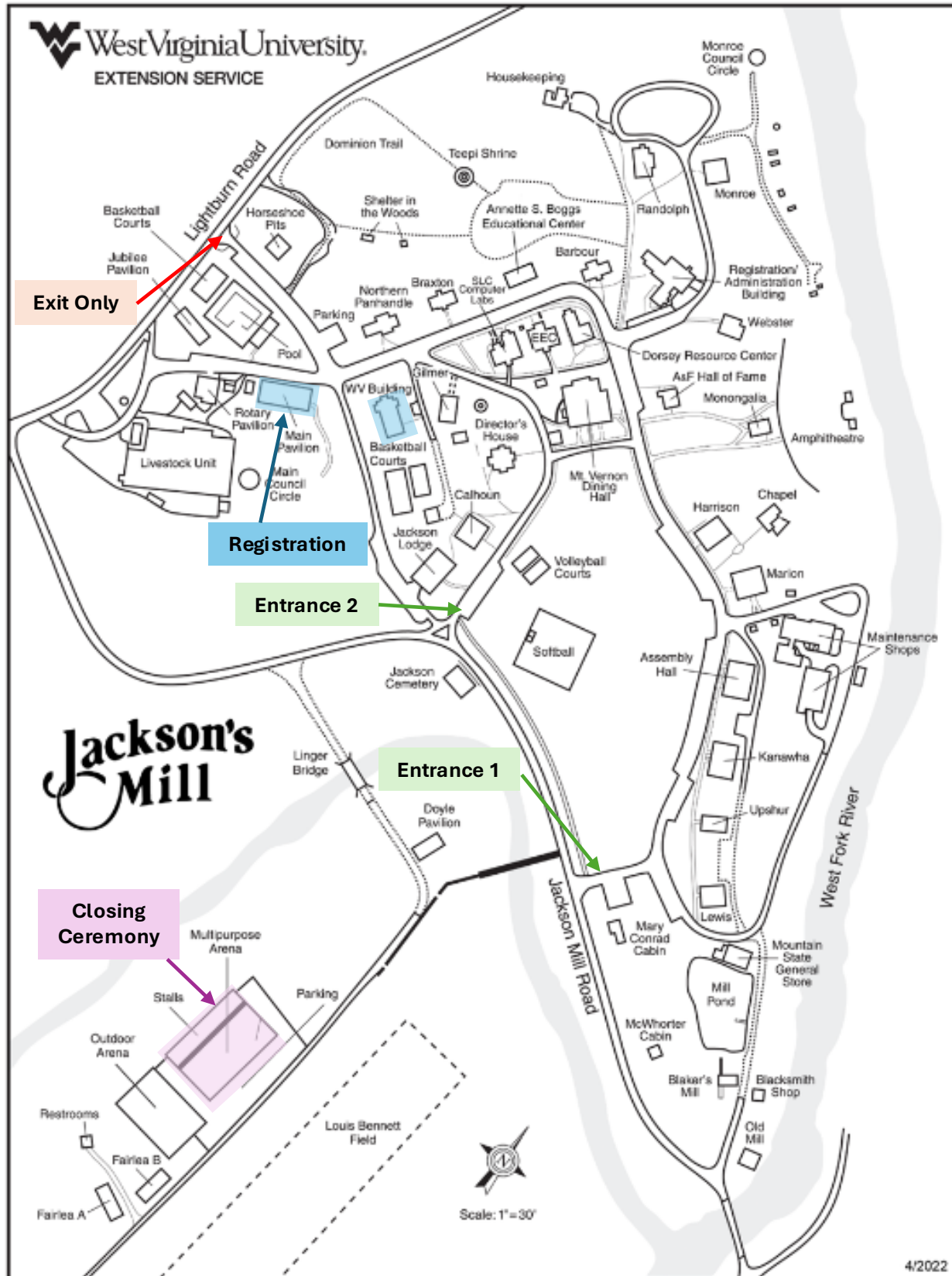
Only one parent/guardian may accompany the Citizen through the Registration process.

The WVU Jackson's Mill campus can be accessed from Jacksons Mill Road (see enclosed map). The Lightburn Road access by the pool is reserved for exiting vehicles only. Follow posted signage to Registration. To assist with traffic flow, ALMBS Staff may direct some vehicles to assigned cottages to unload personal belongings before going to the Main Pavilion to begin Step 1 of Registration. There is limited parking near the Registration area so those that are able should park elsewhere on campus and walk to Registration to begin Step 1 in the Main Pavilion.

All guests are kindly requested to promptly leave the cottage areas after unloading and settling Citizens.



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DRESS CODE

An ALMBS T-shirt will always be worn along with respectable short or long pants. The only exceptions will be select Citizens during specific events.

If you are elected to a State office (i.e., Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, Treasurer, Auditor, Commissioner of Agriculture, Supreme Court Justice, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate) or if you are appointed State Superintendent of Schools, you will be required to wear a *business suit* during the Inauguration and Formal Review on Wednesday. All other Citizens will be required to wear the ALMBS T-shirt and navy-blue shorts during the Inauguration and Formal Review on Wednesday. SAL members will be permitted to wear their Uniform Cover for the Formal Review.

On Thursday, all State office holders (i.e., Board of Public Works, State Superintendent of Schools), the Supreme Court Justices, and all members of the House of Delegates and Senate will travel to the WV Capitol to conduct a joint session with like participants of The American Legion Auxiliary West Virginia Rhododendron Girls State. The following laws were adopted at the 2023 ALMBS that affect all individuals previously listed as traveling to the WV Capitol and all members of the House of Delegates and Senate:

“WEST VIRGINIA CAPITOL FORMAL WEAR REQUIREMENTS (Enacted 2023) – While going to the Capitol of West Virginia, there shall be a formal dress code. Within this dress code shall be but not limited to formal clothing, such as khakis, dress pants, non-ripped jeans, formal shirts, polos, button-up shirts, and dress shirts. Optional wear includes jackets, dress shoes, three (3) piece suits, and ties. All members of the House of Delegates and Senate shall be provided polos to wear at all Legislature sessions, and these may be worn to the state capitol in substitution of the formal wear.”

“SUIT UP CEREMONY ACT (Enacted 2023) – The Senate, House of Delegates and Board of Public Works shall wear formal wear/nicest clothes possible at the ceremony at the end of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State Program.”

WHAT TO BRING

You should bring one travel bag with the following items:

- Underclothing
- Comfortable socks and shoes such as athletic shoes with at least one pair being a dark color
- Soap and shampoo
- Sunscreen
- No. 2 Pencils (at least 2)
- One suit (See Dress Code)
- Sleepwear
- One pair of navy-blue shorts
- One pair of navy-blue pants
- Comfortable and respectable pants (to include long and short)
- One light jacket or sweater
- Notebook
- Shaving and toiletry articles
- Shower shoes/flip flops
- Face and bath towels
- Mobile phones or personal communication device
- Rain gear (poncho)
- SAL Uniform Cover, if applicable

The below items are optional personal items that may make your stay at ALMBS more enjoyable.

- Swimming trunks
- Snacks
- Baseball/softball gloves/tennis equipment
- Hand sanitizer
- Insect repellent
- Musical instruments
- Masks (if desired)
- Flashlight
- Frisbee golf equipment
- Sleeping bag
- Disinfectant hand wipes

All personal items should be marked with your name or identifying mark and contact information. ALMBS is not responsible for personal items.

No more than \$50.00 in spending money is recommended for optional expenses. Refreshments will be ordered on Friday evening—a \$5.00 donation is requested during Registration to help defray costs. Souvenirs, postage stamps, soft drinks, and snacks will be available for purchase on campus throughout the week.

Citizens are permitted to bring cellular/smart telephones and other electronic communication devices; however, these private communication devices are to be used only during scheduled free time. Use of these private communication devices at any other time, to include after “lights out,” can be disruptive and will be confiscated. An attendee’s parent(s)/guardian(s) will be notified if it becomes necessary to confiscate a private communication device, and all confiscated communication devices will be returned at the conclusion of the camp.



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Three meals will be provided daily in the Mount Vernon Dining Hall, and you may eat as much as you like. Vending machines with snacks and soft drinks are located on the grounds.

WHAT NOT TO BRING

Do not bring campaign literature, cards, signs, pins, hats, or other objects that can be used for soliciting votes. Items used to prepare campaign materials are not permitted. These include markers, paper, poster board, etc. The use of these items will result in your immediate disqualification from the office you are seeking. Campaign materials will be available for purchase with the ALMBS currency. This allows each Citizen an equal start.

Illegal drugs
Alcoholic beverages

DO NOT BRING
Vaping/Tobacco products
Any type of weapon

Pornographic material
Fireworks

Possession of these items is strictly prohibited. Violators will be immediately dismissed from the ALMBS and may be subject to arrest. Additionally, a dismissed Citizen's high school principal and sponsoring American Legion Post will be notified of the dismissal and the reason for it.

Do not bring laptops/PCs, gaming consoles, or other expensive electronic equipment. These devices are not necessary for your stay at the program and have generally proven to be disruptive during the camp. Do not bring anything that is extremely valuable. Expensive items cannot be secured throughout the week.

VISITORS

Parent(s)/guardian(s) are welcome to visit you throughout the week (recommended between 6:15 p.m.–7:30 p.m. daily). They may enjoy visiting on Wednesday evening, at 6:30 p.m., for the Formal Review held on the Parade Field followed by visitation until 8:00 p.m.

The Formal Review will begin promptly on Wednesday, June 10, at 6:30 p.m. PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S)/GUEST(S) SHOULD PLAN ON ARRIVING NO LATER THAN 6:00 P.M. AT THE PARADE FIELD, which is located across from Harrison Cottage.

Guests are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and cold bottled water. Small coolers are permitted during the Formal Review. Guests that are a member of any of The American Legion Family organizations are requested to wear their Uniform Cover for the Formal Review.

All visitors, other than those attending the Formal Review, must notify General Headquarters prior to arriving at Jackson's Mill by calling (304) 269-5100. Upon arriving at Jackson's Mill, all visitors must report to General Headquarters in the Dorsey Center to sign in. Staff members will be present to assist your guests during their visit(s).

Parent(s)/guardian(s)/family members/guests of the newly elected Governor, Board of Public Works, State Superintendent of Schools, and Supreme Court Justices are encouraged to attend the Inauguration which will begin promptly at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday in the Assembly Hall.

COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Parent(s)/guardian(s)/family members/guests are encouraged to attend the Commencement Ceremony that will begin promptly at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday morning in the Multipurpose Arena, which is located adjacent to Louis Bennett Field. This ceremony will end by 11:00 a.m.

Your parent(s)/guardian(s)/family members/guests should arrive at WVU Jackson's Mill between 7:30 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. and proceed directly to your cabin. All females are requested to remain outside of the cottages until checking with a Counselor as Citizens will likely still be getting dressed. Upon arrival at your cottage, they will pick up your luggage and personal items and proceed off the main campus of WVU Jackson's Mill to the Parking Area at the Multipurpose Arena to prepare for the Commencement Ceremony. Parent(s)/guardian(s)/family members/guests are encouraged to bring a lawn chair with them for this event and may congregate in the open area of the Multipurpose Arena. All parent(s)/guardian(s)/family members/guests must be off the main campus by 8:05 a.m. for Citizens to proceed to breakfast. **Guests that are a member of any of The American Legion Family organizations are requested to wear their Uniform Cover for the Commencement Ceremony.**



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At the conclusion of the Commencement Ceremony, you will be given your graduation packet and be dismissed from the ALMBS. **No one is permitted to re-enter the Main Campus of WVU Jackson's Mill** because another program will be on the grounds at this time.

All graduates will receive a graduation packet that includes a certificate of completion, ALMBS pin, and graduation cord to be worn at your high school graduation ceremony. We have notified schools across the state of our graduation cord program, and graduates have had no reported issues wearing their cords at their ceremonies.

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS

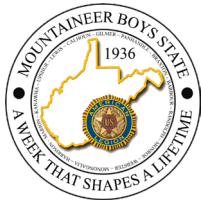
Contact us at almbs@wvboysstate.org or through the ALMBS website at <https://wvboysstate.org> with any questions. We will do our best to respond to your questions within 24 hours of receiving your message.

If you have any questions at any time throughout the program, do not hesitate to ask a Staff member.

- CAN I BE A PARTY CHAIRMAN AND RUN FOR ELECTIVE OFFICE? Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city).
- CAN I RUN FOR A CITY, COUNTY, AND STATE OFFICE AT THE SAME TIME? Yes. However, you cannot run for more than one office at each level (state, county, and city). A Citizen can hold only one elected office.
- CAN I APPLY TO BE HIRED FOR MORE THAN ONE POSITION? No. Interviews for all positions occur concurrently, and all positions will be filled by Sunday. Be prepared to pursue another career path such as the political or legal career path as an alternative.
- DOES PARTICIPATING IN THE ALMBS BAND/CHORUS KEEP ME FROM PARTICIPATING IN THE ALMBS POLITICAL PROCESS? No. Participating in the band/chorus is an added benefit. As a band/chorus member, you can take part in all aspects of the political process, and you also receive compensation (ALMBS currency) for each performance. However, some hired positions may conflict with band/chorus practice and performance times, in which case the hired position takes priority.
- HOW DO I FINANCE MY POLITICAL CAMPAIGN? Political campaigns are financed with your personal funds (ALMBS currency) and by obtaining campaign contributions (ALMBS currency) from other Citizens.
- AS A VOTER, HOW MUCH CAN I CONTRIBUTE TO A CANDIDATE'S CAMPAIGN? You are limited to contributing \$50.00 per office to any candidate.
- DO CANDIDATES HAVE TO ACCOUNT FOR CAMPAIGN MONIES? Yes. Any winning or losing candidate must file a Campaign Contribution and Expense form with the ALMBS Secretary of State.

A FEW DOS AND DON'TS

- DO.....Think what you would do if you knew you could not fail.
- DO.....Extend yourself to the fullest within the ALMBS by getting involved and not holding back.
- DON'T.....Think you can't do something without trying first.
- DO.....Come to the ALMBS with an open mind.
- DON'T.....Think you are coming to a recreation camp.
- DO.....Come to the ALMBS with enthusiasm and a willingness to show pride in your country by paying proper respect to the flag, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, and singing the National Anthem.
- DON'T.....Hesitate to keep your local American Legion Post and sponsor informed of what you are doing. They are proud to have you represent them.
- DO.....Be proud of being selected to attend the ALMBS. It is an honor afforded only to a special group of young men each year.



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ACTIVITIES

The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State (ALMBS) operates as a fully functional state with elected officials and various government functions. Citizens participate in this leadership academy by performing jobs, paying taxes, and engaging in organized activities which creates a realistic and immersive experience in state, county, and city government.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE CAREER PATHS

Each Citizen participates in this serious, but fascinating, leadership academy. **You will have a full-time job** and be paid a salary in ALMBS currency based upon the job(s) you perform. There is no public assistance at the ALMBS.

Each arriving Citizen receives a checking account with \$1,000.00 in ALMBS currency to pay a variety of license fees, registration fees, and other costs related to maintaining a household and employment within a city, county, and state. In addition, Citizens pay taxes on their real (bed) and personal property. Each Citizen will make deposits and withdrawals by earning monies through a position of employment and participation in organized activities (e.g., band, athletics, chorus, Americanism).

Please review the enclosed ALMBS Careers Packet to see all available jobs at ALMBS. You will have one "full-time" job by Wednesday morning, so it is recommended you pursue a job that interests you.

ALMBS jobs fall within the following career paths:

**Political
Corrections
Law Enforcement**

**Office of Emergency Services
Homeland Security / National Guard
Forensic Laboratory
Business Management & Marketing**

**Legal
Banking
Journalism**

You are highly encouraged to pursue the job that is of most interest to you, whether that's running for office or applying for a 'hired' position.

CAREER PATH PROCESS

By Wednesday morning ALL Citizens of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State will have at least one (1) full-time position (job). The full-time positions fall under three categories: elected, hired, or appointed. On Sunday afternoon, Citizens will either apply for a hired position or begin pursuing an elected position(s). Instructions on how to apply for a hired position or pursue elected positions are contained in this Packet, and your Counselors will provide instructions upon your arrival at ALMBS.

Appointments for the appointed positions are not made until Tuesday Evening and Wednesday morning and are made primarily by the newly elected Mountaineer Boys State Governor. Do not plan on receiving an appointed position. Your initial plan should be to pursue one (1) hired position or pursue at least one (1) elected office.

A Citizen may pursue one (1) elected position at the state, county, and city levels, but a Citizen can hold no more than one (1) elected position. Citizens will be notified they have been selected for a hired position by the end of the Sunday Evening Assembly. If you initially pursued a hired position but were not selected, you will then be required to pursue at least one (1) of the elected positions. Your Counselors are tasked to ensure that you have been selected to a full-time hired position, and if not, to ensure that you are pursuing at least one (1) elected position. The stated purpose of The American Legion Mountaineer Boys State is to "teach good government through participation." The participation of All Citizens of ALMBS guarantees its success.



THE AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE WEST VIRGINIA'S PREMIERE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

RECREATION AND ATHLETICS

ALMBS offers a variety of recreational opportunities to include intramural type athletic competitions where the ALMBS counties compete against one another. The games that are played are one-pitch softball, volleyball (hard court and sand court), basketball, kickball, and ultimate frisbee. Each county will have an Athletic Director whose responsibility will be to ensure that his county fields a team at the scheduled games. There are also a swimming pool, tennis court, gaga ball, frisbee golf course, small fitness center, and walking/hiking/running trails.

AMERICAN LEGION MOUNTAINEER BOYS STATE BAND

The ALMBS band plays for assemblies, Formal Review, political rallies, and other events. The ALMBS does not own any instruments so **BRING YOUR INSTRUMENTS!** Citizens who participate in the band will have plenty of time to participate in other activities and will receive compensation in ALMBS currency for each performance. Some items you will want to bring include a flip folder, lyre, reeds, valve oil, etc. If you have a music stand, you may also want to bring it. We encourage all wind players to participate, especially horns, baritones, trombones, tubas, trumpets, saxes, clarinets, and flutes. Percussionists need to bring snares and tenors. We normally borrow one bass drum and set of cymbals, but feel free to bring these if able. **Guitars, dulcimers, banjos, harmonicas, and any other types of instruments are also welcome.** Guitar players are reminded to bring your amplifier. Each night, when time allows, an informal gathering of musicians is permitted to occur so they can showcase their talents. Additionally, a talent show will be held on Friday evening, and musicians may want to participate. If you are interested in participating in the ALMBS Band, please visit <https://activities.wvboysstate.org> and practice the provided music prior to your arrival.

DEVOTIONS

Non-denominational devotional periods are held nightly at the Chapel under the guidance of Staff members. Citizens who wish to participate are encouraged to do so. Citizens may volunteer to lead these services and are encouraged to do so.

THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

The National Headquarters of The American Legion conducts a program called The American Legion Boys Nation (ALBN) that is held in Washington, DC. This program picks up the instructional process on government where respective American Legion Boys State programs leave off. Through hands on participation, young men learn about the Federal Government and its process. The American Legion Boys Nation delegates meet with legislators from both Houses of Congress, Administration Officials, and usually the President of the United States. Delegates will tour many historic sites in and around Washington, DC and lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

The American Legion Boys Nation follows the national political process and culminates its program with the election of the President of the Boys Nation Senate. ALBN is conducted at Marymount College in Arlington, Virginia. Two (2) ALMBS Citizens will be selected to represent West Virginia at Boys Nation. **This is the highest honor bestowed upon a Citizen of the ALMBS.** Only those ALMBS Citizens who are elected to a state office, the Supreme Court, Speaker of the House, President of the Senate, and each political party chairman are automatically eligible to apply for consideration. The American Legion Boys Nation Selection Committee may consider Citizens who did not obtain one of these offices but who have excelled in all aspects of the program as identified by their Senior Counselor with input from the Counselors or their Career Path Coordinator with input from their Career Path Advisors. The American Legion National Headquarters pays for the transportation, housing, and meal costs of all delegates to Boys Nation. Two (2) alternates will be selected in the event a principal delegate is unable to attend.

Key attributes of American Legion Boys Nation attendees are policy knowledge (international/national), debate skills, charisma, self-confidence, and love of country.

All American Legion Boys Nation participants will be required to have either a REAL ID or valid passport. To ensure eligibility, begin the acquisition process now for a REAL ID, a passport, or both, if not already possessed.