



**NEW YORK AMERICAN LEGION  
2026 BOYS' STATE PROGRAM**



**JUNE 27, 2026 – JULY 2, 2026**

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Dear American Legion Boys State Citizen,

Congratulations, and welcome to American Legion Boys State! On behalf of The American Legion, I am honored to welcome you to one of the most respected and selective citizenship programs in the nation. Your decision to participate places you among a distinguished group of young leaders who have chosen to step forward, learn, and lead.

American Legion Boys State is more than a program it is an experience. Here, you will engage in a hands-on approach to government, gaining a deeper understanding of how it functions and, more importantly, how it depends on the involvement of its citizens. This is a leadership action program designed to challenge you, stretch you, and equip you with skills that will serve you for a lifetime

You will quickly discover that government is not something distant or abstract it is shaped by those who participate. This program will show you that leadership, responsibility, and service are not just ideals, but actions. While the experience may be demanding at times, it will also be rewarding, memorable, and impactful in ways you may not fully appreciate until years from now.

Since 1935, American Legion Boys State has developed generations of young men who have gone on to serve their communities and nation with distinction. Among Boys State alumni are leaders in government, business, education, medicine, technology, and beyond. As you begin this journey, understand that the same opportunity lies before you.

Whether your future leads you into public service or another path, the relationships you build here and the lessons you learn will stay with you long after the program concludes.

As National Commander, I extend my very best wishes for a meaningful, engaging, and lifechanging 2026 American Legion Boys State experience.



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Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the American Legion Department of New York, I extend a proud and heartfelt welcome to each of you selected to participate in the 2026 Boys' State program. Your presence here is a testament to your character, leadership potential, and commitment to civic responsibility.

Boys' State is more than a weeklong event—it is a living classroom of democracy, where you will explore the rights, duties, and privileges of citizenship. You will debate policy, campaign for office, and make decisions that shape your own government. In doing so, you will gain not only knowledge, but the confidence and perspective that comes from active participation.

As Department Commander, I have witnessed firsthand the transformative power of this program. Many of our past delegates have gone on to serve their communities, their states, and their nation with distinction. I have no doubt that among you are future leaders who will carry forward the values of service, integrity, and respect for our democratic institutions.

I encourage you to approach this experience with open minds and bold ideas. Listen to others, speak with purpose, and lead with honor. The friendships you forge and the lessons you learn will stay with you long after the final session adjourns.

The American Legion is proud to sponsor Boys' State and to invest in the promise of your generation. We believe in you—and we look forward to the future you will help shape.

***John R. Miga***  
***Department Commander***  
***The American Legion Department of New York***

PREAMBLE  
TO THE CONSTITUTION  
OF  
THE AMERICAN LEGION

“For God and Country”  
We associate ourselves together  
for the following purposes:  
To uphold and defend  
the Constitution of the United States of America;  
To maintain Law and Order;  
To foster and perpetuate  
a one-hundred percent Americanism;  
To preserve the memories and incidents  
of our associations in all wars;  
To inculcate a sense of individual obligation  
to the Community, State and Nation;  
To combat the autocracy  
of both the classes and the masses;  
To make right the master of might;  
To promote peace and good will on earth;  
To safeguard and transmit to posterity  
the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy;  
To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship  
by our devotion to mutual helpfulness

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“Liberty without discipline is no liberty at all”

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Part of the spiritual legacy that General of the Army Douglas MacArthur left to his son, Arthur, was a prayer written during the desperate days of the Pacific War.

A SOLDIER'S PRAYER FOR HIS SON  
BY  
GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR

Build me a son, O Lord, who will be strong enough to know when he is weak, brave enough to face himself when he is afraid; one who will be proud and unbending in honest defeat, humble and gentle in victory.

Build me a son whose wishes will not take the place of deeds; a son who will know thee-and that to know himself is the foundation stone of knowledge.

Lead him I pray, not to in the path of ease and comfort, but under the stress and spur of difficulties and challenge. Let him learn to stand up in the storm; let him learn compassion for those who fail.

Build me a son whose heart will be clear, whose goal will be high; a son who will master himself before he seeks to master other men; one who will reach into the future, yet never forget the past. And after these things are his, add, I pray, enough of sense of humor so that he may always be serious yet never take himself too seriously. Give him humility, the simplicity of true greatness, the open mind of true wisdom and the meekness of true strength.

Then I, his father, will dare to whisper, "I have not lived in vain".

GREETINGS FROM THE AMERICAN LEGION  
DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

We, The American Legion, believe in the youth of our country. We have implicit faith that you possess the strength of heart and integrity to carry on the time-honored traditions of the “American Way of Life” and our democratic form of government.

Our “American Way of Life” is in danger. We currently face the most critical days in our Nation’s history. Men everywhere look into the future with the hope that a better world may be born with the coming of peace.

It has been said that the future belongs to our youth. The American Legion believes just that. Boys’ State is an American Legion program with high educational values borne out of a need to train this country’s young men in practical citizenship and to support the major purpose of a well-rounded high school education. It is an objective program that, through the program content, inculcates individual responsibility to community, state, and nation.

Because of our faith and sincere desire to foster and perpetuate the principles of democracy for which we fought, we have established a course of instruction covering functions of our State, Country, and Municipal political agencies of Government, known as The American Legion Boys’ State.

You are a member of a very select group, in that you have been chosen to attend Boys’ State by a committee comprised of members of The American Legion and the faculty of your high school. You should feel honored and proud of the privilege extended to you just as we, The American Legion, deems it our honor to sponsor this Program known throughout the United States as Boys’ State. In turn, you are expected to return to your respective communities, and, through your increased knowledge of government procedure knowledge of the rights of others; regardless of race, creed, or color, conduct yourselves so that you set an example for others as how to be a good citizen.

We, of The American Legion, Department of New York, want you to work hard and to play hard during the Boys’ State program and, when you return to your respective homes, always remember that you are a citizen of the greatest Country in the world.

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The Boys' State Program was originated by the Illinois Department of The American Legion. The program was based on an idea that young men should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government and that an individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of government.

The first Boys' State was convened at Springfield, Illinois in June 1935. More than 200 boys, representing every section of the state, were enrolled.

The first year of the program proved conclusively the great possibilities of such a movement. The Seventeenth Annual National Convention of The American Legion, held September 1935, adopted the following resolution on the subject, "Resolved, by The American Legion, that we highly endorse the Boys' State Movement and recommend that it be made an essential part of the National Americanism program." The office of the National Americanism Commission, acting on this endorsement, immediately utilized the various channels available to publicize and promote the program.

A round table conference was held during the winter of 1935-1936 for the purpose of promoting Boys' State and of acquainting interested departments with the details in connection with the sponsorship of the new citizenship movement. The result was that the Departments of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia joined Illinois in providing schools of government for the boys of these states during the summer of 1936 with all states to soon follow their lead.

A special Boys' State Committee was appointed in November 1940 as a sub-committee of the Americanism Commission to specialize in the direction and progress of the activity. This special committee meets during the semi-annual meetings of the National Executive Committee. It presents suggestions and recommendations for the conduct and improvement of the Boys' State Program to the Americanism Commission.

The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc. was first held at the Syracuse Fairgrounds in 1938 with 207 boys attending the session. During World War II, the program was moved to Manlius, New York. Its growth following World War II was so rapid it became necessary to seek larger quarters. Colgate University was the answer. The move took place in 1947 and since that time the attendance of Boys' State has reached up to 1,000 attendees per year. Summer courses created crowded conditions at Colgate University and made it necessary to find more suitable accommodations. The program moved to the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College, Morrisville, where it has been held almost continuously since 1966. Over 79,245 boys from New York State have been privileged to attend this practical school of political science.

Boys' State operates as a miniature state. Its citizens learn how a republic works, to inspect and accept our framework of government, appreciate their American Heritage, and support the American form of democracy. Boys' State functions through the objective participation of youth in representative government organizations.

The Boys' State Program is neither overly arbitrary nor rigid, as each department conducts its own state. The department programs are fairly uniform, however, and are held to a high standard of excellence under the direction of the National Americanism Commission with the assistance of the National Boys' State Committee.

Only those high school juniors who exhibit strong leadership capabilities are selected to attend the Boys' State Program. Boys' Staters are mentally alert and physically clean, vigorous, enthusiastic, and possess good personality traits, are honest and able to get along with others and exhibit good sportsmanship. Scholarship is a desirable and important quality; however, many potential leaders are not always the best scholars. These young citizens direct state, county, and municipal governments by electing and appointing their own officers.

Boys' State citizens are divided into two parties bearing arbitrary names, usually Federalists and Nationalists. Any reference to the established major political parties of the United States is avoided. Each annual Boys' State program starts a new state. The citizens, upon arrival, are assigned to one of the political parties, a county, and a city. Each boy runs for the office to which he aspires. The campaigns are conducted in great sincerity and a member of the state supreme court, or another official, administers the oath of office to all elected officials. Throughout his term of office each official is shown the same respect that his office demands in a real-life situation. Conventions, caucuses, and elections conform to the actual procedure in state government and subdivisions thereof.

Although the American Legion founded Boys' State and assumes the responsibility of sponsoring it, in most departments, patriotic, civic, educational, and fraternal organizations serve as co-sponsors with legion posts in sending boys to Boys' State.

Special lectures at Boys' State are presented by experienced government officials and professional leaders. Counselors are directors in Boys' State and chosen because of their success as youth leaders.

Morning assemblies consist of entertainment, vivid descriptions of the practical operation of state and local government and addresses by prominent state speakers.

Each succeeding Boys' State takes pride in the independence, vigor, initiative, self-reliance, and accomplishments of the citizens who made that state a success. As a result, many Boys' States have organized alumni units. These groups seek the application of more democratic principles of government in their local communities. They do not organize to promote the interests of partisan political candidates or parties. The ideals and objectives of Boys' State are thereby successfully continued into the adult citizenship life of the alumnus.

### **Purpose of the American Legion Boys' State of New York Inc.**

The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc., which is sponsored by the American Legion Department of New York, is a citizenship training program designed to meet your needs and to give you an insight into our democratic form of government.

Its' purpose is to inspire and instill in you a deep sense of responsibility and obligation by educating you in the principles of Democracy and by teaching you the duties, privileges, and rights of American citizenship.

The Boys' State Program has been founded on the "learn by doing" concept. By actually operating your own government, you will leave Boys' State with a clearer view and a better understanding of the functions of our government agencies.

As nearly as possible, the government of The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc. is patterned after the city, county, and state governments of the State of New York. It is pure democracy in that all citizens may vote and are eligible to hold office.

### **WHAT IS BOYS' STATE?**

Boys' State is a program of The American Legion developed from the concept that youth should be offered a better perspective of the practical operation of government; that the individual is an integral part and commensurately responsible for the character and success of his government. As such, it is an activity of high educational value, borne of a need for youth training in practical citizenship.

Boys' State is a leadership Action Program where qualified male high school juniors take part in a practical government course. This course is designed to develop in the young citizens a working knowledge of the structure of government, and to impress upon them the fact that their government is what THEY make it.

Boys' State is an objective citizenship training program which inculcates individual responsibility to the community, state, and nation. It is operated on the basis of the political government organization existing in New York State, including all levels from the municipality to the state.

### **THE OBJECTIVES OF BOYS' STATE**

- A. To develop civic leadership and pride in American Citizenship**  
It is our earnest hope that each young man attending Boys' State will return to his community a better citizen than when he left, and that he will demonstrate this fact by his willingness to make civic contributions that will help to make his community a better place in which to live.
- B. To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of government**  
We desire to create more than just a passive interest in the actual study of government – we strive to create interest which will encourage the desire for knowledge.
- C. To arouse in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government**  
We attempt to accomplish this in many ways, but primarily through bringing them to full realization of how truly wonderful it is to be an American!
- D. To develop in young citizens of Boys' State a full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America**  
We work to impress upon them, in the strongest manner possible, the glorious traditions which have made this country what it is today.
- E. To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to their Community, State, and Nation**
- F. To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom, and Democracy**

### **General Rules of New York Boys' State**

Citizens of Boys' State are here to learn and observe how government is conducted. You will, as far as possible, govern yourselves accordingly. City, County, and State counselors are here to advise you on any problem or procedure.

ABSENCE FROM THE BOYS' STATE AREA OF SUNY MORRISVILLE will only be by written pass, signed by your County counselor, and then only when approved by the New York Boys' State Executive Director or Program Director.

SUNY Morrisville is equipped with an emergency Boys' State infirmary. Every illness, particularly colds, fevers, and stomach disorders, **MUST BE REPORTED**. Every accident, no matter how small (particularly sprains, cuts, scratches, and blisters), must immediately be reported to your counselor.

All equipment is either the property of New York Boys' State or SUNY Morrisville and is here for your convenience. Care should be taken to preserve this property as everything must be returned in first-rate condition.

Ordinances, resolutions, and laws passed by the cities, counties, and state will be strictly enforced by Boys' State Police and city and county law enforcement officers.

**Formations** – For safety reasons, formations will proceed by cities in columns of four to the dining hall and assembly areas promptly at the stated times. The Marines and at least one counselor will be with the formation and in charge.

**Bookstore** – A bookstore is located on the ground floor of Butcher Library and is equipped with such items as toilet articles, camera film, magazines, and souvenirs. It will be open on weekdays.

**Copy Machines** – Word processing and copy machines have been installed for county and state governmental bulletins. Citizens will prepare the originals and the staff at HQ will operate the machines.

**Government Routine** – Should you desire advice on government routine, consult your city or county counselor.

**Firearms, fireworks, drugs, and alcohol** – Firearms, fireworks, liquor, and illicit drugs in any form will not be permitted on the grounds. Any violation will result in automatic expulsion from New York Boys' State. Parents and Sponsors will be notified.

**Automobiles** – The use of automobiles by any citizen is prohibited during the period of Boys’ State. Cars will be parked in accordance with the directions of the counselors. Car keys are to be turned into the Boys’ State Counselors.

**Mail** – A post office has been set up in headquarters and all mail should be addressed to you in care of your Boys’ State city and number, American Legion Boys State, SUNY Morrisville, Morrisville, NY 13408.

**Performance of Duties** – Each citizen must attend all general assembly meetings and required schools of instruction. Morning sessions will be devoted to city, county, and state government operations. Each citizen must attend to his duties.

**No Collection for Gifts** – No collection of funds may be made for any purpose. Always show your appreciation to your Counselors and Marines through complete cooperation.

**Smoking** – According to state statute, the use of tobacco products, including smoking, is illegal for persons under the age of 21. Abstinence at all times is essential for Boys’ Staters. SUNY Morrisville bans smoking in all inside common areas.

**Attire** – Long pants and Boys’ State shirts are required at all seated assemblies and at dinner. Shirts and shoes are required in the dining hall.

**Footwear** – Proper footwear (shoes or sneakers) must always be worn when moving around on campus.

**Conduct** – Citizens of New York Boys’ State are under school discipline at all times and any serious infraction of rules or violation of the pledge will be reported to the school for such action as the school may determine.

**Gambling of any sort is strictly prohibited.**

**Living Quarters** – Rooms are to be kept clean and in good order, as well as the grounds and facilities of SUNY Morrisville.

**Respect** – You owe your fellow American Legion Boys’ State Citizens, your City, County, and State counselors, and your Marines respect at all times.

**Electronic Devices** – Boys’ State prohibits any electronics. If you choose to have any of these items against policy, they will be collected upon your arrival. Cell phones will be allowed (they must be turned off during the day, except for break/down times). If any items are lost or stolen, we will not be responsible for them, and no reimbursement will be made to you.

ORGANIZATION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS' STATE OF NEW YORK, INC

2026

<u>COUNTY OF</u>	<u>CITY OF</u>	<u>REGISTRATION NO.</u> <u>EACH BOY</u>
Roosevelt	Yermas Downey	1 – 37 38 – 74
McKneally	Schacher Koster	75 – 111 112 – 148
Kogutek	Riley Kearsing	149 – 185 186 – 222
Fish	Van Patten Morrill	223 – 259 260 – 296
Stember	Malin Peters	297 – 333 334 – 370
Scheiberling	Sallese Burnett	371 – 407 408 – 444
Wong	Casey Clark	445 – 481 482 – 518
Pedro	Neville LaMarsh	519 – 555 556 – 592
Spafford	Collmer Minei	593 – 629 630 – 666

Troiola

Nessler  
Herschlag

667 – 703  
704 – 740

DO YOU KNOW WHERE YOU FIT IN?

The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc.  
Political Organization

CITY

City (Mayor – Council Type)

ELECTIVE

1. Mayor
2. Judge of Municipal Court
3. Justice of Traffic Court
4. Common Council (4)
5. City Clerk
6. City Treasurer
7. City Attorney
8. County Legislators (2)
9. Assemblymen (5)
10. Senators (3)
11. State Trooper Candidate and Sheriff Candidate
12. Commissioner on Sustainability & Economic Development (2)

APPOINTIVE

1. Chief of Police
2. Fire Chief
3. Commissioner of Health
4. Commissioner of Assessments
5. City Election Board (2)
6. Commissioner of Recreation
7. Commissioner of Parks
8. Commissioner of Public Works
9. Policeman (As Needed)
10. Fireman (As Needed)
11. Clerk of Municipal Court
12. Clerk of Traffic Court
13. Public Relations Officer

## **COUNTY**

### ELECTIVE

1. County Executive
2. County Clerk
3. County Judge
4. District Attorney
5. Superintendent of Schools
6. Sheriff
7. Registrar of Deeds
8. Superintendent of Highways
9. County Legislators (4) (2 elected each city)

### APPOINTIVE

1. County Health Officer
2. Assistant District Attorney
3. Assistant Supt. Of Schools
4. Deputy Sheriff(s)
5. Assistant County Clerk
6. Clerk of County Court
7. Public Relations Officer

## **STATE**

### ELECTIVE

1. Governor
2. Lieutenant Governor
3. Attorney General
4. State Comptroller
5. Judges of Court of Appeals (7)
6. State Troopers (10) (One for each County)
7. Sheriffs (10) (One for each County)

### APPOINTIVE

1. Secretary of State
2. Commissioner of Education
3. Commissioner of Health
4. Commissioner of Public Welfare
5. The Adjutant General
6. Secretary to the Governor
7. Secretary of the Senate
8. Sergeant-at-Arms (Senate) (2)
9. Chief Clerk (Assembly)
10. Sergeant-at-Arms (Assembly) (2)
11. Assistant Secretary of State
12. Assistant State Comptroller
13. Assistant Attorney General
14. Assistant Commissioner of Education
15. Public Relations Officer
16. Chief Commissioner of Sustainability and Economic Development
17. Secretary of Agriculture

## BOYS' STATE PENAL CODE

The following is a selection of laws that apply to Boys' State directly. In addition, the penal Law of the State of New York is applicable.

1. Any citizen who goes off campus without permission will automatically be expelled from Boys' State.
2. Littering of any form and under any circumstances on college grounds or in College Buildings is forbidden. (Public Property Act, Section 8)
3. Misuse of buildings or College property is not permitted. (Public Property Act, Section 13)
4. Citizens are not permitted outside their city and county limits after lights-out. (Emergency Measures Act, Section 2; Municipal Zoning Act, Section 432)
5. Paper airplanes, balloons or other projectiles are subject to confiscation, and their owners are to be apprehended. Operation of such devices is strictly forbidden. (Motor Vehicles Act, Section 34; Federal Aviation Administration Regulations 37.2 – 37.5, Section 18)
6. Rules and Laws established by Cities, Counties, or Conventions are to be recognized and enforced, including such laws as which concern the behavior of its citizens. (Multiple Jurisdiction Act, Section 14)
7. All citizens of Boys' State are to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner and observe the dress and other requirements as established by the program. Failure to do so will constitute a misdemeanor. (Human Rights Code, Section 142)
8. Citizens suspected and accused of illegal acts must be advised of their constitutional rights by the arresting officer. (Miranda V. Florida, U.S.M.C. 65-37.2)
9. No citizen may prevent any duly appointed or elected official of Boys' State from performing their duties. (Public Order Act, Section 21)
10. A person is guilty of refusing to aid a peace officer when, upon command by an identifiable peace officer or identified to him as such, he unreasonably fails or refuses to aid such peace officer in effecting an arrest, or in preventing the commission by another person of any offense. (Public Administration Act, Section 195.10)
11. State Police officers may act on behalf or within the jurisdiction of, their City and County counterparts, in the performance of their duties. The officer will present his report to the appropriate level; a trial will be held on that appropriate level. Original jurisdiction is as follows:

Violation involves:	Original jurisdiction:
-Within a city	City Court
-Within a county	County Court
-Between cities, same county	County Court
-Between cities, different counties	State Court
-Any acts involving individuals	County Court (except public Officials)
-Acts involving state officials	State Court



## GENERAL INFORMATION

### GENERAL RULES OF CAUCUSES AND CONVENTIONS

1. Roberts Rules of Order will be used at all meetings of The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc.
2. Any member desiring to speak shall rise and address the chair by calling out clearly, "Mr. Chairman." The chairman will then indicate the person to be recognized by calling his name, or pointing, or nodding. The person thus recognized must then give his title, name and county or city, thus: Senator Jones  
\_\_\_\_\_ County.
3. Only two Boys' State parties will be allowed, namely, the Nationalists and Federalists.
4. Only two delegates from any one county shall be permitted the floor on any subject.
5. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one subject, except by the unanimous consent of the convention.
6. Debate shall be limited to three minutes. Seconding speeches shall be limited to two minutes and not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for one candidate.
7. Nominating speeches shall be limited to three minutes. Seconding speeches shall be limited to two minutes and not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for one candidate.

### DUTIES OF THE SEVERAL OFFICERS

#### **The Chairman or President:**

Enforces the rules adopted; call the house to order; announces its business; sustains order; explains and decides questions of order with provision of reversal being given the house; appoints all committees not otherwise provided for; recognizes speakers; submits motions; puts to vote all questions; sets precedence in speaking on questions of order; and decides who votes.

#### **The Secretary:**

Records the proceedings of the organization; writes all letters; calls the roll for absentees or votes; reads minutes of previous meeting; read all papers and documents to the organization; keeps committees informed of their work; signs all records and is responsible for all papers belonging to the organization. The Secretary can act in the absence of the President or Chairman to appoint a temporary Chairman.

### MEMBERSHIP

Membership implies that one has been regularly received according to the rules of the organization and has duly signed the constitution. A member must obtain the consent of the chairman before he can address the house; must speak only on the subject at hand unless otherwise permitted; must give due respect to fellow members in his speech; and promptly yield to the Chairman's call to

order. A majority of members constitute a quorum, unless otherwise designated by the constitution.

### **ORDER OF EXERCISE**

AFTER AN ORGANIZATION is established, the order of business adopted depends on what is best suited for that body's deliberation.

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Read, correct, approve, and adopt minutes of previous meeting
4. Reports of standing committees
5. Reports of special committees
6. Unfinished business
7. New business
8. Communications
9. Orders of the day
10. Elections of officers
11. Reception of new members
12. Announcements
13. Adjournment

### PARLIMENTARY DON'T'S

**DON'T** attempt to discuss a motion until it has been stated by the chair.

**DON'T** antagonize unnecessarily; nobody loves a barking dog even if he doesn't bite.

**DON'T** be carried away in debate by a fervor or frenzy; moderation will win your cause more surely with reasonable minds and your opinion will have more weight.

**DON'T** be too exacting to have the letter of the law enforced.

**DON'T** forget that the common laws of politeness and respect due to fellow men maintain just the same in society hall as in the drawing room, even if the by-laws of the organization have no definite ruling on these points.

**DON'T** cheapen your opinion in the eyes of others by speaking too often or upon every occasion. Keep quiet until you have something to say and a good reason for saying it.

**DON'T** preface a motion with "I move you"; say "I move that".

**DON'T** leave it to the chairman to handle a motion pertaining to him. The Secretary or maker of the motion should state the questions, put it to vote, and announce the result.

## STATE PARTY CONVENTION

### **I. MEMBERSHIP AND ATTENDANCE**

- A. All Citizens of Boys' State registered in this party are voting delegates at the party conventions.
- B. Attendance at all sessions is MANDATORY. This requirement is the special responsibility of the County Delegation Chairman.

### **II. GENERAL CONVENTION PROCEDURES**

- A. Except for special provisions herein, ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER govern the conduct of the convention.
- B. The procedures of this section apply to all motions considered by the convention, except for special procedures listed below for motions to nominate.
- C. Delegates seeking recognition must address only the chair and identify themselves by name, county, and number before speaking.
- D. Speakers will be recognized alternately for and against the motion being considered. No delegate may speak twice on a motion until all delegates wishing to debate have been heard or no further speakers on a side are available.
- E. County delegation chairman will be allowed three minutes of debating time. Other delegates will be allowed two minutes. Debates on any motion are limited to fifteen minutes after which time a motion must be disposed of or tabled.

### **III. VOTE TABULATION**

- A. Ordinary motions may be disposed of by a simple show of hands.
- B. Roll Call Procedures:
  - 1. In the case of roll call voting abstentions shall not be considered cast.
  - 2. At the start of each session of the convention each county delegation votes. Chairman will report the number of delegates present and voting. Roll call votes will only be recorded when the votes cast in any election tally this figure. Changes in delegation strength must be reported at once by County Chairmen.
  - 3. Only county chairman may address the chair during roll call.
  - 4. County delegations may pass twice on roll call. A third pass forfeits delegations votes.
  - 5. Any motion covered by this section receiving a majority of the votes cast will be declared adopted. If any officers or nominees are selected by this procedure and none receives a majority, no more than half of the candidates will be dropped from the ballot and the election will be held again. This will continue until the majority is achieved.

### **IV. NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF CONVENTION OFFICERS**

- A. These rules supersede other procedures when a motion to nominate a person for office is before the convention.
- B. Both nominations and elections of all officers will strictly follow the roll call procedures set forth above.
- C. Each delegation may nominate only one person for each of the temporary and permanent offices of the convention. Such nominations are to be the result of a fair and complete canvassing within each individual delegation.
- D. The officers of the convention are temporary and permanent Chairman, Secretary and Clerk. The temporary officers will be chosen by the convention in that order and will be followed by the election of the permanent officers in that order.
- E. If the opportunity to pass twice during the roll call does not allow sufficient time for the county delegation to canvass their delegations, the party chairman may at his discretion allow a further recess.
- F. At the conclusion of nominations and before any non-roll call vote, a two-minute recess will be declared for the polling of the delegations.
- G. One speech in favor of every nominee for a convention office will be allowed and will not exceed two minutes.
- H. Votes in favor of candidates not properly nominated will be counted as abstentions.
- I. Counties are not required to nominate candidates for every convention office.

**V. SPECIAL PROCEDURES**

- A. The caucus of the ten county chairmen may, at their discretion, adopt one of their numbers as the sole nominees for temporary party chairman.
- B. The caucus may also adopt the following special procedures at their discretion. The temporary Secretary and Clerk may be elected simultaneously. Each delegation would nominate one person for both offices. Each delegate would have one vote in the election. The two people receiving the most votes would be at once declared as the temporary Secretary and Clerk of the convention.

**VI. MISCELLANEOUS**

- A. All questions of appeal shall be put to a two-thirds vote when a vote is required.
- B. These temporary rules will remain in effect until the report of the rules committee is considered and adopted.
- C. The convention will not adjourn until it has completed business. Sessions recess at night and reconvene the next day.
- D. The general agenda for the convention is:
  - 1. Call to order
  - 2. Briefing by the State Counselor
  - 3. Election of Temporary Officers
  - 4. Report of the rules committee
  - 5. Election of Permanent Officers
  - 6. Selection of Nominees for:
    - a) Justices of Court of Appeals

- b) Comptroller
- c) Attorney General
- d) Lieutenant Governor
- e) Governor
- 7. Report of the platform Committee
- 8. Acceptance Speech of Gubernatorial nominee
- 9. Adjournment

- E. Delegations are to remain seated and the aisles and exits will not be obstructed. Persons allowed to move about the convention floor are the county chairmen, their co-chairmen, and no more than two others at any one time with permission of the county chairman.
- F. One man – one vote will always be observed as a principle. No proxy voting or block voting is permitted.
- G. Parliamentarians will be appointed by chairman of the convention to advise on all questions of procedure.

**VII. SPECIAL CASE FOR THE VOTING FOR JUDICIAL NOMINEES**

- A. Each county may nominate one candidate.
- B. Speeches will be limited to two minutes.
- C. The top seven will win.

## **BOYS' STATE FOLLOWS PARTY LINES**

Citizens have a better opportunity to express themselves in a government through political parties on a national level. They afford the opportunity for collective thinking and sincere cooperation in analyzing problems that affect the entire country. Platforms are constructed, developing party aims and ideals at party conventions, thereby permitting a party to collectively develop a program of government for the people to consider and express their approval or disapproval by casting their ballot in a general election.

Major issues and goals of a party should be clearly defined so that all the people understand what their party stands for. Citizens should then expect the ideals of their party to be carried out should their party candidates and platforms be carried into power by the general vote of the people. The ideals should not only be made effective by the officials elected to office, but by the party leaders who drafted the platform and campaigned for the people elected to office.

For the purpose of operating The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc., national issues should not be involved in either party platform. The platform should be confined to state issues and issues pertinent to the Boys' State Program. Your party should give sincere thought and careful deliberation to the platform. The candidates on your state ticket will campaign for the general belief of the entire party ticket and the ideals and principles embodied in your platform will no doubt be the basis of the campaign. The success or failure of your party will depend largely on the soundness and popularity of your party platform.

You have been arbitrarily assigned to one of the Boys' State parties – namely, The Nationalist Party or The Federalist Party. The party names used in the American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc., have no significance whatsoever. These are merely names used to designate the two parties. This has been done to expedite organization. In everyday politics, citizens become members of a political party in most cases through heritage. Other reasons for joining parties are sectarian, social, business or occupational, and geographic. There should be no selfish reasons to belong to the party, so that you may help to draft a platform and select candidates for your state ticket. You are molding policies of state government for the benefit of the states entire citizenship. Take upon yourselves the seriousness of the problem. American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc. is a serious business.

The ideals and aims of your party will be developed during the party's state convention. You and your fellow citizens should seriously measure your qualifications for the office you seek. Make up your mind to develop the following. Campaign hard. Go into this election to win. But remember also that if you lose, the citizens have found something in your opponent or his party principles that they like better. Do something about it in a constructive manner. Don't condemn the world because you lost.

New York Law provides a combination of party candidates by a party primary election. Time will not permit the nomination of party candidates by this method. Therefore, for the purpose of obtaining the greatest good out of our American Legion, Boys' State of New York, the nominating of party candidates for various public offices will be done by the party caucus plan by

convention. A party caucus or convention of each party will be held in each city, in each county and the state for the purpose of nominations for public office.

### **CANDIDATES TO BE CHOSEN AT CITY PARTY CAUCUS**

#### **Order of Business at City Caucus**

1. Select a permanent city party chairman.
2. Select one convention delegate to serve on the State Convention Rules Committee and one convention delegate to serve on the State Party Platform Committee. These delegates will be elected at the first County Party Caucus.
3. Select a party election teller and a party election clerk. These party officials will function at all city and county caucuses and elections.
4. Establish a city party platform.
5. Each city constitutes three senatorial districts and five assembly districts therefore, select three candidates for the office of State Senator, five candidates for the office of State Assemblyman and one candidate for the State Police force representing your county. Conduct city elections for these offices.
6. Reconvene and select two candidates for the office of County Legislator representing your city. Conduct City elections for that office. Select two candidates for all city elective offices. Conduct complete elections for these offices (party officials can also hold city, county, or state office).

**Elected city officials:** Mayor, Judge of Municipal Court, Justice of Traffic Court, Councilman (4), City Clerk, City Treasurer, City Attorney, County Legislators (2), Assemblymen (5), and Senators (3), Commissioner on Sustainability & Economic Development; State Police nominee wins assignment by lot to the State Police Force.

**Mayor Appoints:** Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Assessments, City Elections Board (2), Commissioner of Recreation, Commissioner of Parks, and Commissioner of Public Works.

**Judge Appoints:** Clerk of Municipal Court, Clerk of Traffic Court.

Although the legislature will not convene until after the state election, the members are elected at the city elections in order that they may become organized and ready for action when the time arrives. After the city elections, most citizens have been either elected or appointed to an Office. It is the purpose of the State to have every delegate fill an office, either elective or appointive. Those who have been defeated are to try again for another office. The fact that a delegate has been elected to a city office does not bar him from being a candidate for office in a larger unit of government and, if elected, he is to do what is done in civil life, namely, resign his first office and accept the second.

### **CANDIDATES TO BE CHOSEN AT THE COUNTY CAUCUS**

1. Each citizen is automatically a delegate to his party's county and state political convention. It is through caucuses that those desiring a nomination for county or state office must work. If you want an elective office, you must first be nominated, and to do this you must have at least a majority of these delegates on your side.

2. At the first county caucus, a county party leader is selected from interested candidates (maybe one of the city party leaders). A non-candidate is first selected by the delegates as a temporary county chairman. Members of the state convention Rules and Platform Committee (one each) are then chosen (appointed or elected). City election clerks will supervise the election.
3. At a later county party caucus, candidates for county office will be nominated.  
 Elected Offices: County Executive, County Clerk, County Judge, District Attorney, County Superintendent of Schools, State Police, Sheriff, Registrar of Deeds and Superintendent of Highways.  
 \*County Legislators were elected at city elections (2 from each city)
4. Appointive officers of County Government are made after the county elections:  
 County Health Officer, Assistant District Attorney, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Deputy Sheriff (s), Assistant County Clerk, Clerk of County Court.

### **STATE OFFICIALS**

Elected Officials: Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, State Comptroller, Seven Judges of Court of Appeals (Elect one Chief Justice).

The Governor Appoints: Secretary of State, State Commissioner of Education, Commissioner of Health, Commissioner of Public Welfare, The Adjutant General, Secretary to the Governor, Assistant Secretary of State, Assistant State Comptroller, Assistant Attorney General and Assistant Commissioner of Education.

The State Judiciary consists of seven Judges elected on the state ballot for Court of Appeals. The successful candidates for Associate Judge will meet and the Judge receiving the popular vote will be installed as Chief Justice of the Court of Appeals. If you are a candidate for any office, it is your duty to campaign as vigorously as you possibly can. Conduct a fair, fearless, clean campaign. Be a credit to your party. Urge your friends to campaign for you.

Each County should arrange political rallies. The rallies may be held at any time and place, within rules of course. Have everyone concerned meet and know your candidate. Have the speaker discuss your party platform.

If you are a candidate, do not hesitate to call upon your friends to support you and do not hesitate to make a speech on your own behalf whenever the occasion permits.

You must remember that at the conclusion of the general election, only one candidate for each office on the City, County and State level will be elected.

Therefore, one candidate for each office on the City, County, and State level will be defeated. If you are a successful candidate, immediately prepare yourself for taking over the duties of your specific office. Carry out those duties in the same fearless, sincere, and honest manner you used during your campaign. Select your appointments with care. Consult your counselors whenever you deem it advisable, they are there to assist you. If you happen to be one of the candidates who did not win the election – remember the citizens have made their choice. Do not take defeat

personally, but immediately do what you can, as a good citizen, to help the administration in office to conduct their affairs in the best interest of the party.

Politics is a sincere business. You must be able to win or lose. That's true American Citizenship.

## **DUTIES OF CITY OFFICES OF BOYS' STATE ELECTIVE OFFICES**

### **Mayor:**

The mayor is the head of the executive branch of the city government. His duties and responsibilities are:

1. He is elected by the people and is responsible for the success or failure of his administration.
2. He appoints, subject with the approval of the council, the following department heads: Police, Fire, Health, Public Works, Parks, Recreation and Assessment.
3. He prepares and submits the annual budget to the Common Council.
4. He has veto power over councilman action.

### **Councilmen: (4 to be elected)**

The council is the Legislative branch of the city government, elected by the people, and is the policy forming body. Its duties are:

1. Adopts city ordinances
2. Approves or rejects appointments of department heads submitted by the mayor.
3. Has final word on the annual budget as submitted by the mayor.
4. 2/3 vote required to override Mayor's veto.

### **City Clerk:**

The City Clerk is elected by the people and is the official record keeper of the city. His duties are:

1. Keeps the record of all council meetings, including votes on all matters considered by the council.
2. Acts as secretary to the council in all administrative matters.
3. Issues licenses for approved ordinances.
4. Voting procedure and process

### **City Treasurer:**

The City Treasurer is elected by the people and is the official custodian of the city's property. His duties are:

1. Collects taxes and other assessments due to the city in accordance with laws and ordinances adopted by the council.
2. Issues checks in payment of salaries and other authorized expenditures.

### **City Attorney:**

The City Attorney is elected by the people. His duties are:

1. Gives legal advice to the mayor and other officers of the Municipal Government.
2. Defends the city against lawsuits and represents the city when the city is plaintiff before any court.
3. Acts as prosecutor for violations of city ordinances.
4. Appears for and protects the rights and interests of the city in all actions, suits, and proceedings brought by or against it or any officer, department board, or agency.

### **Judge of Municipal Court:**

The Judge of the Municipal Court is elected by the people and has jurisdiction over the following: disputes over contracts, damages and other matters of civil actions, criminal actions of the class of

misdemeanor in which no indictment is necessary and punishment for which does not include imprisonment in the state penitentiary; and traffic violations. His duties are:

1. Organizes the court, fixes a regular time and place for holding court, and requires peace officers to enforce his decisions.
2. Appoints court clerk.

**Justice of Traffic Court:**

The Justice of the Traffic Court is elected by the people and has jurisdiction over all traffic violations occurring within the city limits. His duties are:

1. Organizes the court, fixes a regular time and place for holding court, and requires peace officers to enforce his decisions.
2. Levies fines or penalties relative to traffic violators.

**Commissioner of Sustainability & Economic Development:**

1. Meet during week to develop a plan to take back information from Boys' State to their own communities.
2. Learn about the current economy, technology and political actions that are associated with sustainability and environmental conservation.

**DUTIES OF CITY OFFICES OF BOYS' STATE APPOINTIVE OFFICES**

**Chief of Police:**

1. Acts as principal agent for law enforcement in the city, seeing that ordinances are observed, and order maintained.
2. Arrests and places in the city detention area (which he chooses), any person charged with violation of an ordinance.
3. Guards the city area from pilfering, disturbances, and unsanitary conditions.
4. Acts as bailiff in the Municipal Court.
5. Recommends two policemen as his assistants to city council.
6. Cooperates with the Sheriff in enforcing peace.
7. Supervises police force.
8. Inspects quarters within the city.

**Policeman:**

1. Assists the Chief of Police in enforcing peace. (Note: Policemen, including the chief, have no authority outside the areas of their own city).

**Fire Chief:**

1. Inspects the area of his city for fire hazards, including piles of waste, etc.
2. Checks fire extinguishers and water supply in his area and informs citizens of their location.
3. Organizes a volunteer fire department of ten citizens for emergencies.
4. Turns off lights promptly at 10:15 each night unless otherwise instructed by counselor.
5. Conducts fire drills for the safety of the citizens with permission of the counselor.
6. Responsible for EMERGENCY EXIT route posted in each room.

**Commissioner of Health:**

1. Reports the names of all citizens who are sick to the counselor and escorts them to the infirmary, when necessary.
2. Make daily inspections of the sanitary conditions of the area, including showers, toilets, drains, etc.
3. Files complaints and causes the arrest of citizens failing to cooperate with sanitary laws and issues.

**Commissioner of Assessment:**

1. Makes property assessment.

**City Election Board:**

**Note:** The city Chairman of each party will appoint an election board consisting of two citizens to conduct all elections in that city during the week. The board will consist of one Election Teller and one Election Clerk.

**Commissioner of Recreation: (Athletic Director)**

1. Organizes the softball, basketball, and volleyball teams and appoints captains for each sport.
2. Directs captains to secure and return equipment from athletic director.
3. Make sure the daily athletic schedule is posted, that teams arrive on time, and reports scores to athletic director.
4. Plans athletic activities for his city.
5. Keeps records of all athletic events.

**Commissioner of Parks:**

1. Arranges for picking up bottles, papers, and other refuse outside the dormitories.
2. Protects lawns and shrubbery.
3. Arranges for parades

**DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICES OF BOYS' STATE ELECTIVE OFFICES**

**County Executive:**

**Note:** Shall be elected from the residents of the county at large by all qualified electors in the county voting at the election.

1. Shall coordinate and direct all administrative and management functions of the county not otherwise vested in boards, commissions, or other elected offices.
2. Shall appoint Heads of Departments set up by County Legislature.
3. All resolutions and ordinances passed by the County legislature shall be submitted to the County Executive.
4. Shall have two hours in which to raise objection and to resubmit legislation to the Legislature.
5. Two-thirds of the majority needed to override veto.
6. May be removed from office by the Governor for cause.

**County Legislature:**

**Note:** Two members from each city will be elected. Legislators will select one of their members as Chairman.

1. Considers legislation dealing with the problem of interest to their County; passes ordinances regulating the citizens of a county.
2. Hears reports of activities of elective and appointive officers.
3. Approves or rejects appointments made by County officers.
4. Votes final Approval of any nominee to fill a vacancy due to resignation: the nominee's name will be presented by the County executive.

**County Clerk:**

1. Assists the County Counselor in every way in clerical work.
2. Keeps records of the meetings of the County Legislature.
3. Checks with the office Manager each day for mail that is improperly addressed and delivers mail to the boys of his county.
4. Voting procedure and process

**County Judge:**

**Note:** For purposes of Boys' State, the County Judge will have jurisdiction in all cases involving the violation of State Laws and of civil suits that may be brought before him.

1. Organizes his court, fixes a regular time and place for holding court, and requires any County Officers to enforce his decision.
2. Arranges for the docket and calendar of his court.
3. Hears and renders decisions in regard to all cases which are within his jurisdiction.

**District Attorney:**

1. Advises County Officers on legal matters.
2. Prosecutes citizens charged with violation of State Law.
3. Represents the county in all civil suits to which it or any of its officers may be a party.

**County Superintendent of Schools:**

1. Assists the counselor in collecting data regarding each citizen's reaction to Boys' State.
2. Acts as clerical assistant to County Counselor.
3. Collects data from each citizen regarding the duties of the various City, County, and State Officers of The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc.
4. Gathers data that may be requested by the State Commissioner of Education.

**Sheriff:**

**Note:** Although his responsibilities are chiefly with the citizens of his own County, he has the authority to arrest citizens of other Counties when they are violating the laws of American Legion Boys' State of New York. (After election, not eligible for other elective positions)

1. Enforces the laws of the county and assists the Boys' State Police when directed.
2. Maintains Law and Order.

3. Checks on the cleanliness of the grounds of his County.
4. Jail those who are convicted of crimes. In case a citizen is sentenced to hard labor as a penalty, he will supervise the carrying out of the prisoner's sentence.
5. Controls citizens of his County in general meetings, at the dining hall or on the athletic field.
6. The Sheriff shall attend State Police School.
7. Shall serve as aide to counselors in enforcement of Boys' State Rules.
8. Assists State Police at Assemblies and Caucuses.

Refer to the "Boys' State Handbook" for Penal Law Code of Conduct.

**Registrar of Deeds:**

1. Assists the County Counselor as a clerical assistant.
2. Acts as official custodian of the County bulletins, publications, etc.

**Superintendent of Highways:**

1. Consults with State Police, Counselor regarding local traffic situations.
2. Reports to County Legislature on local traffic problems and recommend solutions.
3. Receives reports from Counselors on local traffic problems and confers with County Legislature.
4. Inspect roads for cleanliness.

**DUTIES OF COUNTY OFFICE OF BOYS' STATE APPOINTIVE OFFICES**

**County Health Officer:**

1. Checks with City Commissioner of Health and makes report to the County Counselor.

**Assistant District Attorney:**

1. Assists the District Attorney.

**Clerk of the County Court:**

1. Keeps all the records of the court and acts as secretary to the judge.
2. Supervises the drawing and notification of the jurors.

**Assistant Superintendent of Schools:**

1. Assists the Superintendent of Schools.

**Deputy Sheriff:**

1. Assists Sheriff

**Assistant County Clerk:**

1. Assists County Clerk.
2. Assists Clerk of the County Court in juror selection and any other duties assigned.

**Public Relations Officer:**

1. Publicize the Mayor's office and promote the City.

## DUTIES OF ELECTIVE STATE OFFICES

### **Governor:**

1. Presides at all assemblages of the citizens of Boys' State.
2. Has the power to appoint executive assistants as may be provided by law.
3. Supervises appointive officials and has power to remove them from the office at will.
4. Has veto power over all legislation. A legislature may pass legislation over the Governor's veto by a two-thirds majority of both houses.
5. Has power to pardon or commute sentences of citizens convicted of violating the laws of Boys' State.
6. Represents Boys' State in all contacts with citizens of other states.

### **Lieutenant Governor:**

1. Acts as Governor in case the office should be vacated and upon occasions when the Governor is absent from the state.
2. Presides over the Senate.

### **Attorney General:**

1. Advises all State officials and agencies.
2. Represents Boys' State in all suits or legal actions to which the State is party.
3. Assists, upon request, or upon orders of the Governor, any County Attorneys with prosecution of citizens charged with violations of the laws of the State.
4. Acts as assistant to the Office Manager when routine matters of discipline are not brought before the courts.

### **State Comptroller:**

1. Acts as custodian of all funds and general equipment belonging to the Government of The American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc.

### **Judges of Court of Appeals:**

1. Hears any civil criminal case of the felony class.
2. Appoints grand juries and receives indictments.

### **State Police:**

**Note:** One Trooper is elected from each County at the first County Caucus election.

(After election, not eligible for other elective positions)

1. There is a total of ten State Policemen.
2. Members of each troop will elect a commanding officer.
3. All troopers shall attend a State Police School.
4. Shall have jurisdiction within the boundaries of the troop area as shown on the campus map. Such jurisdiction shall stop at limits.
5. Enforces all State Laws.

6. Shall aid, upon request, County and City Law Enforcement Officials.
7. Shall serve as aides to counselors in enforcement of Boys' State rules.
8. Violations of laws enforced by state troopers shall be prosecuted by the District Attorney of such county with assistance, if needed, from the Attorney General.

Refer to the "Boys' State Handbook" for Penal Law Code of Conduct.

### **APPOINTIVE OFFICERS OF STATE GOVERNMENT**

#### **Secretary of State:**

1. Acts as Secretary of State Government in Boys' State and attests all executive orders, commissions, and certificates issued by the Governor.
2. Acts as official custodian of The State Archives.
3. Acts as general clerical assistant to the Office Manager following his election.

#### **Assistant Secretary of State:**

1. Assists the Secretary of State in his duties.

#### **State Commissioner of Education:**

1. Conducts an investigation among citizens of American Legion Boys' State of New York, Inc. relative to their attitude toward the program. Seeks constructive criticism as well as critical comments. In conducting this investigation, he calls upon County Superintendents of Schools for their cooperation and assistance.

#### **Assistant Commissioner of Education:**

1. Assists Commissioner of Education in his duties.

#### **Commissioner of Health:**

1. Contact Commissioner of Health of the various cities for a report on the sanitation laws passed in their respective cities and submits these reports to the Office Manager.

#### **Commissioner of Public Welfare:**

1. Promotes the welfare of the citizens of Boys' State and assists the counselor in preparation of events for the final evening program.

#### **The Adjutant General:**

1. Acts as custodian of Boys' State and National Colors. He will turn the colors over to the Office Manager at the close of Boys' State.

**Secretary to the Governor:**

1. Performs all clerical duties of the Governor.

**Secretary of the Senate:**

1. Keeps records of all business of the Senate.

**Sergeant-At-Arms-----Senate**

1. Two Sergeants-At-Arms will be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor and will act as doorkeeper for the Senate.

**Chief Clerk-----Assembly**

1. Acts as Secretary to the Assembly and keeps all records

**Sergeant-At-Arms ----- Assembly**

1. Two Sergeants-At-Arms will be appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and will act as doorkeepers for the Assembly

**Assistant Attorney General:**

1. Assists the Attorney General in his duties.

**Assistant State Comptroller:**

1. Assists the State Comptroller in his duties.

**Public Relations Officer:**

1. Maintains media and public coverage of events

**Chief Commissioner of Sustainability and Economic Development:**

2. Furthers Sustainability and Economic Development throughout Boys' State and beyond

**Secretary of Agriculture:**

1. Promote agriculture.

**THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND DUTIES OF SENATORS AND ASSEMBLYMEN OF BOYS' STATE**

The State Legislature consists of two branches – the Senate with three Senators from each city, and the Assembly with five Assemblymen from each city.

Senators and Assemblymen will be elected during the City election. Early election of these offices will aid in all organizational work that will take place on Wednesday during the joint meeting of the Senate and Assembly. The joint session is necessary for the following business:

1. Determine the majority and minority parties of both “houses”.
2. The majority party of the Assembly to elect the House Speaker.
3. Senate majority party to elect President Pro-tem.

4. Each party of both houses to elect floor leaders.
5. Following committees to be established:
  - a. Rules
  - b. Ways and Means
  - c. Bill Drafting
  - d. State Issues
  - e. Local Issues
  - f. Other committees as needed
6.
  - a. The Secretary of the Senate and Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate will be elected by the Senate.
  - b. The Chief Clerk of the Assembly and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Assembly will be selected by members of the Assembly.

The function of a legislature is to enact rules and regulations, and call statutes for the general control and well-being of the citizens of a state. The two branches – Senate and Assembly – act as a balance to each other.

To become effective, legislation must be passed by a majority of both branches and approved by the Governor. Legislation may be passed over the veto of the Governor by a two-thirds majority vote.

By virtue of his office, the Lieutenant Governor is President of the Senate. Other Senate officers include President Pro-tem, Secretary of the Senate, two Sergeants-at-Arms, and other minor officers.

The speaker of the Assembly will be elected by the Assembly in its first session. There are several minor officers in the Assembly as well.

Rules governing legislative procedures of the Senate and Assembly will be explained to Boys' State legislators by the State Counselor during the first joint meeting of both houses.

#### **SENATORS:**

1. Introduce bills or amendments.
2. Debates and votes on all bills.
3. Mandatory attendance at all meetings of the Senate and joint sessions of the Legislature.
4. Acts on all committees to which he is appointed.

#### **ASSEMBLYMEN:**

1. Introduce legislation.
2. Considers, upholds, and votes for legislation.
3. Mandatory attendance at all meetings and joint sessions of Legislature.
4. Holds Committee hearings
5. Acts on impeachment of government officials.

**NOTE:** Any citizen may attend Legislative sessions whether or not he is a Senator/Assemblyman.

**PROCEDURE IN CRIMINAL CASE TRIAL IN CITY OR JUSTICE COURT**

1. Complaining witness swears to affidavit before Judge charging John Doe, without cause or provocation, struck him several times in the face. This is known as laying on information.
2. Judge issues a warrant of arrest for assault in the third degree.
3. Police officer arrests John Doe.
4. John Doe brought before a Judge who explains charge to him and advises him on his legal rights such as right to an attorney, right to plead not guilty and to have a jury trial.
5. John Doe enters a plea of not guilty and obtains adjournment. Judge sets date for trial and releases John Doe on bail.
6. On adjourned date, Judge calls case of People of the State of New York against John Doe, defendant. District Attorney says he is ready for trial and defendant's Attorney announces defendant is ready for trial.
7. A panel of jurors, having been previously summoned, is present in the court room. The name of each prospective juror has been typed on a slip of paper and the slips have been folded and placed in a box on the Judges bench. From this box the judge draws out a random six slips and calls out the names. Those whose names are called enter the jury box. (Some courts use 12 jurors)
8. The District Attorney talks to each prospective juror. This is known as examining the jury. He asks each one questions concerning any acquaintanceship with the defendant or defendants' attorney, whether he or she has any prejudice against criminal cases, whether he or she would hesitate to convict if the charge is proven beyond a reasonable doubt, etc. The District Attorney may excuse not exceeding three prospective jurors and the Judge decides whether such other prospective jurors should be excused. When prospective jurors leave the jury box, the judge draws more slips and again fills the jury box until six jurors have been found satisfactory to the District Attorney.
9. The Attorney for the defendant then goes through the same procedure of examining the prospective jurors until he is satisfied with six.
10. The Judge swears the jury to impartially try the case.
11. The district Attorney talks to the jury and explains what the prosecution hopes to prove during the trial. This is known as opening the case.
12. The defendant's attorney may open it to the jury and explain what the defense will be.
13. The District Attorney calls his witness. They swear or affirm to tell the truth in an oath administered by the judge. The District Attorney asks the witnesses questions. This is known as an examination. The defense then cross-examines each witness.
14. The defense attorney calls his witness and examines them. The District Attorney cross-examines each one.
15. During examination and cross examination, an attorney may object to a question asked to a witness. The Judge decides whether the question is proper and decides if it should be answered.
16. The defense Attorney talks to the jury and presents arguments why his client should not be found guilty. This is known as summation.
17. The District Attorney summarizes his case and explains why the defendant should be convicted.
18. The Judge explains the law to the jury. This is known as the Judge's charge.

19. The jurors go to the jury room where they are alone and discuss what should be done. This is known as the jury's deliberation.
20. The jury returns to the court room and the foreman announces the verdict of guilty or not guilty. In a criminal case all jurors must agree to have a verdict.
21. If the verdict is not guilty, John Doe, the defendant, is discharged and his bail returned.
22. If the verdict is guilty, the Judge passes sentence on the defendant.
23. The Judge adjourns the court.

**2025-2026 COUNTY CHAIRMAN**

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For anyone wishing to become a member of the American Legion or Sons of the American Legion, samples of the Membership Applications are shown on the following pages. The applications are available at your local American Legion Post.

Any questions may be directed to American Legion Department Headquarters at 1-518-463-2215.

### The American Legion Membership Application

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (Phone) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Mailing Address) (Date) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(City) (State) (Zip) (Post #) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Membership ID# for former member) (Email Address) (Dues) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please check appropriate eligibility dates and branch of service below**

Aug. 7, 1950 - cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government  
 Dec. 20, 1989 - Jan. 31, 1990  U.S. Army  
 Aug. 24, 1982 - July 31, 1984  U.S. Navy  
 Feb. 28, 1961 - May 7, 1975  U.S. Air Force  
 June 25, 1950 - Jan. 31, 1955  U.S. Marines  
 Dec. 7, 1941 - Dec. 31, 1946  U.S. Coast Guard  
 April 6, 1917 - Nov 11, 1918  Merchant Marines 12/7/41 - 12/31/46 (only eligibility)



I certify that I served at least one day of active military duty during the dates marked above and was honorably discharged or am still serving honorably.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of applicant Name of recruiter

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### Receipt of Dues (Please Print)

From \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for 20\_\_\_\_ Post # \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recruiter's Phone #



Listed below are just a few of the many programs The American Legion sponsors. Please check the one(s) that are of interest to you. If the program you like is not listed, please indicate it in the "other" area.

- Volunteer work at VA Hospital.
  - Work with youth.
  - Help/participate in Post's social activities . . . dances, dinners, etc.
  - Participate in educational activities . . . (essay contests, oratorical contests, scholarships)
  - Work with sports teams.
  - Supervise groups (drill team, drum & bugle, scouts, etc.).
  - Post improvement projects.
  - Membership drives.
  - Community projects.
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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- Wife would be interested in the Auxiliary.
  - Son would be interested in the Sons of The American Legion.



Post Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

Post e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sons of The American Legion Membership Application

Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_ Squadron No. \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Recruited by \_\_\_\_\_

(First) (Initial) (Last) (Initial) (Last)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

(Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Veteran through whom eligibility is established \_\_\_\_\_

(a) Above is a member in good standing of Post No \_\_\_\_\_ Dept of \_\_\_\_\_

OR (b) Above is a deceased veteran who served honorably from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Relationship of Applicant to Veteran \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby subscribe to the Constitution of the Sons of The American Legion, apply for membership, and transmit \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as annual membership dues.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (By Applicant or Parent)

Eligibility certified by \_\_\_\_\_ (Post Adjutant) 00 001 (2015)

**RECEIPT**


Date Received of \_\_\_\_\_

**For God and Country**

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ in payment of dues for 20 \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron \_\_\_\_\_ Detachment of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



### MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

All male descendants, adopted sons and stepsons of members of The American Legion, and such male descendants of veterans who died in service during World War I, World War II, and Korean War, the Vietnam War, Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, and the Persian Gulf War, during the delimiting periods set forth in Article IV, Section 1, of the National Constitution of The American Legion, or who died subsequent to their honorable discharge from such service, shall be eligible for membership in the Sons of The American Legion.

Squadron Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron Web site: \_\_\_\_\_

Squadron e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

2026

Day 1 - Saturday, June 27, 2026

Report and register at City Headquarters.

**2:00 PM**                    -County assembles for briefing by County Counselor  
                                  -Brief remarks from City Counselor  
                                  -City and County Orientation

**4:00 PM**                    Band candidates report to Bandmaster (Rec Hall)

**5:15 PM – 6:15 PM** **DINNER** (Letter to sponsoring post necessary for admission)

**Before 6:00PM**                    **Lower Flag (Staff)**

**7:30 PM**                    Assembly (seated) “Dedication and Orientation”  
                                  **(All delegates must wear long pants at seated Assemblies)**  
                                  **Color Guard – County of McKneally**  
                                  **Scripture Reading – County of Scheiberling**

**After Assembly**                    Citizens interested in newspaper, yearbook, website, power point, video,  
                                  lobbyists, journal clerks and sports coordinators meet in (Rec Hall)  
                                  (Return to dorms immediately after selection)

**Return to dorms**

- Instructions given by City Counselors in preparation for City Caucus
- City Party Chairman and Clerks
- City Caucus candidates for all City positions
- City elections after lunch on Day 2
- City selection for State Police and County Sheriffs
- City selection of Commissioners of Sustainability and Economic Development

**10:30 PM**                    **TAPS – lights out**

**NOTE: The band and CP Mess Hall duty citizens will be excused to report 15 minutes early for assignments for the duration of the program.**

**ALL CITIES AND COUNTIES ARE RESTRICTED TO THEIR DORMS FOR  
THE REST OF THE EVENING**

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**Day 2 – Sunday, June 28, 2026**

- 6:00 AM** Reveille, physical fitness (PT) – **PT activities prior to 6:00AM are prohibited**  
(PT will last no longer than 20 minutes)
- Before 8:00 AM** **Raise flag – County of Troiola**
- 6:45 AM** **BREAKFAST** - Rotate – 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- 7:15 AM** County and State Counselors and Marine Captain meeting
- 7:30 AM** Non-denominational Church Services in Little Theater
- 8:15 AM** Individual County and City Counselors meet with their Marines
- 8:30 – 9:30 AM** Special Elections  
-City election for State Senators, Assemblymen, Commissioners on Sustainability and Economic Development, County Sheriffs and State Police
- 9:45 AM** Assembly Seminar (seated)  
**Color Guard – County of Troiola**  
**Scripture Reading – County of Stember**
- AFTER ASSEMBLY** Selected Boys' State Police (1 from each county =10) and elected County Sheriffs (1 from each County=10) meet in HQ for "OATH OF OFFICE", instruction, lunch and depart for NYSP Troop D.
- 11:45 AM** **LUNCH** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 12:30 PM – 2:00 PM** - City elections for remaining city offices  
-County Caucus to elect Party Chairman, Assistant Party Chairman and appoint one member to the Party convention rules committee and one member to the party platform committee from each county and elect other party convention officials.
- 12:45 PM** State Police & Sheriff's School of Instruction, report to Boys' State HQ  
**After City Caucus** Drill Instruction as needed
- 3:30 PM** -County Party Chairman, Assistant Chairman and County Clerk meet with State Counselors – Headquarters Rm 107  
-Members of Party Platform and Party Rules Committee will meet with State Counselors - Headquarters Rm 107
- 4:00 PM** -Athletics as scheduled  
-Band rehearsal  
-Commissioners of Sustainability and Economic Development meet in Headquarters Room 125
- 5:15 PM** **DINNER** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- Before 6:00 PM** **Lower Flag – County of Pedro**  
-County Caucus before and after dinner to select candidates for state party offices  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 7:00 PM – 10:00PM** State Party Conventions Session I  
Federalist – Even - blue – (REC Hall)  
Nationalists – Odd – gold – (Athletic Complex)
- 10:15 PM** Return to rooms
- 10:30 PM** **TAPS – lights out**

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**Day 3 – Monday, June 29, 2026**

- 6:00 AM** Reveille, physical fitness (PT) – **PT activities prior to 6:00AM are prohibited**  
(PT will last no longer than 20 minutes)
- Before 8:00 AM** **Raise flag - County of Wong**
- 6:45 AM** **BREAKFAST** - Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 7:15 AM** County and State Counselors and Marine Captain meeting
- 8:15 AM** Individual County and City Counselors meet with their Marines
- 8:30 AM** -County Caucus to complete business for State Party Convention  
-Nominate candidates for County elective officers. (Elections, Day 4)
- 10:00 AM** Assembly (seated)  
**Color Guard – County of Pedro**  
**Scripture Reading – County of Fish**
- 11:45 AM** **LUNCH** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM** -State Party Conventions reconvene Session II
- 4:00 PM** -Athletics as scheduled  
-Band rehearsal  
-Commissioners of Sustainability & Economic Development meet in  
Headquarters Room 125
- 5:00 PM** City Clerks and County Counselors meet in **Room TBD** for voting instruction
- 5:15 PM** **DINNER** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- Before 6:00 PM** **Lower Flag – County of Roosevelt**
- 7:00 PM** State Party Conventions Session III (Until all business is completed)
- 10:30 PM** **TAPS – lights out**

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**Day 4 – Tuesday, June 30, 2026**

- 6:00 AM** Reveille, physical fitness (PT) – **PT activities prior to 6:00AM are prohibited**  
(PT will last no longer than 20 minutes)
- 6:45 AM** **BREAKFAST** - Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- Before 8:00 AM** **Raise Flag – County of Spafford**
- 7:15 AM** County and State Counselors and Marine Captain meeting
- 8:00 AM** **BAR EXAM** – (Seneca Dining Hall) - 1 Counselor must remain with the bar  
exam participants. Non-Participants stay with Counselors
- State Party Caucus nominees, State Party Chairman, Moderator, Platform  
Spokesman, Party Secretaries and Party Clerks meet (**site to be announced**)
- 8:15 AM** Individual County and City Counselors meet with their Marines
- 9:15 AM** Assembly Political Rally, (City and/or county meetings after assembly)  
Assembly – Voting, Election Results, Swearing in of Officers
- BEFORE OR** **Color Guard – County of Spafford**  
**AFTER LUNCH** -Marine Parade Walk-Through – Marines and Marine Officer In Charge  
-County Elections  
-After County Elections, drill as needed
- 11:45 PM** **LUNCH** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 2:00 PM** Joint Legislative sessions convene (Rec Hall) – Senate/Assembly
- 3:00 PM** Governor will speak to the Legislature
- 3:30 PM** Athletics, as scheduled
- 4:00 PM** -Band Rehearsal  
-Commissioners of Sustainability & Economic Development meet in  
Headquarters Room 125
- 5:15 PM** **DINNER** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- Before 6:00 PM** **Lower Flag (County of Scheiberling)**
- 6:00 PM** Sports and Legislative sessions as announced
- 7:00 PM** Parade practice with band  
**Return to Dorms to meet with your Counselors and Marine.**  
**All Boys’ Staters remain in dorm.**
- 10:30 PM** **TAPS – lights out**

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**Day 5 - Wednesday, July 1, 2026**

- 6:00 AM** Reveille, physical fitness (PT) – **PT activities prior to 6:00AM are prohibited**  
(PT will last no longer than 20 minutes)
- Before 8:00 AM** **Raise Flag – County of Kogutek**
- 6:45 AM** **BREAKFAST** Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- After Breakfast** -Counties conduct Boys' Nation interviews as schedule permits, turn results into HQ  
by 10:00 AM (Chuck Osterhoudt)
- 7:15 AM** County and State Counselors and Marine Captain Meeting
- 8:15 AM** Individual County and City Counselors meet with their Marines
- 9:00 AM** Assembly (Seated)  
**Color Guard – County of Kogutek**  
**Scripture Reading – County of Wong**
- 10:00 AM** Boys Nation candidate names to Headquarters
- 11:45 AM** **LUNCH** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM** Joint Legislative Session  
Potential Seminars – Superintendent of Schools, Police and Fire Department  
Personnel, County Executive or Legislator, Newspaper Editor, Mayor  
-Senate and Assembly report as announced in the AM assembly  
Judicial Seminar – all elected and appointed Judges, Boys' State Lawyers,  
CityAttorneys, Court Clerks and Justices meet (Little Theatre)
- After Joint Session** Legislative Session convenes
- 2:00 PM** Athletic Program, as announced
- 4:00 PM** Band Rehearsal  
Commissioners of Sustainability & Economic Development meet in  
Headquarters - Room 125
- 4:30 PM** Boys Nations candidates arrive at Headquarters
- 5:15 PM** **DINNER** – Rotate – 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- Before 6:00 PM** **Lower Flag – County of McKneally**  
-Selection Committee meets to interview Boys' Nation Candidates in Charlton Hall  
(County Counselors make sure to have your candidate there by 4:30)
- 6:15 PM – 7:45 PM** Senate and Assembly Report
- 6:15 PM** Parade Rehearsal – with band
- 7:45 PM** State Police demonstration  
Rain Schedule – if it is raining, police demonstration inside Assembly (seated)
- 9:00 PM-10:00 PM** Oratorical Contest
- 10:30 PM** **TAPS – lights out**

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**Day 6 – Thursday, July 2, 2026**

- 6:00 AM** Reveille, physical fitness (PT) – **PT activities prior to 6:00AM are prohibited**  
(PT will last no longer than 20 minutes)
- Before 8:00 AM** **Raise Flag – County of Stember**
- 6:45 AM** **BREAKFAST** Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order  
-Yearbook pictures as scheduled by County appointment
- 7:00 – 8:30 AM** Return to Dorm  
-Clean rooms to be ready for Marine inspection  
-Return borrowed furniture from whence it came  
-Standby for inspection
- 7:15 AM** County and State Counselors and Marine Captain Meeting
- 8:15 AM** Individual County and City Counselors meet with their Marines
- 9:00 AM** Joint Legislative sessions convene (Rec Hall)
- After Session** -Legislature reconvenes (all citizens welcome as spectators)  
-Informational Session with Military ROTC Colleges and other college  
information @ STUAC Lobby
- approx. 10:30 AM** Athletic Program as announced  
Cross Country Meet
- 11:30 AM** **LUNCH** – Rotate - 1. City eating order by city 2. Delegate eating order
- 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM** Legislature reconvenes (all citizens welcome as spectators)
- 1:00 PM** Counties return to dorms  
-Make sure all possessions are packed.  
-City Counselors inspect rooms.
- 1:30 PM** Athletic Program, as announced
- 2:15 PM** Band and Counties form for Parade (site TBD - weather permitting)
- 2:30 PM** Parade formal retreat – Flag Ceremony by USMC  
(Weather permitting)
- 3:30 PM** **Final Assembly (seated)**  
**Color Guard – County of Fish**  
**Scripture Reading – County of Roosevelt**
1. Governor’s State of the State Address
  2. Department Commander’s Address
  3. Introduction of Marine and Counselors
  4. Awards

## AFTER ASSEMBLY - SIGN OUT

-Citizens leaving with parents will sign out first. The boys will return to their dorm, pick up their belongings, and check out.

**CITIZEN AND PARENT MUST BE PRESENT FOR CHECK OUT.**  
**ANY MEDICATIONS BROUGHT TO MORRISVILLE MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE HEALTH CENTER/MEDS UNIT.**

The boys, parents and other family members have the option of purchasing snacks/light fare (see flyer) or leaving campus with their parents.

-Citizens returning by bus will have dinner at SENECA DINING HALL, return to dorms, pick up their belongings, and checkout.

**ANY MEDICATIONS BROUGHT TO MORRISVILLE MUST BE PICKED UP FROM THE HEALTH CENTER/MEDS UNIT.**

-Citizens returning by bus to Nassau, Suffolk, Queens and Bronx counties will bring belongings to STUAC to await departure. Buses will begin loading at 6:30 PM and will leave at 7:00 PM.

Citizens returning to all other counties - Buses will begin loading at 5:30 PM and will leave at 6:15 PM.

**5:30 – 7:00 PM**

### **BUS DEPARTURE**

-Buses will have real home county signs in the window and a bus status board will be located near the bus area to tell Delegates if their bus has arrived and where it is parked. Bus drivers will be given a roster corrected to reflect earlier departures as well as any other changes. Contact HQ to rectify any discrepancies. Buses may depart when it is determined that all delegates are present or accounted for.

**MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ALL YOUR BELONGINGS!!**

**DO NOT FORGET ANY MEDICATION**

**BE ALERT – DON'T MISS YOUR BUS. IT'S A LONG WALK HOME!!!**

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POLITICAL RALLY

Governor - # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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Lt. Governor - # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Attorney General - # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Comptroller - # \_\_\_\_\_ NAME \_\_\_\_\_

God Bless the USA

If tomorrow all the things were gone  
I'd worked for all my life,  
And I had to start again  
with just my children and my wife,  
I'd thank my lucky stars  
to be livin' here today  
Cause the flag still stands for freedom  
and they can't take that away.

**And I'm proud to be an American  
where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
who gave that right to me  
And I gladly stand up next to you and  
defend her still today  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God bless the USA**

From the lakes of Minnesota  
..To the hills of Tennessee  
..Across the plains of Texas  
..From sea to shining sea  
..From Detroit down to Houston  
..And New York to LA  
Well there's pride in every American heart  
and it's time we stand and say

**That I'm proud to be an American  
where at least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died  
who gave that right to me  
And I gladly stand up next to you and  
defend her still today  
Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land  
God bless the USA**

### **Boys' State Alma Mater**

Here in the Cherry Valley  
Morrisville Campus rings with cheer,  
That's where our Legion Boys' State  
Meets – this – year  
We learn to live together  
Learn Democracy  
A melting pot for color – creed  
And Nation – al – ity

Tune: "Wait Till the Sun Shines Nellie"  
(Words by John Garafalo)  
(Revised by Robert F. Neville)

### **The Star Spangled Banner**

Oh say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight  
O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there  
Oh say does that Star - Spangled Banner yet wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave

By: Francis Scott Key