



Virginia Boys State

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Dear Counselor:

Happy New Year! It is my pleasure to invite you to return as a counselor for the 75th session of American Legion Boys State of Virginia, which will be held at **Radford University in Radford, VA.**

This year's session runs from June 17 thru June 24, 2017. There is a mandatory staff meeting scheduled for 1 o'clock on Saturday June 17, 2017.

Boys State will reimburse for mileage round trip from your home, so keep track of your miles. Since meal service will not be available until Sunday evening. Boys State will also pay per diem for breakfast and lunch, and the dinner meal for Saturday night will be announced at the 1t. 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, during the following events Counselors will be required to wear white pants (or a light pair of khaki pants if white is unavailable):

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

Please respond back to me via email and advise of your intent (returning/not returning) for the 2017 session. You will also need to go to the Virginia Boys State webpage at www.vaboysstate.org and complete the process for the mandatory background check; cost is \$12 for the background check.

1. Go www.vaboysstate.org
2. Click on Boys State Counselors on the left side of the page
3. Click on Background Check in the middle of the page
4. Complete the application and payment information.

As you are aware, there have been numerous no shows in past years, your email address 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 it puts a hardship on individuals when some do not show.

You can contact me at 540-439-6446 or email counselors@vaboysstate.org

I want to thank you for your continued dedication to Boys State program. Without 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.

Jarad Phelps