



## THE AMERICAN LEGION BOYS STATE OF VIRGINIA, INC.

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Dear Counselor:

Thank you for participating in Boys State again this year . . . and welcome and thank you to new counselors! As a member of the Counselor Staff, your participation is vital to the success of this program. I want to cover a few reminders, changes and updates to this year's program.

This year's session runs from June 15 - 21, 2025 at Radford University. Counselors will report on Saturday, June 14 no later than 11:00 AM to check in and receive initial instructions. There will be a counselor meeting/training session beginning at 12:00 PM in Heth Hall on Saturday. The admin office should again be in Washington Hall, but watch for updates.

ALBS will reimburse you for a round trip from your home so don't forget to note your milage. Meal service is not available until Sunday evening so per diem for Saturday lunch and Sunday breakfast is available upon request. Dinner meal plans for Saturday night will be announced at the first meeting, but plan on attending the annual social/recognition ceremony as we have done in past years. Don't forget to bring bedding, pillows, towels, and any other personal items you may need for the duration of the week. A suggested packing list is posted on the "info for counselors" page.

The uniform during the week is the blue Boys State Counselor polo shirt with white pants or white shorts (khaki pants/shorts are authorized, but please get as close to white as possible). The uniform also includes closed-toed shoes and socks. Staff and Counselors are permitted to wear shorts most of the week, but remember long pants are required during the visits of dignitaries (Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General) and on Legion Night (Friday). Legionnaires and SAL members should also wear their garrison caps on Legion Night.

If you have not already, please go to the Virginia Boys State webpage at [www.vaboysstate.org](http://www.vaboysstate.org) and complete the process for the annual mandatory background check (cost is now \$16.00). Proceed to [www.vaboysstate.org](http://www.vaboysstate.org), select "Counselors" from top menu bar, then scroll down until you see "Background Check". Click and complete the application and payment information. Once we receive confirmation that your background check has been completed and you are approved, I will send you a confirmation email that will include the username and password to gain access to the secure items on the website.

Thank you for your continued support of American Legion Boys State of Virginia! You can contact me at 757-254-4490 (call/text) or email [azmattman2021@gmail.com](mailto:azmattman2021@gmail.com). Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

See you in June!

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