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Definitions and Terms

The American Legion - The American Legion is the world's largest Veterans organization. It started in 1919 at the end of W.W.I., and now has over 2,800,000 members Nation wide.

The Department of Washington - The Washington State organization of The American Legion at www.walegion.org

The American Legion Post - The local group in the organization known as The American Legion.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Incorporated - An Americanism program of the American Legion Department of Washington.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Foundation - A non-profit public foundation for the sole purpose of the solicitation and management of trust funds for the Evergreen Boys State program.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Alumni Association - An association of Past Citizens, parents of Past Citizens, and Support Staff joined to support The American Legion Evergreen Boys State program.

Citizen Candidate - A young man interested in attending The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Citizen - A young man who **has been selected by a local American Legion Post** to attend, and is at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Sponsor - Contributor - The American Legion Post, a group, organization or someone providing funds to **pay the Tuition Fee** for a Citizen to attend The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Nominations - Usually made by a staff member of a High School or an Organization with an interest in a young man attending the American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Selections - Are made **only** by a local American Legion Post, or the Evergreen Boys State Director.

Citizen's Tuition Fee - \$275, usually paid by a sponsoring organization. (Only funds refundable see text)

Registration Fee - In addition to the Tuition Fee, a \$100 Registration Fee will be **paid by the Citizens at program registration in Ellensburg at Central Washington University.** (Non-refundable)

Citizen Pre-Program Instructions - **Citizen Instruction on the Web Page**, will be made available **when the selection process is completed by the local American Legion Post**, at www.EvergreenBoysState.org

Citizen's Registration Information will ONLY be on the web site. Each Citizen with instructions on how to complete the registration process.

Scholarship Information - Samsung American Legion Scholarship information as well as all other scholarship applications will be provided in the **Citizen's Registration Information** at www.EvergreenBoysState.org

Medical Insurance - Information will be outlined in the **Citizen Instructions.**

Visitor - Anyone, not a member of the Staff or a Citizen, who wishes to attend The American Legion Evergreen Boys State. (**Visitors Welcome**, see text)

The American Legion

Evergreen Boys State

PROGRAM PURPOSES

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is a plan for training young men in the functional aspects of citizenship. It is a program of education conducted by The American Legion, Department of Washington. Its purpose is to teach the youth of today constructive attitudes toward the American form of government. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State shows that our scheme of government has not outworn its usefulness; all a republic needs is an intelligent citizenry, and an honest and impartial administration responsive to the will of the people.

It is a practical school of government, a program of education by participation - showing the part each person can play within our system of government.

PROGRAM

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is conducted on a "**learn by doing**" basis whereby the selected Citizens practice the procedures and operations of the various branches of city, county and state government, political parties, and a state legislature. The program is aimed at developing a more active and intelligent interest in the duties, privileges, rights and responsibilities of citizenship. It is a workshop of democracy in action.

The method of teaching at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is to have the youthful citizens form and operate twelve fictitious cities, four counties, and one state; form and operate two fictitious political parties; conduct all local and state law enforcement as well as the judicial systems; form and conduct a bicameral state legislature. The constitution, statutes and codes of the State of Washington are used as the pattern for building the structure of Evergreen Boys State.

Citizens of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will use knowledge already acquired regarding political machinery, parliamentary procedure, law enforcement systems, courts and legislative operation, etc., and will gain additional knowledge from the Staff while performing the actual functions of office holders. Each Citizen also is provided with text materials that will be used both during and after The American Legion Evergreen Boys State to explain the various branches and procedures.

As he registers, each Citizen is **assigned** to an Evergreen Boys State "**city**" and to a "**political party**". Such assignments are made to insure equal participation in all branches of government and political parties requiring each Citizen to stand on his own by meeting and working with Citizens from all areas of Washington State. Evergreen Boys State cities are named after Washington trees; counties after mountain ranges or water bodies, the state is named "**Evergreen**"; the parties are the "**Federalists**" and "**Nationalists**".

The curriculum calls for city governments to be formed first. Political parties are then formed, county and state conventions are convened, and each student becomes a Citizen. Aspirants to city, county and state political office's file and campaign individually, through their respective political parties.

Primary and general elections are held; inaugural ceremonies are conducted, then following the installation of all officers, all branches of the city, county and state government function.

Instructors, who by experience know the functions and procedures of state government and its political subdivisions, guide and coach the youthful citizens. They are careful, however, to allow the Citizens to function by themselves. The aim and purpose of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is thus attained - to let the Citizens live the process.

From this practical school of government, the young citizen has the opportunity to learn for himself that his government is just what he makes it. He learns the part each must play under our system of government, each can run for office, each can vote for the candidate of his choice, also each has a voice and a part in shaping the policies of his government.

EVERY CITIZEN HAS A DEFINITE AND INTEGRAL PART IN THE PROGRAM.

NON-PARTISAN

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **is non-partisan, non-sectarian and non-military.** Problems will be considered without reference to any existing political party, and will be free from propaganda. The sole purpose is to enable the populace to grasp the meaning of some of the responsibilities he will be called upon to assume, when he becomes an adult.

It should be clearly understood that selection and assignment of the Citizens to parties is in no way connected with existing political parties in Washington. They are purely mythical and none of the principles typifying any of the existing parties will be assigned to the parties in Evergreen Boys State.

ELIGIBILITY

He must be JUNIORS IN HIGH SCHOOL. Citizens must be 15 to 18 years of age and must **not** have attended any previous Boys State. Candidates who have attended college or who have not completed the 11th grade will not be accepted. Running Start is considered a High School program for eligibility purposes. It is felt that the greatest good can be obtained from High School Juniors, since they will return home to offer leadership in their school and community during their senior year.

APPLICATIONS FOR CANDIDATES THAT DO NOT MEET THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS WILL BE RETURNED TO THE SPONSOR.

Selection of all CITIZENS is the responsibility of the local American Legion Post. The method used should be based on fairness to every eligible candidate, the concept being the selection of the most representative Citizens available. The program is aimed at developing citizenship; therefore emphasis should be made to secure an all-around citizen leader. Selection should be based on the following five-point criteria: **CITIZENSHIP, LEADERSHIP, CHARACTER, SCHOLARSHIP, and SERVICE.** NOTE: Race or creed can have NO bearing on eligibility or selection.

Select only Citizens who can stay for the full time. The local American Legion Post must approve all Citizens.

THE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION RESERVES THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY APPLICATION TO THE AMERICAN LEGION EVERGREEN BOYS STATE. Once The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is in progress, the right is reserved for the Director or his designate to dismiss any Citizen for violation of rules of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, regardless of sponsorship.

TIME AND PLACE

The 2010 American Legion Evergreen Boys State program will be held on the campus of **Central Washington University** in Ellensburg, Washington, from **NOON, June 20 until NOON June 26, 2010.** Both dates and times are inclusive with **NO EXCEPTIONS.** **THE FIRST MEAL WILL BE DINNER, SERVED SUNDAY EVENING, June 20th.** Citizens should **not arrive** prior to noon June 20th, **Registration will begin at Noon and ends at 3:00 PM on June 20th** and the final session will close at **Noon on Saturday, June 26th.** Housing and meals will not be provided prior to registration, or following the closing time.

TUITION and REGISTRATION FEES

The **Tuition Fee** of **\$275.00** is to be paid by The American Legion. Individual, parent or guardians may make donations to the sponsoring local or State organizations for tuition scholarship fees. The fee covers all program costs, with the exception of a **\$100.00 REGISTRATION FEE to be paid in cash, at registration in Ellensburg, by each Citizen.**

TRANSPORTATION:

Transportation is NOT the responsibility of Evergreen Boys State Incorporated.

TRANSPORTATION, to and from Evergreen Boys State is a local function. The local American Legion Post Chairman may arrange transportation for sponsored Citizens. It is a local responsibility to make transportation arrangements. It is suggested that arranged transportation be used and each Citizen and his parents be responsible for the cost of their own transportation. Information about local transportation arrangements may appear on this website.

SPONSORSHIP

Early enrollment is imperative in order to assure qualified candidates of a reservation at The 2010 American Legion Evergreen Boys State session. Due to the advanced preparation that must be made, it is urgently requested that the **TUITION FEE** be filed with the: **American Legion Department of Washington, P. O. Box 3917, Lacey, WA 98509-3917, C/O Tom Conner, as soon as possible.** Fees submitted after May 1 will be accepted provided space is available. Make checks for sponsorship payable to: **The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Inc.**

The American Legion Department of Washington wishes to invite local civic, fraternal, educational, religious, labor and other compatible organizations to fund tuition scholarships for properly qualified young men. **All citizen selections must be made by an American Legion Post, or if a local**

American Legion Post can not be located, application may be made directly to the Evergreen Boys State Directors Office. Emphasis should be made on filing the tuition attendance fees at once - **through the local American Legion Post** - in order to ensure a reservation. Experience has proven that the privilege of sponsorship is one that will be eagerly assumed as soon as the program is properly explained. The sponsor may be an individual, but an organization is preferred.

Reservations are accepted on first come - first serve basis and will not be held unless attendance fees are paid in full. **Upon his return home, every Citizen will be obligated to appear before his sponsoring organization and make a report to its members on his impressions of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.**

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

A physical examination by a physician is NOT required. Applicants must meet normal health standards and complete the application questionnaire. Special needs Citizenship are accepted. However, any special considerations for these Citizens will be at the expense of the sponsoring organization or the citizen.

CITIZENS ATTENTION

Any Citizen of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State, found to be using or in possession of intoxicants, tobacco products, illegal drugs, firearms, other weapons or explosives; gambling, destroying property, leaving the Evergreen Boys State Campus area without permission from the Director, or his designate, will be subject to immediate dismissal. He will be without recourse or refund and barred from further participation in the program.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE FOR FREE TIME

Although there will be designated times for rest and relaxation, The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is **NOT A RECREATIONAL CAMP**. Citizens of Evergreen Boys State are not provided with time to participate in recreational activities. (No football, baseball, swimming or use of any University sports facilities). **The emphasis for FREE time is rest and relaxation.** Sponsoring groups are requested to note that The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **is in no sense a rehabilitative, disciplinary, or recreational camp**. Only candidates with outstanding qualifications in citizenship, leadership, character, scholarship and service, having a serious attitude toward an intensive citizenship-training program, should be selected.

HEALTH AND MEDICAL

During Evergreen Boys State, first aid and or medical attention, if required, will be available. Every care will be taken to avoid accidents and prevent illness, but The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Inc. will not be responsible for either injuries or sickness should they occur. Local health care is available as required or requested.

INSTRUCTIONS for BOYS STATE Citizens

Citizen Instructions - Complete Citizen Instructions will be on the web page **www.EvergreenBoysState.org** (after May 1, 2010). Instructions will be mailed to each Citizen on how to access the web site information.

The **Medical Release and Permission to Attend form MUST** be returned to the Evergreen Boys State Office. Return address is on the form.

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Applications and instructions for all scholarships will be provided on this **ONLY**. All scholarship applications **must be typed or word-processed** on the provided scholarship form.

The **Samsung American Legion Scholarship** requires certified information from high schools and family military records for eligibility. This scholarship is \$1000.00 awarded at Evergreen Boys State, with an additional 1 in 10 chance based on National American Legion selection of seven \$20,000 Scholarships. Dollar amount and total number of scholarships is based on **Samsung** endowment earnings.

The Heintz Memorial Boys Nation Scholarships will be selected at Evergreen Boys State. Two \$1000 scholarships awarded to the two Evergreen Boys State Citizens selected and attending The American Legion Boys Nation program. Attendance and completion of the Boys Nation program required.

The Evergreen Boys State Foundation Scholarship of \$1000 is awarded to the Elected Governor of the State of Evergreen. These funds were donated to the Foundation and managed for such scholarships. For more information on the Evergreen Boys State Foundation and how to donate, contact the Evergreen Boys State Director.

The Harry Easley Outstanding Citizen Scholarship of \$500 is awarded to the student selected as the outstanding citizen of the week during the program. This person is selected from individuals selected at the city level and recognized with the city's "Citizenship Award." Each of these individuals also receives a small scholarship of approximately \$200-\$250. Exact scholarship amounts are determined yearly by the amount donated to the foundation scholarship fund during the year. For more information on the Evergreen Boys State Foundation and how to donate, contact the Evergreen Boys State Director.

The Scholarship Application DEADLINE is the first (1st) City Meeting at Evergreen Boys State, in Ellensburg on June 20th. No exceptions will be made for any reason, mailed or faxed applications are not accepted. Any further questions about program instructions should to the Director's Office at: director@EvergreenBoysState.org

General Information

For The American Legion Evergreen Boys State

All Citizens Information will be delivered to the selected citizens via the Internet at WWW.EvergreenBoysState.org

What to Bring to Evergreen Boys state

Required Personal items to bring to Evergreen Boys State An Alarm Clock, **Toiletry Articles:** soap, deodorant, wash cloth, **2 bath towels**, drinking cup, toothpaste, toothbrush, and shaving supplies. (Being clean-shaven or neatly trimmed is required). **Bring:** Clothes hangers, plastic bags for your soiled laundry and damp articles. **You may wish to bring:** Stationary, postage stamps, and an inexpensive camera, and sunglasses.

NOTE - Bring Glasses, if you are a contact lens wearer, you must know that the wind blows frequently in Ellensburg. Air borne particulate is a constant source of eye irritation. Bring extra cleaning solution. Please feel free to bring religious material for your own personal use.

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State will not be responsible for your personal property.

Be prepared for temperatures from 40 to 95 degrees F, with wind and rain.

Citizens will be living in a college campus casual business setting, and will be expected to dress appropriately at all times. During the program Citizens will aspire to become elected to high office within the State of Evergreen. You will be expected to dress in a manner as to which you would expect your public officials to dress in similar circumstances. In assuming your high office, you will assume the dress responsibilities of your position, as required by program circumstances.

Dress Codes

Code “**C**” Casual clothing that will be worn to most program events. (80% of your time)

Code “**D**” Dress clothing that will be required for at least 3 program events. (**Opening, Banquet, and Closing Ceremonies or at any time you wish to be on stage and address your peers in the process of Evergreen Boys State.**)

Code “**R**” Rest and Relaxation clothing, (10% of your time)

Definitions:

Code “**C**” Casual Clothing

Bring casual attire. Evergreen Boys State casual attire is considered to be long pants, (jeans, Dockers type, slack style) Dress or semi dress shirts, and sweaters are fine.

No Tee shirts that advertise any of The American Legion Evergreen Boys State restricted products, no gang shirts or colors, no inappropriate comment shirts. No grubby clothing, no old military clothing. Dress walking shorts, (knee length with hem, not sports or athletic style shorts) and appropriate shirt will be allowed for casual warm weather dress. Sweatshirts in original purchase condition may be

worn during appropriate casual dress time periods. Bring a casual jacket, and or sweaters for evening dress.

Bring an appropriate amount of underclothing, and extra socks.

Bring casual comfortable shoes you will be doing a great deal of walking.

You must bring slippers or shower shoes. You will not be allowed to go barefoot at any time, inside or outside of the dorm rooms or buildings.

Code “D” Dress Clothing Required for semi-formal situation.

There are 3 meetings that will require dress clothing. **Any time you are on the stage with specific program duties**, dress clothing will be required. As you campaign for higher political office, dress clothing required. Bring more than one dress shirt, slacks or dress pant, tie, sports coat or business suit, and dress shoes.

Code “R” Rest and Relaxation, Free time dress.

This will be the **only time** that sweats, gym or sports clothes of all types will be allowed. Gym clothes, workout clothing, athletic clothing, are allowed during free activities time **ONLY**.

Shirts must be worn outside of the building at all times.

Citizen room keys and lost key fee

Citizens will be issued a key for their room. All rooms will be shared with other Citizens and should NOT be considered secure at any time. If a Citizen should loose their room key, they **will pay a \$50 lost key fee**. Each Citizen **will be accountable for payment of the lost key fee before obtaining another key or before leaving the campus for home.**

Money

Because of the registration fee arrangement, a Citizen has **no** need for cash money. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State tee shirts are provided to all Citizens. The Evergreen Boys State Store will be available to Citizens during week if they are interested sodas and snacks.

Electronic Equipment. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **will not be responsible** for any lost personal electronic equipment of any kind. Miniature music pods and similar devices will not be allowed outside of Citizen’s personal rooms. It is suggested they are not brought. Laptop computers are useful for Citizens and will be allowed for word and data processing (no games) only. However the American Legion Evergreen Boys State will not be responsible for lost or stolen equipment.

Jewelry, do not bring anything of value. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State **will not be responsible** for any lost personal articles, clothing, jewelry, or money. The American Legion Evergreen Boys State is not a banking service, **we will not check in, or hold any item for safe keeping.**

Insurance Information.

Every precaution is taken to avoid accident and sickness at The American Legion Evergreen Boys State. Participants who do not already have group accident / sickness / medical insurance coverage, are insured under a group policy underwritten by Sentry Insurance. The Sentry policy is in excess coverage, to any other valid and collectable group insurance plan. (This exclusion does not apply to individual accident and sickness policies.) Should an unforeseen need arise for this insurance program, more detailed information will be sent directly to you at that time by The American Legion Evergreen Boys State.

Emergency Citizen Contact during program week

The telephone number of The Evergreen Boys State Office may be obtained through Central Washington University Conference Center at **1-509-963-1141** any time. Emergency messages will be forwarded to the Director, 24 hours a day. (The above number may change, consult the website for the numbers to use during the Evergreen Boys State week, www.EvergreenBoysState.org) Pay phones are available for Citizens use, at the Citizens expense. (Phone cards are suggested) Evergreen Boys State will not be responsible for Cell Phones and they will only be allowed during meal and free time.

Cell Phones will not be allowed in any meetings during the week. Evergreen Boys State will not be responsible for any lost or stolen cell phones.

Citizen Mailing Address

C/O: The American Legion Evergreen Boys State
Central Washington University Conference Center, Ellensburg, WA 98926

National High School Oratorical Contest

Evergreen Boys State Oratorical Contest is a scaled down simulation of this Nation Scholarship Contest. The program is conducted to give those interested a chance to exercise their speaking talents. Small scholarship funds are provided by The American Legion Post 22, Chehalis, WA, and awarded to the best speakers at Closing Ceremonies.

Doing well at Evergreen Boys State requires some study and HOMEWORK

The Citizen's Manual will be available on the Web site for preview. It is strongly suggested each citizen do so.

Study parliamentary procedure.

You will have the opportunity to run for public office at the city, county and state levels of government, including law enforcement and the judicial system. You would be well advised to make personal contact with as many publicly elected officials as possible, find out how they do their jobs.

Study city, county and State government form and format.

Study your local political party system. Contact the local members of political parties and ask them what they do and how the political party system works in your area.

Familiarize yourself with current political issues via television news, newsmagazines, and newspapers. Computer news services provide excellent political news.

Mandatory homework

Know your Glossary of Terms. (Material provided)

Study how a bill becomes a law. (Online material provided)

Write a Bill. (Use the Bill form provided, remember to use proper bill enacting clauses)

Review the Citizens Manual prior to arrival. (Web site material provided)

Closing Ceremonies

The American Legion Evergreen Boys State Closing Ceremonies will be at approximately 8:30 a.m. Saturday (**subject to revision**). The **Closing Ceremony** is open to the families of Citizens, members of all sponsoring organizations, and the interested public. **STUDENTS SHOULD NOT PLAN TO LEAVE PRIOR TO 12 PM ON SATURDAY, JUNE 26, 2010.**

New for 2010 parents and family may take part in the closing ceremonies and enjoy breakfast for a fee. Closing ceremonies will be expanded to include other family activities as well. Reservations must be made in advance. Please watch for more information as details are worked out.

Citizens will have a City Meeting obligation following Closing Ceremonies. Evergreen Boys State Certificates and Pins will not be awarded to those not attending the last City Meeting Saturday morning.

Do not indicate to a Citizen's family or offer any expectations that a Citizen may be released early for any reason.