

Green Mountain Boys' State

A program of the American Legion Leadership – Scholarship - Citizenship

Program: Green Mountain Boys' State is a **leadership development program** for rising high school senior boys. The focus of the program is Vermont town, county, and state government. Delegates are elected and appointed to offices within the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Branches of government. They work on issues relating to Vermont, and debate and discuss these issues during the Thursday session at the State House in Montpelier, VT on Thursday. **If you are considering making application to one of the Service Academies, Boys' State is a must!**

Dates & Times: Sunday, June 16 @ 12:00 Noon - Friday, June 21, 2019 @ 11:30 AM

Location: Northern Vermont University – Lyndon, Lyndonville, Vermont. Cost: \$275 per delegate

General Schedule:

<u>Thursday:</u> Friday:

<u>Sunday:</u> Delegate team building; Vermont political party information; political platforms.

<u>Monday:</u> Election of town officers, Town Orientation, Town Meeting, work on Town Problem

<u>Tuesday:</u> Primary election for state and county offices, Town Meeting, work on Town Problem

Wednesday: General Elections, Town Meetings, and Organization of Legislature

Legion Recognition & Parents' Night: Band Concert, Inauguration of State officers. Legislative session at the Capital in Montpelier, All-Star games, Marco the Magician Town Meetings, awarding of Model Town and scholarships, selection of delegates to Boys'

Nation Program in Washington, DC, closing and departure for home.

Activities: Band is a proud tradition at Boys' State. Other activities include soccer, basketball, volleyball, and swimming. Delegates organize tennis, running, Ultimate and other activities to take advantage of the facilities at Northern VT University - Lyndon. NVU-L makes their facilities available to the delegates throughout the week.

Scholarships: Scholarships are awarded to NVU – Lyndon, NVU- Johnson, Castleton University, and Norwich University. Boys' State provides two recommendations for scholarship to Middlebury College. **The Samsung Corporation awards a scholarship of \$800 to a direct descendant of a US wartime veteran**. The American Legion awards three cash scholarships in honor of past directors Richard Curtiss, Harry Loyzelle, and Norm Messier.

Boys' Nation Program: Two delegates will be selected to represent Vermont all expenses paid at the Boys' Nation Program in Washington DC in late July.

Staff & Volunteer Resource People: The staff is comprised of teachers, administrators, business owners, lawyers, legislators, and past delegates. All are volunteers who donate a week of their time to work with our delegates.

Throughout the week, many of **Vermont's elected and appointed officials** supplement the members of the staff. These professionals include town government officials, law enforcement officers, local development authorities, staff from the Vermont League of Cities & Towns, representatives from the Vermont School Boards Association, members of the Vermont House of Representatives, The Vermont Senate, the Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Attorney General, and Auditor of Accounts.

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