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Items to share with your post members at your next post meeting or to display on the bulletin board.

What It Means To Sponsor A Boy For Boys State

This year's session of Michigan Boys State is just around the corner and we could not be more excited about what this year's program holds for the young men who will be attending. Those who participate will learn firsthand about leadership, practical citizenship, and the democratic process. It is an excellent academic opportunity and experience.

In order for our program to flourish we need the support of our American Legion Posts. We encourage each Post to work with their local schools, civic organizations, and youth clubs to nominate delegates for the program.

Each participant, or "delegate," who is selected to attend Michigan Boys State is sponsored by an organization or individual. Sponsors define the selection process and provide the financial support for the citizen to attend the week long session covering food, lodging and all other aspects of the program. Once at Grand Valley State University, a citizen's week is completely covered by the sponsorship. This removes the financial burden from the family of the young men selected and is one of many ways Michigan Boys State works to provide equal opportunities to attendees of the program.

This year Boys State will be **held June 12-18**, on the campus of Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. The **cost to sponsor a delegate is \$400**. There is also a delegate application fee of \$25 which the delegate is to pay. **For the 2022 session we have opened the program to both high school juniors and seniors**.

There are many ways your Post can raise money to help sponsor a delegate. Some Posts will host community fundraisers (i.e. fish fry, meatloaf or spaghetti dinner) or they will contact local businesses to solicit donations to cover the cost of registration. Posts can even split the cost of a sponsorship if they are not able to fund the entire amount.

As you promote Boys State in your community and recruit boys finishing 11th grade and current seniors to participate in this week that shapes a lifetime, please remember that all of your efforts count. Finding young men to participate, sponsoring them at the Post level, and finding community sponsors are all ways that you can help. American Legion members and Posts can do all or part of what it takes to fill our Michigan Boys State roster.

The application deadline has been extended to May 23rd.

There is still time to recruit students for this program. Contact your local school principal, counselor, or social studies teacher to have them help you identify a potential delegate.

As always, if you have more delegates than the post can afford please send their application in to department headquarters so that the Boys State Committee can work on matching those delegates up with other sponsors.

If your post has the funds for a delegate(s) but no local student interested, here are some options:

Mail your \$400 sponsorship check in to department and **indicate** one of the following:

1. Use the sponsorship for a delegate(s) who reside anywhere in Michigan.
2. Use the sponsorship for a delegate(s) within your American Legion district.
3. Use the sponsorship for a delegate(s) within your American Legion zone.

Checks need to be made out to "Michigan American Legion Foundation" and mailed to:
Michigan American Legion
Attn: Boys State
212 N. Verlinden Ave.
Lansing, MI 48915

If you have questions/concerns please email legion@michiganlegion.org or call 517-220-2754.



American Legion Boys State

What: The American Legion Boys State program is a non-partisan, non-political mock government exercise in a model state designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government. It is intended to instill character, the importance of civic engagement and patriotism among rising high school seniors.

When: June 12-18, 2022

Where: Grand Valley State University- Allendale, MI

Eligibility: Male high school juniors going into their senior year in the fall of 2022. Also open to Senior for the 2022 session.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2022

Cost: \$25 Delegate Application Fee
\$400 Sponsor Fee

Sponsor: A sponsor can be an American Legion Post, Son of the American Legion Squadron, an American Legion Auxiliary Unit, but it can also be the boy's parents, a business owner, a school, or other organization like the Elks, Knights of Columbus, or a Moose club.

Scholarships:

Samsung Scholarship: limited to students between their junior and senior years of high school who attend the current session of either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant of a wartime U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership. Up to \$10,000 scholarship awarded.

Additional Information:

Visit www.michiganboysstate.org for additional information on our Boys State Program or to download the application.

Questions can be directed to Ashley Zimmer, 517-220-2754 or legion@michiganlegion.org.

American Legion Auxiliary Girls State

What: The American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program is a non-partisan, non-political mock government exercise in a model state designed to mirror the structure and operation of its respective state government. It is intended to instill character, the importance of civic engagement and patriotism among rising high school seniors.

When: June 12-17, 2022

Where: Virtual

Eligibility— Female high school juniors going into their senior year in the fall of 2022.

Sponsor Reservation Deadline: April 30, 2022

Online Delegate Registration Deadline: May 31, 2022

Cost: \$30 Delegate Registration Fee
\$175 Sponsor Fee

Sponsor: Girls State delegates' registration fees are paid for by the sponsoring local American Legion Auxiliary unit with additional support and funding sometimes coming from various civic and nonprofit organizations.

Scholarship:

Samsung scholarship: limited to students between their junior and senior years of high school who attend the current session of either an American Legion Boys State or American Legion Auxiliary Girls State program and are a direct descendant of a wartime U.S. military veteran who served on active duty during at least one of the periods of war officially designated as eligibility dates for American Legion membership. Up to \$10,000 scholarship awarded.

Additional Information:

Visit www.michalaux.org/girls-state/ for applications, sponsorship information and additional details.

Questions should be directed to Beryl Robbins, 313-318-6845 or alamigirlsstate@gmail.com

Important Dates for 2022 American Legion Programs

May 2022

May 9th-Boys State Application submission deadline

May 15th- Baseball insurance purchase deadline

June 2022

June 1st- Final day for Baseball teams to register

June 12th-18th-Boys State Program IN-PERSON at
Grand Valley State University-
Allendale Campus

July 2022

July 1st- Robert Turner Baseball Scholarship
submission deadline

July 20 - 23 - JSSP American Legion National
Championship

July 27-30- Class AA Baseball State Tournament
in Mt. Pleasant.

July 27-30- Class A Baseball State Tournament
in Trenton.

August 2022: SPECIAL EVENT

August 3-7- American Legion Great Lakes
Regional Baseball Tournament held in
Midland.

Department of Michigan Leadership Development Workshops

9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Lunch Provided - Pre Registration required

MAY 14th - South Haven Post 49 129 Michigan Ave South Haven MI 49090

MAY 15th - Hillsdale Post 53 1611 Steamburg Rd Hillsdale MI 49242

TOPICS COVERED:

Duties of Officers

Leadership

Protocol & Procedures

Programs

Technology

Membership and Post recruiting

Parliamentary Procedures

Resolutions

Bylaws

Pre-Register BY EMAIL: support@michiganlegion.org or call 517-220-2753

Richard A. Morrison Combined Advocacy Training August 10 -12, 2022 (Wed-Thur-Fri)



PLEASE COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

Attendance - \$175.00

Registration/ Lodging/ Training/ Meals all included

Need Lodging - Yes (☐) or No (☐) Handicap Rm (☐) Special Needs _____

Thursday Night Dinner New York Steak (☐) or Baked Great Lakes Whitefish (☐)

Post Service Officer (☐) or County Counselor (☐) County Name _____

Name _____ Gender _____ Phone _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Post # _____ District # _____ e-mail address _____

I wish to share a room with _____

Send in payment by check made payable to:

The American Legion Department of Michigan - Higgins Lake

American Legion VA&R Division

477 Michigan Ave, Room 1231 Attn: Tripp C.

Detroit, MI 48226

Check-in starts August 10 at 3:00pm

HIGGINS LAKE DNR

RALPH A. MACMULLAN CENTER

104 Conservation Dr, Roscommon, MI 48653

SAVE THE DATE!!!
**2022 Dept. of Michigan American Legion Riders
Legacy Scholarship Fund Run**

June 10, 11, 12th

 Hosted by: Lapeer Post #16 American Legion Riders
1701 W. Genesee Street.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
June 10, 2022

 Location: Lapeer Post #16
Meet & Greet: 7-11 pm
Early Registration/Social Hr: 6-7 pm
Dinner: 7 pm
Cash Bar, Live music, raffles, 50/50

June 11, 2022

 Start Location: Lapeer Post #16
Registration and Breakfast: 7-8:30 am
Kickstands Up: 9:00 a.m.

Day One Stops:

 Swartz Creek-Post #294-(Bloody Mary Bar)
Lansing-Post #183 – Lunch Available
Hastings – Post #45
Grand Rapids-Post #2
Grand Haven – Post #28- Dinner Available

June 12, 2022

 Registration and Breakfast – 7-8:30 am
Kickstands Up: 9:00 a.m.

Day Two Stops:

 Hesperia – Post #411-(Bloody Mary Bar)
Ludington – Post #76-Lunch Available
Gas Stop/Short Break Halfway point
Frankfort – Post #221
Fife Lake – Post #219 – Dinner Available

Rider	Passenger	Car
\$40	\$40	\$40

Hotel Information: DEADLINE TO RESERVE ROOMS MAY 12th
JUNE 10th
Lapeer – Best Western

770 West Street

Lapeer, MI 48446

810-667-9444

83 Rooms available

2 Queen Beds \$80

1 King Bed \$82

Suite Rooms \$98-\$120

JUNE 11th
Baymont by Wyndham Hotel-Grand Haven

1500 S. Beacon Blvd

Grand Haven MI

616-842-1999

83 Rooms Available

2 Queen Beds \$248.40

1 King Bed \$248.40

When making reservations you must mention American Legion Riders to receive the discounted rates.

Contact:

 Tom Lossing, (810-488-4046) or email: tomlossing@gmail.com

 Steve Clark, steveclark2841@gmail.com

Updates and new information available on Facebook:

[American Legion Riders Chanter 16](#)

Important Numbers:

Don't Face the VA Alone! Use an American Legion accredited Veteran Service Officer. Find one near you by calling 313-964-6641.

Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency: 800– mich-vet (642-4883)

Veteran Suicide Hotline—800– 273-8255

VA Veteran Homeless resources—877-424-3838

Department of Michigan Headquarters: 517-371-4720

2021-2022 Commander Coins Still Available!

Commander Richard T. Dubay would like to help assist with ending Veteran homelessness. Your contribution will go towards our program aimed at helping veterans with homelessness in Michigan. A \$20 donation for each coin is requested. Use the order form below or visit www.michiganlegion.org to order online through the PayPal link at the bottom of the homepage. Thank you for your support!



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2021-2022 Commanders Coin Order Form

YES! I want to Support Commander Dubay's project: Reaching Out to Veterans

Please send me _____ at each \$20 donation to the following address:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ St: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Enclosed is my check/money order for qty: _____ x \$20 donation Total: _____

Allow 4-6 weeks for delivery. Make check to Michigan American Legion Memo; Commanders Coin. Send to Michigan American Legion Attn: Commanders Coin 212 N. Verlinden Ave. Lansing, MI 48915. Price includes shipping/handling/taxes.