

What to Expect

A once in a lifetime opportunity!

Utah Boys State is “all about the boys”. The student leaders of your class will be the Governor Thomas Welcker, American Heritage School, Lieutenant Governor Ryen Bailey, Canyon View High School, Senator Roman Schlichter, Waterford School, Senator Noah Garcia, NUAMES High School.

PLEASE make sure you have a reliable email address that you will use throughout the registration process and while you’re attending our Utah Boys State Program, this is very necessary.

Begin the registration process: You will receive an automated email from Weber State telling you that you have started the process.

Once you have all the online data entered in your registration, go back through and make sure you entered everything needed and that it is correct, then click finish & print. Review the printed application, take the packet to your school counselor for their input, review and signature.

Contact your local American Legion Post to set up an interview if they haven’t already arranged it through your school counselor. Find a Post at www.legion.org (Find a Post tab).

Have your parent/legal guardian sign the application in all the necessary places, be sure you sign the application. Mail the application with \$400.00 to the address indicated. **Must be post marked not later than May 3, 2022.**

Once your registration packet with funding is received and processed (complete) you will receive an automatic email from Weber State University informing you that it’s complete and the email will provide you with some additional guidance.

You will be asked to participate in an orientation zoom meeting during the week of 16-21 May. The orientation will be held each of these days, you must attend one.

Be sure to read the “What to bring” tab.

For the purpose of participating in the Utah Boys State program at Weber State University 12-17 June, 2022, you will be randomly placed in one of two political parties, Nationalist and Federalist.

Once you arrive at Weber State University and get checked in you will meet your City Counselors (Boys State Staff).

Each city will be representative of half of each political party. Nationalist 50 % Federalist 50%

*Utah Boys State is absolutely committed to a strict policy of **nondiscrimination**. Everyone will be treated with respect and dignity regardless of social, economic class/status, beliefs & opinions, race, color, creed, lifestyle etc. etc. Hazing, teasing or any other form of, or attempt at belittling or intentionally causing a fellow Boys State Citizen to feel uncomfortable, unwelcome, or out of place will not be condoned.*

You should note, each day/evening in addition to city, county and state meetings you will attend general assemblies to hear from relevant guest speakers.

Day one (Sunday): After a short orientation and welcoming at a “General Assembly, State Meeting”, Union Building Ballroom “B”, each city will adjourn to their respective city meeting rooms.

City Counselors will guide you through the necessary steps toward electing your city leadership. You will select a chairman and secretary for each political party. You’ll learn what a caucus is, begin developing your party platform, and work on campaign slogans. By bedtime of day one you will have elected a Mayor, City Councilmen and Recorder/Auditor, you’ll choose Election Judges & Watcher, and delegates will be chosen for county and state conventions. At this point the City Counselors will step back from active management, their function now is helping student leaders in steering the activities of

the city. From this point on to your graduation, the Mayor is responsible to lead/manage his city. Yes, the City Counselors will still be with you throughout every hour of your day, helping where necessary.

A word about campaigning. You will only be allowed to use the materiel provided by Boys State for the purpose of campaigning. No prepared items e.g. posters, business cards, flyers etc. that you bring or have delivered to Boys State will be used, this includes cell phone or other social media. Violation of this rule will cause your removal from running for office.

Monday finds you getting deeply engaged in the work-up for county elections, declarations for candidacy, delegate duties & responsibilities and guest speakers. Working out the details of party platforms and beginning work on resolutions and bills. A choir director will be chosen, a request will be made for participants to be part of the choir; you'll be given a chance to sign up for a position as an active participant in the mock trial, and you'll sign up for one or two athletic events. Some of the events offered in the past include, bowling, billiards, flag football, Frisbee, dodgeball, volleyball. County Primary elections are conducted (you can vote for either party, but the vote must be a "party-line" vote) and the campaign begins for county elected positions.

Tuesday the polls open for County General elections, (you can vote for anyone from any party) more guest speakers, and the results of the election is announced. Boys wanting to run for State wide elected positions will submit their declaration for candidacy. You'll participate in state political party conventions and spend another couple hours participating in choir, athletics, continue work on your papers. All boys will participate in a special mock trial either as active participants or observers, this event is a highlight of Boys State you won't want to miss. Finally, there's more campaigning.

Wednesday how State Legislature works, guest speaker(s). Work on resolutions and bills. Evening highlight will be the mock trial.

Thursday special veteran's patriotic sessions. Polls will open for State Primary elections, (party-line vote) more guest speakers, work on getting resolutions & bills signed off. Choir and athletics continue. Dinner is a barbeque on the quad followed by State political convention, boys running for Governor, Lieutenant Governor and the two State Senator candidates will take center stage to try their best to gain your support and your vote. Yes, you can vote for yourself or anyone else, regardless of party, but only vote once.

Friday: Graduation day! You'll move out of your dorm rooms after which the polls will open for the State General elections, (vote for anyone, any party). Preparation will be made for the graduation ceremony and the results of the State General election will be announced, *except for Governor/Lt Governor & two Senators* these four officers will be announced at graduation. You'll meet and greet your parents, loved ones and friends then the graduation ceremony will be held, after which you'll be released to depart campus.

Our goal is to provide you a safe and comfortable place to learn how our system of government is supposed to work, learn about yourself and fellow Boys State participants.

Your goal should be to arrive with an open mind ready to be filled with fun, engagement, information and respect for your fellow citizens.

Utah Boys State is all about the boys who will become the men better equipped to contribute civically to their communities, cities, the state and the nation, it's not about who wins because everybody wins. The only boys that lose, actually just miss out are those that choose not to attend the program. We're looking forward to meeting you on a zoom call during May and seeing you in-person on campus the second week of June.