

**THE AMERICAN LEGION
BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA, INC.**

Alford Carter, Chief City Counselor
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Dear Counselor:

Happy New Year! It is my pleasure to invite you to return as a counselor for the 2016 session of American Legion Boys State, which will be held at Radford University in Radford, VA.

This year's session runs from June 19 thru June 25, 2016. There is a mandatory staff meeting scheduled for 1 o'clock (1300 hour) on Saturday June 18, 2016.

Please maintain a record of miles driven as American Legion Boys State of Virginia will reimburse you for mileage round trip from your home. Since meal service will not be available until Sunday evening. Boys State will also pay per diem for breakfast and lunch. The dinner meal for Saturday night will be announced at the 1:00 P.M. meeting. Please make sure you bring bedding, pillows and any other personal affects you may need for the duration of the week.

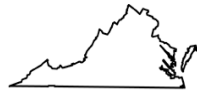
Uniforms during the week will be the blue Boys State Counselor shirt with white pants or white shorts, white socks and tennis shoes. Counselors are permitted to wear white shorts the majority of the week; however, Counselors will be required to wear white pants (light khaki if white is unavailable) during the following events:

1. When dignitaries are present (such as the Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General of Virginia)
2. Legion Night (Friday night). For this part of the program you will need your Legion or SAL cover

I am enclosing a pre-stamped self-addressed post card for your response. Please complete, and return the card immediately. As I am sure you are aware, there have been numerous no shows in past years and prompt completion of the card will assist me with coordinating everyone's attendance. If something prevents you from attending, please contact me ASAP. This program runs on the teamwork of volunteers and when someone does not show up it places a hardship on the remaining volunteers.

Please note that all staff volunteering at Virginia American Legion Boys State must complete a background check prior to attending Boys State. This may be completed by going to valegion.org, click on programs, select American Legion Boys State/Boys Nation; you will be asked to: Please click the following link to complete the background investigation.

<https://opportunities.averyity.com/Index.aspx?uid=37386>



Please follow the online instructions for completion and submission of the required background check.

I want to thank you for your continued dedication to the Boys State program. Without dedicated volunteers like you, there would not be an American Legion Boys State in Virginia. I anticipate another great year and look forward to working with you during the upcoming session.

You may contact me at 703-855-5382 or email alford@erols.com

For God and Country

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cc: Gerald Rhoads, Director
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