Dear Utah Boys State Citizen, November 2026

Welcome to Utah Boys State
Congratulations! You have been accepted into The American Legion's premier youth program. Recognized nationwide for excellence in civics education and character development, Boys State offers a truly once-in-a-lifetime experience. Graduates join a distinguished network of civically engaged productive citizens and leaders.

Program and College Credit
Utah Boys State provides an immersive forum focused on **Citizenship, Self-Government, and Public Service**. Utah Boys State supplies all study materials, including those required for three semester hours of Political Science 2920 university credit, which you will receive upon graduation. The cost of this college credit is included in your tuition; there is no additional charge.

Session, Check-In, and Campus Expectations
The 2027 session will be held at Weber State University (WSU) in Ogden, Utah, during the week of June 13th through June 19th.

Check-in: Please arrive at *Stewart Wasatch Dorm, 1375 Village Loop Rd., Ogden, Utah.* Check-in will start at 4:00 PM and close at 5:30 PM on Sunday, June 13, 2027.

Welcome reception: A reception will begin at 6:00 PM in the Shepherd Union Building, approximately a 10-minute walk north of the dorm area. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served, and parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Campus requirement: After checking in, *you are NOT allowed to leave the university grounds* until after graduation.

City and party assignments: You will receive your city assignment by email before arrival. City and political party assignments are made randomly and cannot be changed.

What to Bring

- A GOOD AND POSITIVE ATTITUDE!
- Your prepared U.S. Constitution topic for presentation.
- Your typed double spaced essay if you've prepared it ahead of time.
- **Everyday clothing:** Bring enough underwear, trousers, shoes, and socks for a six-day stay. Knee-length cargo-style shorts are acceptable except at graduation. You will receive two Utah Boys State T-shirts—one long-sleeved and one short-sleeved—to wear during the week. Additional shirts will be available for purchase; see the end of this document. Sandals may be worn with socks, but flip-flops are allowed only in the dorm restrooms and showers. Consider bringing a jacket in case of cold weather.

- **Graduation attire:** Bring dress pants, dress shoes, and socks. You will receive a Utah Boys State polo shirt to wear at graduation. If you participate in JROTC, bring your cadet JROTC dress uniform for flag ceremonies only—not for other activities.
- **No suits, dress shirts, or ties** are allowed during the week.
- **Toiletries:** Bring bath towels and personal items for a one-week stay, including a toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, and shaving supplies.
- **Bedding:** Weber State University and Utah Boys State do not provide bed linens or pillows. Bring bedding for a twin XL bed. You may bring a light sleeping bag instead of linens and an extra blanket in case it gets cold.
- **Athletic clothing:** Bring clothing suitable for organized sports on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, unless a medical condition prevents participation.
- **Vehicle keys:** If you drive to campus, give your keys to your City Counselor for safekeeping during the week because you may not leave campus after check-in.
- **Spending money:** Bring a small amount if you wish to purchase extra snacks or drinks. Three meals are served each day and are included in your paid fees.
- **Email and store updates:** Monitor your email for program notices, updates, changes, and opportunities to order items from the Utah Boys State store.

Graduation and Final Updates
Graduation will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 19, 2026, in the Shepherd Union Building. Please invite family and friends to join you at approximately 10:00 AM to celebrate.

Thank you for choosing to participate in Utah Boys State. We look forward to welcoming you to campus. **Please monitor your email regularly** for important updates or changes. Additional information and answers to common questions are available at www.utahboysstate.org/FAQS.

Sincerely
Doug Case
Doug Case, President
The American Legion Department of Utah Boys State

American Legion Utah Boys State Corporation, Administrative Policies & Procedures

1. Behavioral Issues:

The American Legion Utah Boys State program was organized by The American Legion to enhance High School civics instruction. The American Legion Utah Boys State (ALUBS) curriculum in partnership with Weber State University and additional supporting entities is sponsored to facilitate student civic learning.

As participants in the Utah Boys State program, all students, counselors, and staff are reminded that we are guests on the Weber State University campus. It is essential that everyone demonstrate respect for university rules and protocols, as well as for the students, faculty, and staff who share the campus environment with us.

To foster a safe, hazing-free, and productive learning environment, each member of our community is expected to act proactively, always showing consideration and respect toward others. This commitment to good conduct applies in all places and during all activities throughout the program week. By upholding these standards, we contribute to a positive experience for all and reflect the values of the American Legion Utah Boys State program.

The Utah Boys State program maintains a **ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY** regarding actions that may compromise safety or student learning. Alleged incidents that violate The American Legion Utah Boys State or The Weber State University rules or compromise safety are subject to review by the ALUBS Director and/or President or designee and may be subject to law enforcement investigation. **All** substantiated infractions will potentially result in termination of ALUBS participation and expulsion from the program, forfeiture of ALUBS graduation, academic credit and/or tuition refund. Student parent/guardian of record, listed on the student application will be notified of events pertinent to student status or discipline. See clause 5 below for appeals process.

2. Academic Credit:

Each student citizen or staff member who completes all requirements for graduation as outlined in the Utah Boys State curriculum may expect to be awarded three (3) semester hours of 2920 political science credit by Weber State University. College credit is officially recognized as an elective; it does not translate into a general education equivalent.

Graduation Credit:

Each Student Citizen who successfully fulfills all requirements for graduation as outlined in the Utah Boys State curriculum may expect to receive a graduation certificate, as well as recognition for each office he is elected or appointed to during the program week. See clause 5 below for appeals process.

3. **Refunds:**

Refund of tuition fees may be provided only upon receipt of **written** justification which may include a death in the student citizen's immediate family, illness of the student citizen or other similar incident as approved by the ALUBS Director or President **prior to program start date**. There shall be no refund (full or partial) of student tuition once the student's application has been received and processed. See www.utahboysstate.org/FAQS for refund information. Also see clause 5 below for appeals process.

4. **Appeals Process:**

Appeal requests of disciplinary decisions made by the ALUBS Executive Director/President, citing justification for appeal request must be submitted within sixty (60) days of the disciplinary findings. Appeal request should be submitted to:

Commander, American Legion Department of Utah

Utah State Capitol Building

350 North State St, Suite 80, P. O. Box 148000

Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-8000

Appeal decisions rendered by the Department Executive Committee of The American Legion, Department of Utah shall be in accordance with the Constitution of The American Legion Department of Utah and shall be final.