

NEVADA BOYS' STATE

Your Premier High School Civic Leadership Conference

Overview and Timeline for High School Counselors

Boys' State aims to inspire and educate Nevada's youth—but we are only able to impact those that attend our program. Over the years, we have come to recognize high delegate attendance is a result of counselors who believe in and recommend the program to students in their high school. We greatly appreciate any help you can lend in recognizing students that would benefit from the program and encouraging them to apply and attend.

Our application is currently online at www.nevadaboysstate.org/apply (there is no paper application).

We also have a counselor page where counselors and teachers can recommend students for the program, available at www.nevadaboysstate.org/counselorsteachers. Delegates that are recommend by a counselor or teacher will receive a formal invitation to the program. It is not necessary to complete the recommendation form for all delegates; it simply provides an opportunity for the program to recognize those delegates that are well suited for the program and encourage their attendance.

Suggested Timeline

November to January	Application available online and rolling admissions begin. Within 30 days of an application submission, an applicant will be notified of acceptance.
January to February	Begin searching and brainstorming for potential delegates. Call in students to your office to let them know about the program. Talk to teachers to get the word out about Boys' State.
March	We will schedule a time to visit with you at your school or call to answer any questions you or interested students may have about Boys' State.
March 31st	Application deadline. Due online at www.NevadaBoysState.org
March to April	We will periodically send a list of delegates who have applied from your school.
April 7th	We will send a final list of delegates who applied from your school.
Late May Early June	Delegate Orientations in Las Vegas and Reno. At this time the parents must also have completed the student's medical information and paid the \$50 materials fee online.
June 12, 2010 at 11:15 PM.	Southern students arrive at American Legion Post #8 (733 Veterans Drive, Las Vegas, NV 89101) to board buses. Buses depart at midnight and arrive in Reno at 9 am.
June 13-19, 2010	Nevada Boys' State on the campus of the University of Nevada Reno.
June 19, 2010	Students will arrive by bus back at American Legion Post #8 at approximately 6 PM.

Reminder: The only fee a student must pay is a \$50 materials fee, all other program costs including rooms and meals is covered by the program. Additionally, the student must agree to remain at Nevada Boys' State for the full week, leaving the program early or arriving late will not be allowed.

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Program Overview

Mission Statement: The mission of the American Legion Nevada Boys' State program is to develop future leaders by educating and inspiring Nevada's youth. Our program strives to create an understanding of and appreciation for our democratic form of government while encouraging a commitment to future service.

What Others Say About Nevada Boys' State:

"The American Legion has done outstanding things for America's youth through the Boys' State leadership program. When I was a young boy in Searchlight, going to school in Henderson, I had never traveled out of the area except to play baseball. During my Junior year I was selected to go to Nevada Boys' State. We went 450 miles away to Reno, and that was a big deal for me. It was an experience I will never forget, so I have a great warmness in my heart for the American Legion and for the Nevada Boys' State."

- Senator Harry Reid

"It was the greatest experience that I have ever had away from my home for more than a week. I think what you do at NBS [Nevada Boys' State] is great and I hope it continues for a very long time."

- 2007 Delegate

"I would just like to state, that this is by far one of the best forms of [a] program. It helped me have a better understanding of many aspects in life and the society that surrounds it."

- 2007 Delegate

"The program was phenomenal. I had the time of my life in just one week and made so many friends. I feel that I am a more knowledgeable person now when it comes to politics and that I have a greater understanding of what it means to lead."

- 2006 Delegate

Program Assessment: We conducted a survey of the delegates to measure the program's impact. The impact of Boys' State attendance was phenomenal:

- 96% of participants reported they would recommend the program, 4% said they might recommend the program, and none said they would not recommend the program.
- 80% of participants reported that attending Boys' State increased their leadership skills and knowledge.
- 85% of the young leaders reported that Boys' State increased their patriotism or appreciation of the American form of government.
- 75% of participants reported that attending Boys' State increased their desire to vote and participate in the political process.
- 61% of participants reported that attending Boys' State increased their desire to go to college.
- 66% of participants reported that attending Boys' State increased their belief in the importance of service.
- 57% of the delegates reported that attending Boys' State increased their desire and commitment to service.