



## The American Legion, Department of Texas

Welcome:

I would like to take this opportunity to personally welcome you to Texas Boys State. You are being given the opportunity of a lifetime and one I am sure you will remember. Let me introduce myself. I am Michael Simon, the Director of Internal Affairs for The American Legion for the Department of Texas. Boys State is one of the programs that I oversee for the State.

I am sure you have about a thousand questions right now, and if you don't your parents do. Let me try and answer some for you. Texas Boys State begins at 1PM on June 5<sup>th</sup> with registration from 1PM till 4PM. Registration and Boys State are held at Jester Center located at Speedway and 21<sup>st</sup> St on the UT campus. The dismissal is approximately 1PM on June 11<sup>th</sup>. It should be noted that if you need to leave early for any reason, you will not receive credit for completing the program, and you will **NOT** be allowed to return.

Things to bring:

- a. Prescription medications.
- b. Personnel hygiene items.
- c. Towels and wash cloths.
- d. Athletic clothing sports T-shirts , shorts, tennis shoes, a hat. (the shorts and hat are only allowed to be worn for athletic events.)
- e. Casual clothing, jeans, khakis, slacks.
- f. The shirt for the event will be the Boys State T-Shirt. You will be issued one (1) of these shirts and must purchase the rest. They cost \$5.00 each, we recommend purchasing enough for everyday as laundry facilities are very limited.

We recommend no more than \$75.00 in cash. There will be the opportunity to purchase souvenirs and other items during the event.

Cell phones are permitted, however The American Legion and Boys State program will not accept any liability for loss or damage of a cell phone or any other device during the program. Uses of these devices are limited to free time.

**The use and or possession of cigarettes and any tobacco products are strictly and absolutely forbidden. The possession or use of said items will result in the immediate dismissal of the boy.**

The first meal will be served after registration on Saturday and the last meal served will be breakfast on Friday. A meal ticket is issued to each citizen during registration. Daily activities are rigorous and very fast paced with little "down" time. The day begins at 6:00AM and ends at 11:00PM.

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me.

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