

The Boys' Daily

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General Recap Newspaper Segment

Boys State Citizens Go Through Their First Day

By: Jack Kellen & Caleb Holland

Welcome fellow citizens, to the 79th session of the American Legion Boys State of Virginia at Radford University! Our first day served many purposes. All attendees started their schedule with prompt arrival and a brief check-in period. This is when registration was received by program staff, uniform shirts were issued, and room assignments were made. The entry went smoothly thanks to an extraordinary group of counselors and program executives working tirelessly to achieve a well-thought-out and executable mission. All boys were offered plenty of time to set up their dormitories with all materials, as well as review their Flag Book. The first meetings were made punctually for every individual city to introduce the counselors to the new citizens. This was also a time to discuss the fair rules pledged as an attendant of the American Legion's Boys State. Soon thereafter, the city counselors rounded up their members and brought them to Bondurant Auditorium for the first time to introduce the entirety of the staff working to bring everything together for all of the young men.

After the presentation Mr. Steve Cox gave a short speech about Flag Courtesy, the glorious Virginia Boys State Song was taught and sung by an ecstatic audience. Finally, it was time for chow. In three separate groups, the cities made their way to Muse Hall and ate some delicious food cooked by Radford University's generous and professional staff. Afternoon activities were held afterward to allot some time for food to settle, and then the Boys State cities all gathered along for the first official flag ceremony for this year's session, the groups, named after famous World War II military leaders, recited chants ranging from catchy slogans to nonsensical noises, to follow in the Boys State tradition. The opening took place at the grand Preston Bondurant and featured performances by the Boys State band and choir and included four guest speakers, all accomplished alumni of the program. Most notably was Retired Rear Admiral William Cobb, who spoke about how Boys State impacted his life in a wide number of



positive ways and the opportunities it provided to him. Most memorably he recounted the time when he received the presidential appointment in 1962 from President Kennedy. On one of his first days at the Academy, President Kenney shook hands with all 50 nominees just two months before he was brutally assassinated in Dallas in November 1963. After his presentation, the cities of Boys States went into their separate groups to elect their members of leadership ranging from the sheriff to the electoral board and planned their strategies on how they would best compete in the competitions including Moot Court and team sports. All this recapped a great first day at the 79th Boys State session.

Upcoming Elections

The Elections Coming Up this Week

By: Clay Topping & Quentin Mankin

On the first fully complete day of the 79th session of The American Legion Boys State of Virginia holds many important elections and nominations that will alter the remainder of the week for the citizens. On Monday, June 20th the citizens of Virginia Boys State will nominate and elect candidates for several key positions within the ten cities. Boy Staters from each city will be nominated by fellow citizens for Mayor, Senator, and Delegate and will be elected on Tuesday, June 21st. The citizen who is elected to the mayoral office is tasked with leading and organizing his city by presiding over all city meetings and taking responsibility for his city's conduct. As for the elected Senators for each city, they will sit at the upper level of the Virginia Boys State legislation. The Senators however will not be able to participate in the upcoming political conventions. The Boys Staters that are nominated and elected as Delegates for their cities will serve on the lower level of legislation for the Virginia Boys State. In addition, each political party will elect one chairman for both the Nationalists and Federalists. These selected citizens will be in charge of orchestrating the upcoming political conventions.

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Sunday Election Results

Sheriff, Moot Court, and More

By: Austin Hodge

On Sunday, elections were held to determine sheriffs for each city in Boys state. This exciting first round of elections sets the stage for every other local election, and thus sets the stage for all of the state elections. Several people volunteered for the position, in each city but only one is allowed to hold the office. Sheriffs are elected by their city in the first democratic election of the boy's state. The winners of the election will be making their rounds early in the morning to do room inspections and they are the ones to authorize when each city can go to breakfast. Sheriffs will be officially sworn in at 2:25 pm tomorrow, despite already having begun their jobs.

The office of sheriff holds a special position in each city, as mayors have not been elected yet. Sheriffs serve as the leaders of their cities until just before noon on Tuesday, when mayors are sworn in. Being elected sheriff isn't all good news though, as winners of the elections will not be able to run for any office after being sworn in. The sheriff will have their pictures taken at 8:15 in the morning in the Washington building. A winning sheriff can be identified throughout the week as they will receive brown shirts to wear and a badge to have on it. Election results and information about the winners will be posted in Monday's issue of The Boys Daily

Sports Introduction

By: Leo Miracle

The screech of a whistle, the cheering, and the booing, are some of the sounds of a sports game. Boys State is known for its mock government, delegation strategies, and teaching leadership, but an under-the-radar lesson of sportsmanship often goes underappreciated. Boys State offers a variety of four different sports, volleyball, basketball, flag football, and frisbee golf. Teaching how to play fair, accept calls that don't go your way, and how to be a good sport is a trait that the legion strives to teach. Setting up tournaments, teams, and refereeing, the legion does everything they can to make these games fair. Teaching citizens how to be a good sport and understanding that being one is more important than winning is a lesson the legion strives to teach the boys by the time they leave at the end of the week.

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- [Albright College](#)
- [Belmont Abbey College](#)
- [Bluefield College](#)
- [Bowling Green State University](#)
- [Bridgewater College](#)
- [Bryant University](#)
- [Catawba College](#)
- [Chowan University](#)
- [Christopher Newport University](#)
- [College of Charleston](#)
- [Concord University](#)
- [Cornerstone College of Virginia](#)
- [Davis & Elkins College](#)
- [East Carolina University](#)
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- [Emory & Henry College](#)
- [Fairmont State University](#)
- [Franklin & Marshall College](#)
- [George Mason University](#)
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- [Hampden-Sydney College](#)
- [Hood College](#)
- [James Madison University](#)
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- [Marshall University](#)
- [North Carolina State University](#)
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- [Radford University](#)

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- [Randolph Macon College](#)
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- [Stevenson University](#)
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- [U.S. Merchant Marine Academy](#)
- [U.S. Military Academy at West Point](#)
- [U.S. Naval Academy](#)
- [University of Alabama](#)
- [University of Lynchburg](#)
- [University of Mississippi \(Ole Miss\)](#)
- [University of Richmond](#)
- [University of Rochester](#)
- [University of South Carolina](#)
- [University of Tennessee](#)
- [University of Virginia](#)
- [Virginia Commonwealth University](#)
- [Virginia Military Institute](#)
- [Virginia State Police](#)
- [Virginia Tech](#)
- [Virginia Tech Army ROTC \(VT Corps of Cadets\)](#)
- [Virginia Wesleyan University](#)
- [Washington & Jefferson College](#)
- [West Virginia University](#)

Friday, 24 JUN 2022
from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

The Boys' Daily Spotlights

New Year, New Boys, New Thoughts

By: Dorian Crawford

A new Boys State brings optimism and spirit, scattered and sprinkled amongst many citizens. Some delegates are looking forward to dorm life. Chris Maupin (**James**) believes it will bring his city closer together (important for the ever-tantalizing award of Best City), and the flood of new faces and compromises comforts Daniel Clay (**Madison**), reminding him of home and his little brother. Despite the change in scenery for the delegates, the gears of democracy have nevertheless been turning in Radford. Elections have been held, speeches have been given, and aspirations announced. For example, Dawson Richards (**Burke**) strives to be elected mayor, looking to lead and rally his party. He is also open to compromise, willing to settle for less if it means the betterment of the government. Justin Kelly (**Madison**) gave an eloquent speech for the position of sheriff, ending it with a flourish: “No cops, no stops.” He lost that election. Regardless, classes in both public speaking and parliamentary procedure have already been filled up with eager future senators, councilmen, and governors.

Of course, Boys State is nothing without its counselors. A mix of new and returning mentors have corralled the various delegates, each one excited differently. Mr. Wilson (**Madison**) is a new kid (?) on the block, going through the same firehose as his city. His advice? Read the flag book, and listen to Tom Brokaw’s pitch for Boys State. His counterpart, Mr. Drinkwater (**Madison**) is far more relaxed. He believes Madison’ll win the best city, confident in candidates rising to greatness. With the rest of Boys State both on the horizon and on top of the delegates, the natural question of “who’ll be who, and why?” emerges. And the answer to that lies within the actions of Radford’s new residents.