



**THE AMERICAN LEGION
Boys State of Virginia, Inc.**

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Dear Citizens of Boys State:

On behalf of the almost three million members of The American Legion, I welcome you to this outstanding program.

You will remember your week at American Legion Boys State for a lifetime. It has been the springboard for many careers in public service. For some, it has been an opportunity to develop friendships and to share camaraderie and experiences in a common fraternity that extends long after the on-site program ends.

This program is an intense week of studying and forming city and state governments. You will experience government in a practical sense by actually participating in it. Boys State is a leadership action program that teaches government's structure and proves that government is just what you make it.

Again, welcome, and be prepared for an unforgettable experience!

Sincerely,

Linden Dixon
Director

INTRODUCTION

The youth movement known as Boys State originally was sponsored by the American Legion to counteract Pioneer Camps that were being conducted in the United States by the Nazi Freedom Foundation. The Nazi Camps taught that, although the democratic form of government had served its purpose well, it was outdated and should be replaced by a fascist form of government. Legionnaires in Illinois decided to organize schools to teach youth the American way of life—AMERICANISM. They believed that youth knew the rights and privileges they enjoy under our form of government, and that they would never support any "-ism" except Americanism.

The Americanism Committee of the American Legion of Illinois obtained use of the State Fairgrounds for a week in June 1935. Volunteer American Legion counselors assembled at the Fairgrounds to clean and disinfect cattle stalls, set up borrowed bunks, arrange meeting rooms, purchase food, and set up a field kitchen borrowed from the National Guard. They had contacted all the Illinois high school principals to ask them to select their junior class leaders to attend the new government school to study the Constitution and the government of the state of Illinois. 235 high school leaders arrived to participate in the government school. During that week, delegates were asked to suggest a suitable name for the program. The name BOYS STATE was offered by one of the delegates and unanimously adopted. In 1939, the American Legion Department of Virginia, with the cooperation of Virginia Polytechnic Institute, organized the Old Dominion Boys State. The program was not held during the war years 1942-1945. Since 1956, the official name of the program has been THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA, INC.

The program of training has been developed on the assumption that youth can best learn by doing. The mechanics of government are patterned after those actually used in local and state governments in Virginia. Boys State is a true democracy in that all of its citizens may vote and are eligible to hold office. It aims at all times to make its programs of training in citizenship effective by creating a wide range of opportunities for participation in all forms of government.

Our way of life is still threatened by forms of government alien to our democratic ideas as well as apathy among our own citizens. The American Legion continues to sponsor Boys State in the belief that young citizens who are familiar with the operation of our government will be better prepared to uphold its ideals.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

I pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

PREAMBLE TO THE CONSTITUTION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes: To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; To maintain law and order; To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the Community, State and Nation; To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; To make right the master of might; To promote peace and good will on earth; To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of Justice, Freedom and Democracy; To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE CREED

"American Citizenship is my most priceless possession. I believe in the constitutional form of government of the United States of America - which guarantees me the right to worship God as I choose and as a citizen, equal opportunity, and equal educational rights.

It is my obligation to participate in and contribute my effort to the civic and political welfare of my community, State, and Nation.

I resolve to learn and understand government and the civic needs of my community and I hereby dedicate myself to the task of creating and maintaining a like interest in my fellow citizens.

Therefore, may the experience of Boys State be ever with me as a reminder of my obligation to my Country."

PLEDGE

I hereby pledge that, as a citizen and participant in the Boys State program, I will adhere to all the foregoing Rules and Regulations. By my signature affixed hereto, I also acknowledge that I understand that by violation of any of these Rules and Regulations, I subject myself to dismissal from American Legion Boys State of Virginia.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Date: _____

Home Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

BASIC RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING PARTICIPATION IN AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA

1. I will obey all rules, regulations, and directions as established by the officials of the program.
2. I will respect and protect all properties and facilities at Hampden-Sydney College for the week.
3. I will render proper respect to the Flag of the United States, at all times, including during the National Anthem.
4. I will perform my duties as a Boys State citizen to the best of my ability and endeavor to conduct myself as a gentleman, so as to honor my parents, school, community, state, and nation.
5. I will participate in all aspects and events of the program.
6. I will not actively campaign for any Boys State office prior to my arrival for the program.
7. I will not bring campaign literature, posters, papers, or banners with me to Boys State.
8. I will only use campaign literature or materials procured within the confines of the Hampden-Sydney College campus and obtained during Boys State.
9. I will not bring or circulate campaign literature or material prepared prior to attending this program.
10. If elected to an office, I will agree to serve in that position to the best of my ability.
11. I will not leave the Hampden-Sydney College campus without permission and I will wear my official Boys State uniform when permitted to be off campus.
12. I will proceed in an orderly manner when moving about the campus in groups.
13. I will not enter another city's dorm floor or meeting rooms without express permission granted from that city's counselor-in-charge.
14. I will not possess, obtain, or use firearms, fireworks, or explosives while attending the Boys State program. I will not possess any weapon while attending the Boys State Program.
15. I will not obtain, possess, consume, or in any way use alcoholic beverages, tobacco or unlawful drugs while attending the Boys State Program.
16. I will not participate in any form of gambling while attending the Boys State program.

17. I will not damage any property or any facility on the Hampden-Sydney College campus. I understand that I will be responsible for the cost of any repairs for damages that I am deemed responsible for.
18. I will not keep or operate an automobile or motorcycle during the week of this program. I will not ride in or on such vehicles unless authorized to do so by a Boys State counselor.
19. I will endeavor to arrive for the Boys State program between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 21, 2026 and remain through the completion of the program on Saturday, June 27, 2026. I understand that I am not to leave for any reason other than an emergency, such as death or illness in my family. In the event of such an emergency, I understand that I must secure prior approval from the Director or his designated assistant before I may withdraw from the program.

SOCIAL NETWORKING

Network with fellow citizens, program facilitators, and alumni through Virginia Boys State's social media accounts—Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube—can be found at www.vaboyssstate.org.

Our website and social media pages change frequently while Boys State is in session. Give your feedback on the program, share testimonials, and upload the action!

Show your parents, family, and friends at home how to follow the week's progress. They will enjoy the tweets, photos, videos, and postings!

POLITICAL ORGANIZATION

Historians are divided as to whether our country's strong two-party political system was an inevitable byproduct of the form of democratic government practiced in this Nation, or vice versa. In any case, all scholars agree our country's political history has been shaped and molded by the vigorous party competition that, even today, dominates the recruitment and selection of our Nation's elected leaders.

Virginia's politics in the 20th century were dominated by a party machine that traces its antecedents to the reaction to Reconstruction after the Civil War. In the last two decades, however, the machine influence has been lessened through a combination of active reemergence of the "other" party and factionalism within the dominant party.

Virginia's most recent experience has also been reflected in the Nation as a whole as regions once considered "safe" for one particular party have now become characterized by uncertain political allegiance. Undoubtedly, this circumstance has been caused by the growing number of unaligned voters who profess to "vote the man rather than the party." However, despite the obvious benefits of informed, independent voters, the continuing value of the active two-party system cannot be understated. Our Nation's history demonstrates that, in most instances, such a system has worked to the benefit of democratic ideals that are so essential to our way of life. Given the fact that our electoral processes are geared to two-party competition, it is crucial that strong leaders continue to take advantage of the opportunities and restraints offered by political affiliation.

Great emphasis is placed on political parties, political campaigns and elections in Boys State. It is believed that citizens of a community, state, or nation have a better opportunity to express themselves in government through the medium of political parties than through their individual efforts as citizens. Political parties afford the opportunity for collective thinking and sincere cooperation in analyzing problems that affect citizens as a whole.

The program at Boys State also operates so as to confront each citizen with some of the dilemmas created by political affiliation. For example, during the course of the week, each citizen will be asked to vote for one candidate because they are of the same party, another candidate because they are from the same city, another because they come from the same high school, and yet another because they are friends. Given any number of combinations of these and similar factors, each citizen will be forced to make hard choices. In the process, each citizen will learn political affiliation does not preclude voting from the conscience or heart.

The political parties at Boys State, Nationalist and Federalist, are fictitious in that they represent no actual parties in name or ideology. However, the leaders of the Boys State parties must make their parties meaningful and attractive if they expect to meet with success.

The key to any successful political system is participation. If the most competent individuals choose to remain on the sidelines, the best leaders can never be chosen. Political organization is only a tool. Each citizen should strive to use that tool in a way most favorable, first, to his fellow citizens, and, second, to himself.

ELECTED OFFICIALS, APPOINTED OFFICIALS AND SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS

During the course of Boys State week, each citizen will assume certain responsibilities. A citizen may be elected to an official post by his fellow citizens. He may be appointed to an official post by his fellow citizens. He may be elected or appointed to assume responsibilities in an unofficial post as a special participant. Boys State is organized so as to approximate the structure of Virginia state and local government as closely as possible. Consequently, an "official" post is one which actually exists in state government. An unofficial post is one which has no counterpart in state government but which is crucial to the efficient operation of Boys State. The following list is a summary of the elected officials, appointed officials, and special participants. Each citizen should study the list and decide which position(s) he will seek to attain. Your city counselors will provide additional information as to how such positions are filled. Every citizen will have the responsibility and opportunity to serve in some capacity.

Governor – Serves as the highest elected official at Boys State. This individual is elected on Thursday. The Governor appoints and presides over a Cabinet of various state officials. The Governor and his Cabinet submit bill proposals to the Boys State Legislature. He considers and either approves or vetoes bills passed by the Legislature. The Governor makes several speeches to the citizens of Boys State, summarizing his activities and decisions.

Lieutenant Governor – Serves as chief executive officer of Boys State in the event the person elected Governor is unable to serve. The Lieutenant Governor also is the presiding officer of the Boys State Senate.

Attorney General – Chief legal representative of Boys State. He sits on the Governor's Cabinet and advises the Governor on legal matters. The Attorney General is an active participant in the Moot Court program. Only those citizens participating in Moot Court are eligible for election as Attorney General.

Senators – Each Boys State City will elect a Senator(s) to serve in the upper house of the Boys State Legislature. The number of Senators for each City is determined by the population of the City. There will be 1 Senator for Cities with less than 50 citizens; and 2 Senators for Cities with 50 citizens or more.

Delegates – Each Boys State City will elect Delegates to serve in the lower house of the Boys State Legislature. The number of Delegates for each City is determined by the population of the City. There will be 2 Delegates for Cities with under 30 citizens; 3 Delegates for Cities with 30-49 citizens; and 4 Delegates for Cities with 50 citizens or more..

City Mayor – Each city elects one (1) Mayor. The Mayor is the chief executive officer of the city. He presides over all city meetings and is generally responsible for the city's conduct.

City Councilmen – Each city elects members to its City Council. The number of city council members for each city is determined by the population of the City. There will be 5 council members for cities with under 30 citizens; 6 for cities with 30 - 44

citizens; and 8 for cities with more than 44 citizens. The Council passes ordinances for the city. The Councilmen also assist the Mayor.

City Treasurer – Holds monies collected for city activities. He may also be asked to investigate and report to the City Council regarding monetary matters.

City Clerk – Keeps minutes for all city meetings. He also acts as Court Clerk in the case of a city Circuit Court trial.

City Commissioner of Revenue – Collects monies necessary for city activities such as parties. He works with the treasurer in budget management.

City Sheriff – The city's chief law enforcement officer. He assists the Mayor in maintaining proper conduct.

City Commonwealth's Attorney – The city's chief legal officer. He advises the Mayor and City Council on legal matters. He prosecutes cases in the Circuit Court.

Other Elected Positions – There are many other elected officials such as City Party Chairmen, State Party Chairmen, and Legislative Leaders. They are not considered "constitutional officeholders" in as much as their offices are not established by constitution or law. The method of selection and function of these officials will be explained during the course of Boys State week.

City Electoral Board - Three individuals from each city are appointed to serve on the City Electoral Board. Two of the members will be Nationalists (party of the Governor from the previous year). The remaining member will be a Federalist. These individuals supervise the electoral process. They appoint Officers of Election. Due to the small number of citizens in each city, the Electoral Board members will appoint themselves as the Officers of Election.

Officers of Election – Three individuals from each city are appointed by the city's Electoral Board to serve as Officers of Election for Boys State. The City Electoral Board will serve as officers and electors. The Officers of Election will conduct the city's elections, count ballots and report the results.

State Board of Elections – Three individuals are selected as the members of the Boys State Board of Elections. They supervise the state campaigns. Two of the members will be Nationalists (party of the Governor from the previous year). The remaining member will be a Federalist.

Supreme Court – The Virginia State Constitution and Code provide for the selection of seven Supreme Court Justices. The Chief Justice will be selected from this group. The Boys State Legislature will elect the members of the Boys State Supreme Court. Only those citizens who are participating in the Moot Court Program will be eligible for election as Supreme Court Justices. The Supreme Court will preside over the Moot Court final arguments, and will consider any appeals from the City Circuit Courts. All eligible citizens interested in serving on the Supreme Court should make their wishes known to their Legislative Representatives at the earliest possible time subsequent to the election of state legislators.

Circuit Court Judges – The city Circuit Court Judges are the trial judges in cases involving rules infractions by the cities. Each city's Legislative Delegation will consider and select a Circuit Court Judge.

Governor's Cabinet – The Governor's Cabinet is appointed by the Governor following his election on Thursday. The composition and functions of the cabinet are described below.

GOVERNOR'S CABINET

Shortly after his election on Thursday, the Boys State Governor will select the Secretaries who comprise the Governor's Cabinet. In actual practice in Virginia, each Secretary supervises various state agencies falling under his general area of responsibility, as provided by Executive Order of the Governor. At Boys State, the Secretaries assist the Governor in the performance of his overall function, and prepare his legislative agenda which ultimately will be submitted to the Boys State Legislature for consideration. The Governor's Cabinet will meet on Thursday afternoon and evening, and again on Friday.

In addition to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General, the members of the Governor's Cabinet are as follows:

1. Chief of Staff
2. Secretary of Administration
3. Secretary of Agriculture and Forestry
4. Secretary of Commerce and Trade
5. Secretary of the Commonwealth
6. Secretary of Education
7. Secretary of Finance
8. Secretary of Health and Human Resources
9. Secretary of Natural Resources
10. Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security
11. Secretary of Transportation
12. Secretary of Veterans and Defense Affairs

Those citizens wishing to serve on the Governor's Cabinet might choose to align themselves with a particular gubernatorial candidate. In any event, those wishing to serve should make their intentions known to the successful candidate for Governor as soon as possible. No more than two persons from any one city may serve on the cabinet.

SPECIAL PARTICIPANTS

There are many special participants in the Boys State Program. The following titles constitute a partial list of these participants. City Counselors will explain their duties and responsibilities at city meetings.

City Athletic Director

City Chaplain

Band Members

Chorus Members

Retreat Exercise Participant

Better Speaking Students

Parliamentary Procedure Class

Boys Nation Representatives

City Mail Clerk

Color Guard

Moot Court

Newspaper Reporter

MOOT COURT

The Boys State Moot Court program is one of the instructional activities conducted during the afternoon recreational period on Monday through Thursday of Boys State week. Those participating in Moot Court will be instructed in certain functions of an attorney-at-law, particularly in the matter of appellate advocacy. Teams of participants will argue legal issues before Moot Court judges. The two team finalists in the competition will engage in final arguments before the Boys State Supreme Court on Friday afternoon.

The Moot Court program serves several additional functions in the Boys State Program. Only those citizens participating in Moot Court will be deemed eligible for election as Boys State Attorney General and as Justices of the Boys State Supreme Court. Thus, the Moot Court will serve the functions of an accredited law school, educating those interested in legal practice at Boys State, and as a Board of Bar Examiners, certifying those citizens who are eligible to practice law, at least at the highest level of Boys State government.

Along with the Better Speaking Seminar and the Parliamentary Procedures Class, the Moot Court program serves as an excellent educational opportunity for those citizens interested in the practice of law, public service, or the performance of leadership functions in the public or private sectors.

ORGANIZATION OF GOVERNMENT CITY ELECTORAL BOARD

Each City will select a City Electoral Board, composed of three citizens, two from the Nationalist Party and one from the Federalist Party. Under Virginia law [Code of Virginia (1950), Title 24.1, Section 29, as amended] the City Electoral Board would be appointed by the resident judges of the Circuit Court of the City. Since Boys State has no judges this early in the week, an alternate method of selecting the Electoral Board from two members of the Nationalist Party and only one from the Federalist Party is the following sentence from the Code of Virginia (same section and paragraph cited above):

"A majority of the electoral board shall be from the political party which cast the highest number of votes in the Commonwealth for Governor at the last preceding gubernatorial election."

In case of a tie vote for any city office, the electoral board will make the determination by lot. Further instructions are included in the material distributed outlining the procedure for conducting city and state elections.

The Electoral Board for each city will be chosen on Sunday night. For simplicity, the Electoral Board will also serve as Officers of Election during the week of Boys State.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTIONS

Three of the sixteen City Electoral Board Chairmen will be chosen to serve as the State Board of Elections. The State Board of Elections will supervise the state elections by publishing and enforcing campaign rules. The State Board of Elections will also organize and preside over the State Campaign Rally.

POLICY REGARDING ELIGIBILITY FOR POLITICAL OFFICE AT BOYS STATE

It is the intent of the Boys State program to parallel the political practices in the Commonwealth of Virginia as closely as possible. However, due to certain time considerations and the small size of the Boys State Cities, certain exceptions must be recognized. It should also be remembered that one of the primary objectives of Boys State is to achieve active participation of as many citizens as possible. Consequently, certain rules and limitations regarding eligibility for political office must be imposed.

1. Members of the City Electoral Board are not eligible for elective office.
2. Members of the City Electoral Board will also serve as City Officers of Election.
3. City Officers of Election are not eligible for elective office. City Officers of Election may be selected as Justices of the Supreme Court, Judges of the Court of Appeals, or Circuit Court Judge.
4. Members of the State Board of Elections are not eligible for elective office. However, members of the State Board of Elections may be selected as Justices of the Supreme Court and Circuit Court Judges.
5. Due to schedule conflicts between the political party activities and the sessions of the Boys State Legislature, members of the Senate and House are not eligible for nomination to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General.
6. City Mayors are not eligible for any other elected or appointed office.
7. Sheriffs are not eligible for any other elected or appointed office.
8. Only those persons participating as city representatives in the Moot Court class will be deemed eligible for election as Attorney General or as Justices of the Supreme Court. Any citizen who is otherwise eligible may serve as a Circuit Court Judge.
9. It may prove impossible for Moot Court participants to continue in the class if they are elected or appointed to major offices with conflicting responsibilities, but Moot Court participants are not excluded from such elective or appointive offices.
10. Justices of the Supreme Court and City Circuit Court Judges are eligible for nomination to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General. Justices and Judges are not eligible for any other elective or appointive offices. If a Supreme Court Justice or Circuit Court Judge accepts

nomination to state office, he must and will be considered to automatically resign his judicial office.

11. Members of the Boys State Legislature are not eligible for selection as Justices of the Supreme Court or Circuit Court Judges.
12. Supreme Court Justices and Circuit Court Judges may not serve as City Party Chairmen.
13. While it is not prohibited, it is suggested that city party chairmen plan not to run for state office.
14. City party chairmen are not eligible for election to the Boys State Legislature.
15. State party chairmen are not eligible for state elective office.
16. All citizens are eligible for appointment as a Secretary on the Governor's Cabinet.
However, any citizen accepting appointment to the Cabinet as a Secretary must and will be considered to automatically resign any legislative or judicial office which he holds.
17. Members of the Boys State Color Guard should not plan to aspire to any major elective or appointive office including Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Mayor, Senator, Delegate, or Supreme Court Justice.
18. All citizens are eligible for consideration for honorary designations and appointments
such as delegate to Boys Nation and Outstanding Citizen.

INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES

The procedure for qualification of independent candidates is as described under VA Code TM24.2-506 (1993) with the following modifications:

1. Independents wishing to run for election to the legislature or as City Mayor must submit an appropriate petition with verified signatures that are greater than 25% of total Citizens of their City. Blank petitions will be available at the Boys State HQ from the Program Director, Director of Operations, and the State Board of Elections. Petitions will be available until 9 p.m. on Monday. The completed petitions must be returned to the State Board of Elections by 9:30 p.m. on Monday; no petitions will be accepted after this time.
2. Independents wishing to run for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, or Attorney General must submit an appropriate petition with a minimum of 100 verified signatures from Citizens of Boys State and include the signatures from Citizens of at least 10 Cities. Blank petitions will be available at the Boys State HQ from the Program Director, Director of Operations, and the State Board of Elections. Petitions will be available to potential independent candidates until 2:30 p.m. on Tuesday. Completed petitions must be returned to the State Board of Elections by 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The State Board of Elections will judge whether the completed petitions have been returned promptly. At some later time, the State Board of Elections will determine whether the completed petitions are sufficient to qualify the respective applicants to appear on the state ballot.
3. All Citizens who submit petitions for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General will be disqualified from participating in their respective Party Candidate Selection Process for state office. Those Citizens will be required to attend the Party Rally to which they are assigned solely as

observers. The names of all individuals who seek to qualify as independents will be posted at Headquarters.

4. Independent candidates will not speak at the Boys State Campaign Rally.

THIRD PARTIES

Just as with independent candidates, the Boys State staff neither encourages nor discourages the formation of third parties. However, for organizational purposes, the activities during Boys State week are structured so as to provide for only two political parties. For example, all citizens are required to participate in the political nomination process or in legislative caucuses either as a member of the Federalist or Nationalist party. If citizens wish to form third parties outside of this organizational structure, they will be treated for all practical purposes as independents who are binding together for one election only. No representatives from any third party will be permitted to address the citizens at the State Campaign Rally. In contrast, the Nationalist party chairman and Federalist party chairman do participate in these capacities at the State Campaign Rally. Third Party candidates will not speak at the Boys State Campaign Rally. Additional questions should be directed to the Program Director.

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES CLASS

The Parliamentary Procedures class is designed to provide an overview of parliamentary procedures, using Robert's Rules of Order, and how it is used in practice throughout our political and legislative systems.

Each city will choose representatives to attend the two-part Parliamentary Procedures Class during the afternoon activity periods (Monday and Wednesday will be part A and Tuesday and Thursday will be part B; participants only need to attend one A and one B session). Two individuals from this class will be selected as the chief parliamentarian for their political party.

BETTER SPEAKING SEMINAR

Each city will choose representatives to take part in the Better Speaking Seminar. These individuals will receive instruction, during the afternoon activity periods, in the art of public speaking. In conjunction with the instruction, a Better Speaking contest will be conducted. The winner of the competition will deliver a speech to all citizens of Boys State during the Legion Night activities on Friday evening.

BOYS STATE NEWSPAPER

Each city will choose a representative for the Boys State Newspaper. The newspaper will be produced and distributed on a regular basis, and will contain items of interest, cartoons, and results from various elections and competitions. The newspaper staff will meet during the evening hours and at other times as necessary.

ATHLETIC PROGRAM

Boys State maintains an active and diversified athletic program. Each city will participate in a number of team and individual sports. The city athletic director is responsible for coordinating the intramural program.

ORDER OF BUSINESS FOR CITY PARTY CAUCUSES

Ballot No. 1

1. Open by Counselor and explanation of procedures
2. Call to order
3. Selection of Party Chairman, Secretary and Sergeant-at-Arms
4. Nominations for State Senate (1 or 2 to be selected depending on city size)
5. Nominations House of Delegates (2 to 4 to be selected depending on city size)
6. Nominations for Mayor

Ballot No. 2

1. Call to order by Party Chairman
2. Nominations for office of City Council (5 to 8 to be selected depending on city size)
3. Nominations for office of Treasurer
4. Nominations for office of City Clerk
5. Nominations for office of Commissioner of Revenue
6. Nominations for office of Commonwealth's Attorney

PROCEDURE FOR CONDUCTING CITY AND STATE ELECTIONS

Both the city elections and the state election will be under the supervision of the City Officers of Election with technical assistance from city counselors.

All necessary paraphernalia including registration lists, ballots, ballot boxes, etc., will be distributed by headquarters. The Officers of Election will tally ballots, place tally sheets on top of ballots and deliver to Headquarters as soon as the process is completed. All ballots distributed must be accounted for at Headquarters.

If two or more persons have an equal number of votes for any city office, and a higher number than any other person, the City Electoral Board shall proceed quickly to determine by lot which of the candidates shall be declared elected. This includes city elections only, and not elections for the General Assembly. In case of a tie vote in the election of members of the General Assembly, the State Board of Elections, shall determine by lot which of the candidates shall be declared elected [Code of Virginia (1950) Title 24.1 Section 149, as amended].

Ballots for both the city and state elections will be prepared in accordance with Virginia Election Laws [Code of Virginia (1950), Title 24.1, Section 111, as amended].

NOMINATIONS FOR BALLOT

(Tuesday Morning Election)

City _____ Party _____

**NOTE - 1 Senator, 2 Delegates for Cities with under 30 citizens; 1 Senator, 3 Delegates for Cities with 30-49 citizens; and 2 Senators, 4 Delegates for Cities with 50 citizens or more*

A) Nominee(s) for State Senate*

1. _____
2. _____

B) Nominees for House of Delegates*

1. _____ 3. _____
2. _____ 4. _____

C) Nominee for Mayor

1. _____

NOMINATIONS FOR BALLOT NO. 2

(Tuesday Night Election)

A) Nominees for City Council*

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____

**NOTE - The number of city council members is determined by the size of your city - 5 for cities with under 30 citizens, 6 for cities with 30 - 44 citizens, and 8 for cities with 45 citizens or more.*

B) Nominee for Treasurer _____

C) Nominee for City Clerk _____

D) Nominee for Commonwealth's Attorney _____

E) Nominee for Commissioner of Revenue _____

STATE PRIMARIES AND ELECTIONS

The two political parties of Boys State will select their candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General by a primary election.

Individuals who wish to secure their party's nomination for Governor, Lt. Governor or Attorney General must use the Primary Ballot Petition form to gather the required 70 signatures (minimum) from Boys State Citizens registered with their party and include signatures from Boys State Citizens of their party from 10 cities (minimum).

The Primary Ballot Petition forms are due back at Boys State Office HQ by 3:30pm on Tuesday. The State Board of Election will review the signatures on the Primary Ballot Petition form to determine if a candidate has met the criteria to qualify for the Primary Ballot.

All individuals that qualify for their Primary Ballot will appear at their Party Rally on Tuesday night. The rally provides the opportunity for the candidates to deliver a campaign speech and ask for the votes of their party members.

The statewide primary elections will take place on Wednesday morning. Primary voters can only cast votes on the ballot for the party for which they have been assigned.

Winners of the statewide primary elections will appear on the General Election Ballot as their party's nominee for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General.

The campaigns culminate with the campaign rally on Thursday morning. At the rally, the party chairmen describe their party's platform and the various candidates speak to all the citizens in support of their candidacy. The state elections are then conducted.

CIRCUIT COURT TRIAL

At some point during the week, each city will endeavor to conduct a Circuit Court Trial or a Circuit Court Trial Exercise. The preceding will involve the Circuit Court Judge, Commonwealth's Attorney, City Clerk, and other participants.

DR. GEORGE BLUME CITIZENSHIP MEDAL

A Citizenship Award will be presented to the outstanding citizen of each city. The recipient of this award will be selected by his fellow citizens. It will be given to that citizen who, during the week at Boys State, has exhibited to the highest degree the qualities and characteristics of a good citizen of American Legion Boys State. As a guide in the selection of this citizen, the following will be considered.

1. Degree of **PARTICIPATION** in activities
2. Cheerfulness of **COOPERATION** (including promptness and faithfulness of attendance)
3. **INITIATIVE** and **IMAGINATION** displayed
4. Willingness to accept and carry out responsibilities – **LEADERSHIP**
5. **PERSONALITY**
6. **GOOD FELLOWSHIP**
7. The degree to which the welfare of Boys State in general and the City in particular were placed ahead of the personal convenience or pleasure of the citizen – **SELFLESSNESS**
8. **CHARACTER**

The method used for the selection of this award will be as follows: Each citizen will write the name of the citizen whom he has selected on a slip of paper and give it to the counselor, who after receiving all the votes will count them and the citizen receiving the greatest number of votes will be chosen. In case of a tie, the names of the two citizens will be announced and a second vote taken.

CITIZENSHIP TROPHY

Donated by
JUDGE CHARLES W. CRUSH

This trophy, provided by the founder of Virginia Boys State, will be awarded to the most outstanding city in the American Legion Boys State. The city receiving this award will be selected by a group of administrative counselors who are not assigned to cities. It will be given to that city in the American Legion Boys State that has exhibited the best qualifications and characteristics of citizenship and participation.

Information relative to the criteria to be used in making the selection and a sample score-sheet will be distributed to all cities prior to the opening session.

About Charles W. Crush - Montgomery County judge, historian, and civic leader Charles Wade Crush was born in Christiansburg, Virginia, around 1894. He earned his law degree from Washington and Lee University in 1913. Crush later attended the University of Texas and practiced law in Texas for a short time before returning to Christiansburg. During World War II, he served with the 314th Machine Gun Battalion. From 1923 to 1935, Crush served as commonwealth's attorney. He also served as Christiansburg's postmaster for 10 years and as judge of the county court from 1948 until his retirement in 1963. Crush's interest in military affairs continued throughout his life. He served as commander of the Virginia Department of the American Legion and as an officer in Company 161 of the Virginia Reserve Militia. Crush died on March 18, 1970.

RULES FOR CAMPAIGNS

1. Citizens may not bring campaign literature, posters, papers, or banners with them to Boys State.
2. Any campaign literature or materials obtained during Boys State week must be procured within the confines of the Hampden-Sydney College campus.
3. Funds spent for campaign materials may not exceed a total of \$50.00 per candidate. This figure includes contributions from supporters.
4. Campaign materials and banners may not be posted inside the Dining Hall.
5. Posters shall not be secured by thumbtacks, except on bulletin boards. All other posters and banners shall be secured only by masking tape.
6. No campaign materials or banners will be permitted on the speakers' stand in any lecture hall.
7. Campaign material will not be placed on classroom windows, but may be placed on all other windows or any metal surfaces.
8. No campaign material may be placed higher than arm's reach when standing on the floor.
9. No citizen will be allowed to wear a campaign badge or a sign greater than three inches by three inches in size, except during meals and recreation periods. No badge or sign may cover a citizen's name tag at any time.
10. All candidates for state office must submit a written summary of campaign expenses and sources to the Program Director's mailbox at headquarters by 10:30 p.m., Wednesday.
11. The Boys State Board of Elections has sole responsibility for interpretation and enforcement of these rules. The Board of Elections will be assisted by the Director of Operations and the Program Director.
12. All campaign material will be removed following the elections. This applies to both successful and unsuccessful candidates.

BOYS NATION

During the week of Boys State, two citizens and two alternates will be selected to participate in American Legion Boys Nation to be held in July in Washington, DC. The selections are made by the Boys State staff, on the basis of achievements made at Boys State, activities at high school and in the community, and a personal interview. The two citizens selected for Boys Nation will be awarded modest scholarships to defray expenses at an approved institution of higher learning.

BOYS STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

STATE OFFICERS – The five citizens elected to the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General and Boys Nation Senators (2) will be awarded modest scholarships to defray expenses at an approved institution of higher learning. The funds for the scholarships are collected through Boys State tax revenue and other sources.

SAMSUNG – One citizen will be selected to compete for a National Samsung scholarship. Funds for the Samsung scholarship are provided by the Samsung Corporation of Korea.

BRIEF HISTORY OF CITY NAMES AT BOYS STATE

OMAR N. BRADLEY (1893-1981): Commanded World War II American forces in North Africa and Sicily, then moved to command the U.S. involvement in the D-Day invasion. After the war he served as Chief of Staff of the Army and as the first Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff while holding the rank of General of the Army (Five Star).

ARLEIGH A. BURKE (1901-1996): Advanced through the ranks in the Navy from Ensign to Admiral (Four Star). He commanded the Third Fleet during World War II and served as Chief of Staff of the Atlantic Fleet afterwards. Served an unprecedented three terms as Chief of Naval Operations. Was nicknamed "31-Knot Burke."

PATRICK HENRY (1736-1799): Born in Hanover County, Virginia, Henry was a symbol of America's struggle for liberty and self-government. He was a lawyer, orator, patriot and willing participant in every aspect of the founding of America and was Virginia's first elected Governor.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER (1890-1969): The 34th President of the U.S. He spent most of his career as an Army Officer, achieving the rank of General of the Army (Five Star). He served as Allied Supreme Commander in World War II and was the first Supreme Commander of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Forces after World War II.

SAMUEL L. GRAVELY, JR. (1922-2004): Born in Richmond, he was the first African-American to serve as a Naval Officer aboard a fighting ship. He went on to become the first African-American to serve as a fleet commander and to serve as a flag officer, retiring as a Vice Admiral.

DANIEL "CHAPPIE" JAMES, JR. (1920-1978): In 1975 he was the first African American to become a Four-Star General in U.S. Military history. He served as a "flying ace" in the Korean War, as Deputy Secretary of Defense, and as Vice Commander of the Military Airlift Command before retiring from the Air Force in 1978.

THOMAS JEFFERSON (1743-1826): This statesman was born in Shadwell, VA. Founder of the University of Virginia. Author of the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom and the Declaration of Independence. Served as governor of Virginia and as the third president of the U.S.

DOUGLAS MACARTHUR (1880-1964): Was a brilliant military leader. He commanded the 42nd "Rainbow" Division during World War I and commanded the Allied Forces in the Southwest Pacific during World War II. General MacArthur served as Commander of the United Nations Forces during the Korean War. One of only five men to reach the rank of General of the Army (Five Star).

JAMES MADISON (1751-1836): This founding father was born in Port Conway, Virginia. A driving force behind both the Virginia Declaration of Rights and Statute for Religious Freedoms, as well as authoring the Bill of Rights. Served as the fourth president of the U.S.

GEORGE C. MARSHALL (1880-1959): A graduate of Virginia Military Institute, he served as an Army Officer in both World Wars I and II. He was promoted to General of the Army in 1944. As Secretary of State, he authorized the Marshall Plan to help rebuild Europe after World War II. Was TIME's Man of the Year in 1948 and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1953 for the Marshall Plan.

JAMES MONROE (1758-1831): This patriot was born in Monroe Hall, Virginia. He served as the fifth president of the U.S., and was the last of the founding fathers to hold that office. He created the Monroe Doctrine, opposing European colonialism in the Americas.

CHESTER W. NIMITZ (1885-1966): Was appointed Commander of the U.S. Pacific Fleet after the attack on Pearl Harbor. Nimitz was promoted to Fleet Admiral (Five Star) and served as Chief of Naval Operations.

GEORGE S. PATTON (1885-1945): Was a colorful Army General who was nicknamed "Old Blood and Guts". He was a proponent of armored warfare and commanded the U.S. Third Army in Western Europe during World War II. He attended Virginia Military Institute for one year and transferred to the U.S. Military Academy at West Point. His great grandfather, John Patton, was a Governor of Virginia.

JOHN J. PERSHING (1860-1948): Served as an Army Officer from 1886-1924. He led the American Expeditionary Force into Europe during World War I and, in 1921, was promoted to General of the Armies – which outranks a five-star general and is nicknamed a "six-star general." He was the first to hold that rank since George Washington. Earned a Pulitzer Prize for History in 1932.

LEWIS "CHESTY" PULLER (1898-1971): Born in West Point, Virginia, he was the most decorated Marine in U.S. Military history. One of only two marines to receive the Navy Cross, he was awarded the Navy Cross five times. He became Commander of the Seventh Marines and the First Marine Division during World War II. Puller retired as a Lieutenant General (three stars).

GEORGE WASHINGTON (1732-1799): Born at Wakefield in Westmoreland County, was the first President of the United States. He was the American Commander-in-Chief during the Revolutionary War and fought in the French and Indian War.

CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCES

The City Council at its meetings may enact any number of ordinances or rules governing the conduct of the city and its citizens. The usual form of an ordinance is as follows:

"Ordinance relative to _____ and providing for the enforcement thereof and providing penalties and fines for violation thereof."

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

Sec. 1. _____

Sec. 2. _____

Sec. _____ The Provisions of the ordinance are separable and several and if any act, provision, word or clause thereof be invalid, the decision of the court shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions thereof and is hereby declared to the intent of the council that this ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid part not been included herein.

Sec. _____ All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict are hereby repealed.

RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR CIRCUIT COURT TRIALS IN AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA

SECTION I. INITIATION OF PROCEDURES

1. Any citizen may file a written complaint regarding the conduct of any other citizen.
Counselors may also file complaints.
2. A complaint is properly filed only with the Sheriff of the City in which the charged citizen resides.
3. Jurisdiction over any citizen rests with the Circuit Court in which the citizen resides or with the Circuit Court in which the alleged incident occurred.
4. No Circuit Court has jurisdiction over a counselor or staff person.
5. The Sheriff receiving a complaint will provide a copy of the same to the citizen charged and a copy to the Circuit Court with which jurisdiction is alleged.
6. The Circuit Court Judge so served shall set date and time for trial and notify all parties of the same..

SECTION II. CONDUCT OF TRIAL

7. The City Clerk, acting as Bailiff, will call the court to order. The City Clerk also acts as Court Clerk and will maintain records and swear in witnesses.
8. The Commonwealth's Attorney will prosecute the case. If the trial occurs in a circuit other than in which the offense occurred, the Commonwealth's Attorney from the complainant's city will prosecute the case.
9. The defendant may designate one citizen as defense counsel.
10. A complaint will be adjudged deficient unless it changes violation of a published rule or ordinance. Non-conforming complaints may be dismissed at any time upon motion.
11. A defendant may demand a jury trial, with the jurors impaneled from the circuit in which the trial is conducted.
12. The standard of proof for conviction is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt, with the burden of proof resting with the state.
13. The state presents its evidence first.
14. The defendant offers evidence after the state rests but the defendant may waive presentation of evidence, including his own testimony.
15. The judge then instructs the jury as to the law.
16. Both sides then present arguments, with the state going first and last.
17. The jury, or the court in the absence of a jury, will determine guilt or innocence and sentence.

SECTION III. APPEALS

18. An appeal can be noted with the Clerk of Court who shall certify the record and notation of appeal to the Boys State Supreme Court.

OATH OF OFFICE

AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE,

CITY OF _____, to-wit:

I, _____, do declare myself a citizen of the American Legion Boys State and do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Virginia and the laws and regulations of the American Legion Boys State and that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and

perform all the duties incumbent upon me as _____, according to the best of my ability, so help me God.

Citizen's Signature

The foregoing oaths were sworn to
and subscribed before me this

_____ day of _____, 2026

Clerk's Signature

Clerk of _____ City

ROOM INSPECTION REGULATIONS

DOORS – Room doors are to be closed.

FLOORS – Floors are to be clean.

TABLES – Tables and chests shall be neat.

CHAIRS – Chairs are to be placed neatly, with the seat under the table or desk.

TOWELS – Towels and washcloths, if displayed, are to be hung on the bed or on the towel racks.

CLOTHING AND BAGGAGE – All clothing and baggage is to be stored in closets. Band instruments too large for closets may be left on the floor.

NAMES AND CITY – Individual names, political party designation, and city name must be on all doors.

BEDS – Beds must be neatly made.

LIGHTS – All lights must be turned off.

TRASH – All trash containers in each room shall be emptied.

BLINDS – Blinds may be in any position, so long as they are uniform within each city.

VALUABLES

Personal possessions may be checked in or out of a safe located in Boys State Headquarters between 3:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. each day. AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR VALUABLES LEFT IN ROOMS.

MAIL

Outgoing mail is posted each day. Letters may be given to the city mail clerk or to Boys State Postmaster. Stamps may be purchased from the Postmaster. Incoming mail is distributed in the city mailboxes at headquarters.

UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS

1. Uniform of the day consists of the following:
 - Official Boys State shirt tucked in pants
 - Name tags properly positioned on right upper side of shirt in chest area even with logo
 - Blue walking (non-athletic) shorts with belt
 - Socks and appropriate closed toe shoes (no flip flops, sandals, slippers, or Crocs).
 - Boys State issued backpack. First and last name will be inscribed on the space provided above the logo and Boys State City name in the space provided below the logo.
 - The Flag Book is part of the uniform and must be carried in the pocket or backpack (optional during recreation period when wearing workout/athletic attire).
2. Uniform of the day shall be worn at all times except during the recreation period when workout/athletic attire is authorized. Name tag is required when traveling to and from recreation activities, but removed while participating in athletics.
3. All citizens must be attired in the uniform of the day before entering the cafeteria for the evening meal. No recreation attire will be permitted in the cafeteria.
4. Adherence to the uniform regulations will contribute to points attributed for the Best City competition. Citizens not properly attired will receive demerits, which will count against their cities.
5. Optional items:
 - Sunglasses may be worn outside. Sunglasses will not be worn during flag raising or flag lowering at the court of flags.
 - Long sleeve white t-shirt with Boys State logo. A plain long sleeve white t-shirt may only be worn under the issued short sleeve Boys State t-shirt (must be able to see the logo and name tag).
 - Boys State jacket may be worn with the uniform of the day. Staff may restrict wearing of the jacket during certain activities (city photos, sessions with dignitaries, parade, etc.).
 - Rain jackets (or other jackets brought from home) may be worn during inclement weather at the discretion of the counselor in charge in coordination with the American Legion Boys State of Virginia staff.
 - Sweatshirts may be worn when cooler temperatures dictate at the discretion of the counselor in charge in coordination with the American Legion Boys State of Virginia staff. Plain white sweatshirts (no hoodies) may be worn under the issued short-sleeve Boys State t-shirt (must be able to see the logo and name tag).
 - Delegates may only wear hats during the recreation period when wearing workout/athletic attire.

MEDICAL PROCEDURES

Sick calls are regularly scheduled for each morning at 8:30 am. If you have a problem that might require medical attention, report to headquarters or to your city counselor. At any other time, report to headquarters. A physician will be available or on call at all times. Medical services may be provided in the Hampden-Sydney College Health Center, local clinic, or in a local hospital.

Your parent's/guardian's health benefits will be your primary insurer for any medical costs incurred. Insurance provided by American Legion Boys State of Virginia is Secondary and pays only when the primary insurer does not pay the medical cost incurred. YOU MUST CARRY A COPY OF YOUR PARENT'S/GUARDIAN'S HEALTH BENEFIT ID CARD WHEN REPORTING FOR SICK CALL OR ANY EMERGENCY TREATMENT.

DIPLOMA SEAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN CIVICS EDUCATION

The Virginia Department of Education states that students meeting specific requirements for graduation and demonstrating exemplary performance may receive diploma seals for recognition. Section 8VAC20-132-51 of the Standards of Accreditation establishes the requirements for diploma seals.

The Seal for Excellence in Civics Education Seal is awarded to students who earn either a Standard Diploma or an Advanced Studies Diploma and meet each of the following criteria:

- Complete Virginia & United States History and Virginia & United States Government courses with a grade of "B" or higher.
- Have good attendance and no disciplinary infractions as determined by local school board policies.
- Complete 50 hours of voluntary participation in community service or extracurricular activities, such as volunteering for a charitable or religious organization that provides services to the poor, sick or less fortunate; participating in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts or similar youth organizations; participating in Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC); participating in political campaigns, government internships, **Boys State**, Girls State or Model General Assembly; or participating in school-sponsored extracurricular activities that have a civics focus. Any student who enlists in the United States military prior to graduation will be deemed to have met this community service requirement.

DAILY PROGRAM OF EVENTS

HQ Phone Number: 434-223-7110

Emergency: 434-223-6164

Dining Hall Hours

Breakfast: 7:00 am - 8:30 am, Mon - Sat

Lunch: 12:00 pm - 1:15 pm, Mon - Fri

Dinner: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm, Sun - Fri

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
10:00 am	Counselor Training Session	Matthew Hartman Dan Combs Saalih Muzakkir	Pannill Commons Board Room
11:00 am – 2:00 pm	Registration of Citizens	Kathy Lyons Denis Confer	Crawley Forum
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm	First City Meeting Introductions	City Counselors	City Meeting Rooms
4:15 pm	Opening Assembly "Introduction of Staff"	Mark Antley	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
4:45 pm	Flag Courtesy	Steve Cox	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
5:00 pm	Dinner (Staggered by Cities)		
	Cities in First Group: Bradley, Burke, Eisenhower, Gravely, Henry		Pannill Commons
5:15 pm	Cities in Second Group: James, Jefferson, MacArthur, Madison, Marshall		Pannill Commons
5:30 pm	Cities in Third Group: Monroe, Nimitz, Patton, Pershing, Puller, Washington		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Common Chairman's Room
6:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Counselors in Charge	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center

7:30 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
7:45 pm	Athletic Directors Meeting	Saalih Muzakkir	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
8:00 pm	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 83rd SESSION OF THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA	Mark Antley	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
	Opening Prayer	Demas Boudreaux	
	Pledge of Allegiance	Mark Antley	
	Program & Recognition of Special Guests	Mark Antley	
	Welcome to Hampden-Sydney College	Dr. Larry Stimpert President of Hampden-Sydney College	
	Welcome to the Town of Farmville	Hon. Brian Vincent Mayor of Farmville, VA	
	Message from Boys State Alumni	U.S. Senator Angus King	
8:30 pm	Keynote Address	RADM Russell Dash US Coast Guard	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:30 pm	City Meetings "Introduction, Orientation, & Discussion of Meaning of Party Politics"	City Counselors	City Meeting Room
	Choose Special Participants & Representatives		
10:30 pm	City Reporters	Al Hilman	Pauley 100
11:30 pm	Lights Out		All Residence Halls

Monday, June 22, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons

7:30 am	Chaplains' Breakfast (all city chaplains)	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
		Demas Boudreaux	Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:15 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnet	Whitehouse East House
8:30 am	Instructional Session "Training for City Sheriffs"	Matthew Hartman Sgt. Jason Stitt Sgt. Jason Cappel (All City Sheriffs)	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
8:45 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
9:00 am	Religious Service	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:40 am	Instructional Session "Virginia General Assembly – Origins to Today"	Speaker Don Scott Virginia House of Delegates	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Washington, Patton, Henry
		Honorable Lee Ware Virginia House of Delegates	Sanctuary - College Church Burke, Puller, Monroe
		Honorable Wendell Walker Virginia House of Delegates	Johns Auditorium Bradley, Pershing, Eisenhower
		Honorable Tommy Wright Virginia House of Delegates	Crawley Forum MacArthur, Nimitz, Gravelly
		Honorable Otto Wachsmann Virginia House of Delegates	4th Floor Bortz Library Madison, Marshall
		Honorable Wren Williams Virginia House of Delegates	2nd Floor Bortz Library Jefferson, James
10:40 am	Wrap-up With Members of the General Assembly	Members of the General Assembly and Scott Maddrea	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center

11:00 am -	Instructional Session: Running for Public Office	Scott Maddrea	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
11:45 am	City Yearbook Pictures	Andrew Wilds	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	Lunch Cities in First Group Monroe, Nimitz, Patton, Pershing, Puller, Washington		Pannill Commons
12:15 pm	Cities in Second Group Bradley, Burke, Eisenhower, Gravely, Henry		
12:30 pm	Cities in Third Group James, Jefferson, MacArthur, Madison, Marshall		
1:30 pm	Instructional Session Virginia's Political Parties and the Candidate Selection Process	Jeff Ryer Chair of the Republican Party of Virginia	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
2:25 pm	Swearing-In Ceremony (City Sheriffs)	Sgt. Jason Stitt Sgt. Jason Cappel	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
2:30 pm	Instructional Session	The Honorable Kirk Cox Former Speaker of the Virginia House of Delegates	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:30 pm	Description of Afternoon Activities • Athletics • Better Speaking • Parliamentary • Proceed's • Talent Show • Moot Court	Saalih Muzakkir Corinne Haskins Tony Sarver Christopher Fens Mark Seavey	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:35 pm	Afternoon Activities • Athletics • Better Speaking • Parliamentary • Proceed's • Talent Show • Moot Court	Saalih Muzakkir Corinne Haskins Tony Sarver Christopher Fens Mark Seavey	Athletics - Diaz Arena, Snyder Hall, Lagoon Field, Brown Student Center Better Speaking - Brown 208 Parliamentary Proceed's - Schoelkopf Family & Friends Venable Hall Talent Show - Johns Auditorium Moot Court - Bortz Library 4th Floor

5:00 pm– 6:30 pm	Dinner		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Common Chairman's Room
6:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Counselors in Charge	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
7:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
7:00 pm	Officers of Election Meeting	Rick Oertel	Pannill Commons Board Room
7:30 pm – 8:30 pm	Instructional Session “Local Government in Virginia”	Honorable Joseph Cobb Mayor of Roanoke	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center James, Marshall, Pershing
		Honorable Brian Vincent Mayor of Farmville	Sanctuary - College Church Madison, Nimitz
		Honorable Greg Kochuba Mayor of Colonial Heights	Johns Auditorium Burke, Monroe
		Honorable David Horton Mayor of Radford	Crawley Forum MacArthur, Jefferson
		Honorable Deanna Reed Mayor of Harrisonburg	4th Floor Bortz Library Washington, Henry
		Honorable Juandiego Wade Mayor of Charlottesville	2nd Floor Bortz Library Bardley, Gravely
		Honorable Conner Francis Council Member Town of Brookneal	Schoelkopf Family & Friends Lounge, Venable Hall Patton, Eisenhower
		Honorable Chris Faraldi Council Member City of Lynchburg	Snyder Hall, Kirk Athletic Center Room 310 Puller
8:45 pm	City Meetings		City Meeting Rooms

Nominations for Mayor,
Senate & House of Delegates

11:30 pm

Lights Out

All Residence Halls

Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons
7:30 am	Chaplains' Breakfast (all city chaplains)	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:15 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnett	Whitehouse East House
8:30 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
9:00 am	Religious Services	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:30 am	City Elections: Mayors, Senators & Delegates		City Election Locations
10:30 am	Instructional Session Structure of the Virginia Legal System	Honorable Michael Doucette Circuit Court Judge	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Burke
		Honorable Eric Olsen Commonwealth's Attorney Stafford County	Sanctuary - College Church Bradley, Marshall
		Honorable Kemper Beasley Commonwealth's Attorney Buckingham County	Johns Auditorium Washington, Gravely
		Honorable Shannon Taylor Commonwealth's Attorney Henrico County	Crawley Forum Madison, Henry
		Honorable Megan Clark Commonwealth's Attorney Prince Edward County	4th Floor, Bortz Library James, Jefferson
		Honorable Collette McEachin Commonwealth's Attorney City of Richmond	2nd Floor, Bortz Library Pershing, Puller

		Honorable Chris Rehak Commonwealth's Attorney City of Radford	Board Room, Pannill Commons Nimitz, Monroe
		Honorable Leanne Watrous Commonwealth's Attorney Nottoway County	Chairman's Room, Pannill Commons MacArthur
		James Crandall Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney Pulaski County	Schoelkopf Family & Friends Lounge, Venable Hall Eisenhower
		Honorable Mark McKinney Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney City of Chesapeake	Snyder Hall, Kirk Athletic Center Room 310 Patton
11:20 am	Wrap-up	All Visiting Judges and Commonwealth's Attorneys	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
11:30 am	Boxed Lunch All Cities		Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:30 pm	Instructional Session The Office of the Attorney General	The Honorable Jay Jones Attorney General of Virginia	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
1:30 pm	Announcements of Election Results – Mayors, Senators, and Delegates	State Board of Elections	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
1:50 pm	Swearing-in Ceremony (City Mayors)	Matt Hartman	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
1:55 pm	Swearing-in Ceremony (Senators and Delegates)	Scott Maddrea	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
2:00 pm	Instructional Session "How to Write a Bill"	Scott Maddrea	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:00 pm	Instructional Session "Training for Party Chairmen"	Mike Schramm Sam McPherson (All City Party Chairmen)	Pannill Commons Board Room
3:00 pm	Instructional Session "Training for Mayors"	Matthew Hartman Rick Oertel (All Mayors)	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center

3:30 pm	Signatures for Statewide Primary Petitions are due.		Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
3:30 pm	Afternoon Activities • Athletics • Better Speaking • Parliamentary Proceed's • Talent Show • Moot Court	Saalih Muzakkir Corinne Haskins Tony Sarver Christopher Fens Mark Seavey	Athletics - Diaz Arena, Snyder Hall, Lagoon Field, Brown Student Center Better Speaking - Brown 208 Parliamentary Proceed's - Schoelkopf Family & Friends Venable Hall Talent Show - Johns Auditorium Moot Court – Bortz Library 4th Floor
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
6:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Counselors in Charge	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
7:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
7:05 pm	Flag Retirement Ceremony	Steve Cox	
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Party Rally and Speeches from Candidates	Mike Schramm Nationalist Coordinator Sam McPherson Federalist Coordinator	Nationalist: Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Federalist: Johns Auditorium
7:30 pm – 10:00 pm	Legislature in Session	Scott Maddrea Jeff Finch	House: Pannill Commons Board Room Senate: Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
10:00 pm	City Meetings City Elections & Campaign Tactics		City Meeting Rooms
11:30 pm	Lights Out		All Residence Halls

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons
7:30 am	Chaplains' Breakfast (all city chaplains)	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:15 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnett	Whitehouse East House
8:30 am	Reminder to counselors, senators and delegates - Submit Supreme Court nominations <u>and</u> Circuit Court Judge names are due to the Legislature Mailbox		Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center - Legislature Mailbox
8:45 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
9:00 am	Religious Services	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:20 am	Message from the Office of the Lt. Governor	The Honorable Ghazala Hashmi Lt. Governor of Virginia	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:30 am	Statewide Primary Election		City Election Area
10:15 am	Instructional Session	Bill Bolling	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
11:45 am	Announcement of Primary Election Results	State Board of Elections	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	Legislature Photos		Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
12:00 pm	Lunch Cities in First Group Bradley, Burke, Eisenhower, Gravely, Henry		Pannill Commons
12:15 pm	Cities in Second Group James, Jefferson, MacArthur, Madison, Marshall		
12:30 pm	Cities in Third Group Monroe, Nimitz, Patton, Pershing, Puller, Washington		

1:15 pm	Legislature in Session Bill Debates	Scott Maddrea Jeff Finch	House: Pannill Board Room Senate: Pannill Chairman's Room
1:30 pm	Instructional Session Governor's Cabinet	Commissioner John Maxwell Virginia Department of Veterans Services	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
2:30 pm	Instructional Session	Special Guest	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:30 pm	Afternoon Activities • Athletics • Better Speaking • Parliamentary Proceed's • Talent Show • Moot Court	Saalih Muzakkir Corinne Haskins Tony Sarver Christopher Fens Mark Seavey	Athletics - Diaz Arena, Snyder Hall, Lagoon Field, Brown Student Center Better Speaking - Brown 208 Parliamentary Proceed's - Schoelkopf Family & Friends Venable Hall Talent Show - Johns Auditorium Moot Court - Bortz Library 4th Floor
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Demas Boudreaux Christopher Fens	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Brinkley Hall 101
6:00 pm	Legislature in Session "Supreme Court Elections" (ALL Supreme Court candidates report to the Joint Legislative meeting room by 5:45 pm)	Scott Maddrea Jeff Finch	Joint Session: Pannill Board Room
6:15 pm	Staff Meeting	Junior Counselors	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
7:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Pole
7:30 pm	Talent Show Rehearsal All Talent Show Participants	Christopher Fens	Johns Auditorium
7:30 pm	Flag Tribute	Larry Greene	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
7:50 pm	Announcement of Supreme Court Justices	Speaker of the Boys State House of Delegates	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
7:55 pm	Swearing-in of Justices	Mark Seavey	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center

8:00 pm	Candidate Instructional Session Planning for Statewide Elections Nominees (Gov, Lt. Gov & Attorney General), Federalist and Nationalist State Party Chairmen and State Board of Elections	Scott Maddrea Rick Oertel	Pannill Common Chairman's Room
8:00 pm	Instructional Session Highway Safety in Virginia	State Troopers	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:00 pm	Special Address	Jason Wright and Stephen Funk	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
10:15 pm	City Meetings		City Meeting Rooms
11:30 pm	Lights Out		All Residence Halls

Thursday, June 25, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons
7:30 a.m.	Chaplain's Breakfast (all city chaplains)	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:15 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnett	Whitehouse East House
8:45 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Poles
9:00 am	Religious Services	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:30 am	Report from State Board of Elections & Campaign Rally	State Board of Elections	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
10:15 am	Statewide Elections	State Board of Elections	City Election Location
11:00 am	Instructional Session Office of the Governor	Honorable George Allen Former Governor of Virginia	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	Election Results	State Board of Elections	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	Inauguration Review (Gov, LG, AG, Supreme Court, Legislative Leaders, Band, Chorus, and Color Guard)	Scott Maddrea Jeff Finch	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	Lunch Cities in First Group Monroe, Nimitz, Patton, Pershing, Puller, Washington		Pannill Commons
12:15 pm	Cities in Second Group Bradley, Burke, Eisenhower, Gravely, Henry		
12:30 pm	Cities in Third Group		

James, Jefferson,
MacArthur, Madison,
Marshall

1:30 pm	83rd AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA INAUGURATION	Scott Maddrea Jeff Finch	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
2:30 pm	Instructional Session Governors Cabinet	Honorable Stanley Meador Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:30 pm	Boys State Governor's Cabinet Meeting (Meeting to write Legislation)	Scott Maddrea	Pannill Common Chairman's Room
3:30 pm	Afternoon Activities • Athletics • Better Speaking • Parliamentary Procedures • Talent Show • Moot Court	• Saalih Muzakkir • Corrine Haskins • Tony Sarver • Christopher Fens • Mark Seavey	Athletics - Diaz Arena, Snyder Hall, Lagoon Field, Brown Student Center Better Speaking - Brown 208 Parliamentary Proced's - Schoelkopf Family & Friends Venable Hall Talent Show - Johns Auditorium Moot Court – Bortz Library 4th Floor
5:00 pm	Moot Court Meeting (Supreme Court Justices & Bailiffs)	Mark Seavey	Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Brinkley Hall
6:00 pm	Boys Nation Interviews	Rick Oertel	Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
6:15 pm	Staff Meeting		Pannill Commons Rhetoric Center
7:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Poles

7:30 pm	American Legion Oratorical Contest	Winner of the Virginia American Legion Oratorical Contest	
7:45 pm	Community Service Report	Nikki Dean Piedmont Senior Resources	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
8:00 pm	Talent Show	Christopher Fens	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
10:00 pm	City Meetings "City Business"		City Meeting Room
11:30 pm	Lights Out		All Residence Halls

Friday, June 26, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons
7:30 am	Chaplain's Breakfast	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:00 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnett	Whitehouse East House
8:15 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Poles
8:30 am	Religious Services	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:00 am	Message from the Office of the Governor	Honorable Abigail Spanberger Governor of Virginia	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:15 am	Instructional Session Media and Politics		Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:15 am	Legislature in Session	Scott Maddrea	House: South Dining Room Senate: Pannill Chairman's Room
10:00 am	Instructional Session "Virginia National Guard"	COL Dennis Rohler Land Component Commander for the Virginia Army National Guard	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
11:00 am	Instructional Session Artificial Intelligence and the World of Campaigns and Politics	Collin Lee	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
12:00 pm	American Legion Boys State of Virginia Board of Directors – Meeting	Board of Directors	Pannill Commons Board Room
12:00 pm	Lunch Cities in First Group James, Jefferson, MacArthur, Madison, Marshall		Pannill Commons
12:15 pm	Cities in Second Group Monroe, Nimitz, Patton, Pershing, Puller, Washington		Pannill Commons
12:30 pm	Cities in Third Group		Pannill Commons

Bradley, Burke,
Eisenhower, Gravely,
Henry

1:30 pm	Final Moot Court Arguments	Boys State Supreme Court	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:00 pm	Table of Honor Practice	Larry Green (All City Chaplains)	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
3:00 pm - 5:00 pm	COLLEGE DAY	Bob Brady	Kirk Athletic Center - Snyder Hall

AMERICAN LEGION NIGHT
Scott Maddrea
 Commander of the American Legion,
 Department of Virginia

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Dinner		Pannill Commons
5:45 pm	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Christopher Fens Demas Boudreaux	Band - Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus - Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
7:00 pm	Flag Lowering	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Poles
7:30 pm	Boys State Parade	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Parking Lot
8:00 pm	American Legion Night Program: Awards and Recognitions	Mark Antley	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
	Rulings in Moot Court Competition	Boys State Supreme Court Chief Justice	
	Report from Boys State Legislators	Legislative Representatives	
	Special Address	Outstanding Participant in Better Speaking Class	
	Presentation of Samsung Award & Scholarships	Rick Oertel	
	Announcement of Boys Nation Selections	Rick Oertel	
	Special Musical Presentation - Armed Services Tribute	Boys State Band & Chorus	
	Recognition of Special Guests	Mark Antley	
	Remarks from the American Legion Department of Virginia Commander	Scott Maddrea	
9:30 pm	City Receptions		Various Locations
Midnight	Lights Out		All Residence Halls

Saturday, June 27, 2026

Time	Event	Resource Person	Location
7:00 am	Breakfast		Pannill Commons
7:30 am	Chaplains Breakfast	Demas Boudreaux	Pannill Commons
8:00 am	Band and Chorus Rehearsal	Demas Boudreaux Christopher Fens	Band: Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center Chorus: Pannill Commons Chairman's Room
8:15 am	Sick Call	Jean Burnett	Whitehouse East House
8:45 am	Flag Raising	Steve Cox	Kirby Sports Center Flag Poles
9:00 am	Religious Services	Demas Boudreaux	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:20 am	Report to Boys State Citizens on Legislation Signed into Law	Boys State Governor	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
9:30 am	GRADUATION PROGRAM Awards & Recognitions	Mark Antley	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
	Presentations: Parliamentary Procedures Athletic Awards Moot Court Best Reporter Boys Nation Constitutional Officers Dr. George Blume Best Citizens Award Best City	Presenters: Tony Sarver Saalih Muzakkir Ron Spencer Al Hilman Rick Oertel Linden Dixon Matthew Hartman Rick Oertel	
10:00 am	Farewell	Linden Dixon	Diaz Arena - Kirby Sports Center
10:15 am	SESSION CLOSED Citizens Prepare to Depart Hampden-Sydney College		
12:00 pm	ALL AREAS CLOSED		

VIRGINIA BOYS STATE SONG

It's the Boys State of Virginia that you see
And if you're a member let me shake your hand.
Let's drink a toast to our Legion Posts
And to its members 'round the World
Who fought for Uncle Sam.
Tell the World our Motto "Faithfully We Serve"
Means we'll get the message from our Counselors.
And the Boys of State will have their share
Of helping our Virginia State.

Chorus

We pledge allegiance now to the great State we serve
And to the Boys State that we love Oh so well.
We shall remember long the lessons taught to us
By our Great Legion at H.-S.C.! (Rah).
(Words and Arrangement by J.S. Shaeffer)

THE STAR-SPANGLED BANNER

O, say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming?
Whose broad stripes and bright stars, thru' the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.
O, say, does that Star Spangled Banner yet wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

OUR GREAT VIRGINIA

(To the tune "Shenandoah")

You'll always be our great Virginia.
You're the birthplace of our Nation:
Where history was changed forever.
Today, your glory stays, as we build tomorrow.

I fill with pride at all you give us—
Rolling hills, majestic mountains,
From the Shenando' to the Atlantic,
Rivers wide and forests tall, all in one Virginia.

For each of us here in Virginia,
From farm to city dweller,
All of us, we stand together.
We're yours, we all are yours—
Across our great Virginia.

(Lyrics by Mike Greenly)

GOD BLESS AMERICA

God Bless America, Land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with the light from above.
From the mountains, to the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam...
God Bless America, my home sweet home!
God Bless America, my home sweet home!

YOU'RE A GRAND OLD FLAG

You're a grand old flag; you're a high-flying flag
And forever in peace may you wave.
You're the emblem of the land I love,
The home of the free and the brave.
Every heart beats true for the red, white and blue
Where there's never a boast or brag.
Should old acquaintance be forgot?
Keep your eye on the grand old flag!

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain
America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America!
God shed His grace on Thee
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

HAIL, HAIL, THE GANG'S ALL HERE

Chorus

Hail! Hail! The gang's all here,
What the heck do we care,
What the heck do we care?
Hail! Hail! We're full of cheer,
What the heck do we care, Bill!

WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU

(Sung in round)

Group One

What does the Lord require of you,
What does the Lord require of you?

Group Two

Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.
Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

Group Three

To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.
To seek justice, and love kindness, and walk humbly with your God.

SONGS OF THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES

THE U.S. ARMY SONG

First to fight for the right
And to build the Nation's might,
And The Army Goes Rolling Along.
Proud of all we have done,
Fighting till the battle's won,
And the Army Goes Rolling Along.

Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey!
The Army's on its way.
Count off the cadence loud and strong (TWO! THREE!)
For where e'er we go
You will always know
That the Army Goes Rolling Along.

THE U.S. NAVY SERVICE SONG "ANCHORS AWEIGH"

Anchors Aweigh, my boys,
Anchors Aweigh!
Farewell to college joys
We sail at break of day, day, day, day...
Through our last night ashore
Drink to the foam.
Until we meet once more,
Here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

THE MARINES' HYMN

From the Halls of Montezuma
To the shores of Tripoli;
We fight our country's battles

In the air, on land, and sea;
First to fight for right and freedom
And to keep our honor clean;
We are proud to claim the title
Of United States Marine.

THE U.S. COAST GUARD SONG, "SEMPER PARATUS"

We're always ready for the call.
We place our trust in Thee,
Through howling gale and shot and shell,
To win our victory.
"Semper Paratus" is our guide,
Our pledge, our motto, too.
We're "Always Ready," do or die!
Aye! Coast Guard, we fight for you

THE U.S. AIR FORCE SONG

Off we go into the wild blue yonder,
Climbing high into the sun;
Here they come zooming to meet our thunder,
At 'em boys, Give 'er the gun!
Down we dive, spouting our flame from under,
Off with one helluva roar!
We live in fame or go down in flame, Hey!
Nothing'll stop the U.S. Air Force!

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNSELORS

Director	Linden Dixon
Deputy Director	Rick Oertel
Program Director	Dan Combs
Chief City Counselor	Matthew Hartman
Logistics Director	Steve Cox
Operations Director	Rick Oertel
Office Coordinator	Kathy Lyons
Registrar	Denis Confer
Media Coordinator	Collin Lee
Treasurer	Larry Greene

INSTRUCTIONAL COUNSELORS

Master of Ceremonies	Mark Antley
Athletic Director	Saalih Muzakkir
Band Director	Christopher Fens
Better Speaking	Corrine Haskins
Chaplain	Demas Boudreaux
Chorus Director	Demas Boudreaux
Party Rally Coordinator	Mike Schramm & Sam McPherson
Legislative Coordinator	Scott Maddrea
Moot Court	Mark Seavey
Newspaper	Al Hilman
Parliamentarian	Tony Sarver

STAFF OFFICES

Athletic Director	Pannill Commons
Band Director	Pannill Commons
Chaplain	Pannill Commons
Chorus Director	Pannill Commons
Deputy Director	Pannill Commons
Director's Office	Pannill Commons
Historian	Pannill Commons
Legislative Coordinator	Pannill Commons
Logistics Director	Pannill Commons
Mail Room	Pannill Commons
Master of Ceremonies	Pannill Commons
Media Coordinator	Pannill Commons
Medical Room	Whitehouse East House 100
Newspaper	Pauley 100
Operations Director	Pannill Commons
Photographer	Whitehouse East House B01
Program Director	Pannill Commons
Registrar	Pannill Commons
Supply Room	Pannill Commons
Treasurer	Pannill Commons
Yearbook	Whitehouse East House B01

CITY MEETING AREAS

City	Dorm Building – Floor	Primary/Secondary Meeting Room
Bradley	Venable G and Venable 1st	Bortz: 2nd Floor Lecture Area/duPont Room
Burke	Venable 2nd and Venable 3rd	Bortz: 4th Floor Lecture Area/Cabell Room
Eisenhower	Rapidan	Brown: 208/203
Gravelly	Piney	Pauley 402/Morton 216
Henry	Shenandoah	Morton 317/316
James	Appomattox	Morton 223/323
Jefferson	Carpenter Y B and Carpenter Y 1st	Pannill Chairman's Room/Morton 112
MacArthur	Carpenter Y 2nd and Carpenter Y 3rd	Church Sanctuary/Fellowship Hall
Madison	Carpenter X 1st and Carpenter X 2nd	Johns Auditorium/207
Marshall	Carpenter X 3rd	Morton 224/324
Monroe	Rappahannock	Morton 320/119
Nimitz	Cushing 1st Passage	Pauley 105/104
Patton	Cushing 4th Passage	Pauley 407/Morton 120
Pershing	Whitehouse South House and Collonade	Pauley 222/Morton 121
Puller	Whitehouse North House and Collonade	Pauley 302/Morton 220
Washington	Whitehouse West House and Collonade	Pannill Board Room/Morton 113

AFTERNOON ACTIVITY MEETING ROOMS

Activity	Building	Room
Parliamentary Procedures	Venable Hall	Schoelkopf Family & Friends Lounge
Better Speaking	Brown	208, 203, 202
Moot Court	Bortz Library	4th Floor
Talent Show	Johns	Auditorium