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welcome

Over the last few years, we have been using the phrase "A Week to Shape a Lifetime" at Boys State. It's a simple phrase that keeps us as a staff focused on a key goal we need to remember as we prepare and execute your Boys State session. For you, it may seem a bit grandiose and you may ask, "How could one week change anything about my life?" Personally, I can give you three examples, just from 2006.

1. A change in acceptance. I was involved with a stater who made some insensitive remarks about and to another stater. One of the things State does is bring together young men from diverse backgrounds. This young man learned that his words and actions can have a negative impact and that he needed to be more accepting and understanding of others. I'm sure it changed his life in positive ways.
2. A change of tolerance. Another stater felt very uncomfortable around so many other guys that did not appear to hold the same moral and religious beliefs. He wanted to leave. It was very frustrating for him to be around others. But once he realized that with some tolerance and patience, he was better off exemplifying his beliefs rather than leaving.
3. A change of self-awareness. For this example, I'll use his name - Ryan Miller. You may remember Ryan as one of the state officials, who talked about a conversation that he and I had during the week. It was nearly a random meeting on about Monday, and he happened to ask for advice on giving speeches. I always assume that every young man who makes it to our program is either already achieving great things, or is about to and just needs the push. Ryan used our conversation and the rest of his experience around fellow staters and staff to make a change in his life that allowed him to achieve great things during the week. And I'll bet he's doing even more great things months later.

I once read a story about an old man that owned some seemingly useless land. One day some developers came by to ask if they could drill for oil on his land. He agreed and lo and behold, they struck oil and the man became a millionaire. He was then asked what he thought of being rich to which he replied, "I was always rich, you guys just happened to find the oil and bring it up". So just like the old man, Ryan was always capable of speaking in front of a big group and then going on to achieve great things - it just took an experience like Boys State to bring it to the surface.

You have great resources within you as well. Some of them have been tapped and others are waiting under the surface. I hope your experience at Boys State showed you that you have the ability to change your life in any way that you want. It is now your obligation to continue to utilize those resources. And perhaps just as important, it is now your responsibility to help bring positive change out of others, whether it's classmates or "Boys Staters" at future sessions or people in your local community.

So, I hope Boys State changed your life, even if it was in a small way. Coach Bill Snyder, the now-legendary, retired coach of the K-State football program always insisted that success involved getting a little bit better at whatever you're doing every day. That's why a week like Boys State is so important and valuable.

By the way, we have a secondary phrase coined by our own Thane Chastain, where Boys State is "A week to shape a waistline". And while this is just a running joke about all of the food we eat at Boys State, it does make me think of another point: Be sure to sit back and enjoy the life you are living. Remember the three versions of rice that I showed you? There's the old fashioned kind that takes 45 minutes to cook, the "minute rice" that takes 10 minutes and now new stuff that only takes 90 seconds. Our society seems to find ways to live everything at a 90-second pace. That's okay to a point, but be sure to enjoy as much as you can at the 10-minute, or better yet, the 45-minute pace.

In closing, good luck with your senior year of high school as well as all the things you'll do in the future.



Scott Johnson, Executive Director

history

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation," is the purpose of the American Legion Boys State program. It was organized by the Department of Illinois in 1935. The Department of Kansas, holding Charter No. 5, was among the first to institute this week-long government-in-action program.

The American Legion Boys State of Kansas was headquartered in Wichita for 26 years before moving to the campus of the University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992, when the program moved to Kansas State University.

The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets the academic standards and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

Almost 50,000 young men from across Kansas have participated in Boys State and performed nearly every function of city, county, and state government. Former delegates, members of the American Legion, and Sons of the American Legion return each year to serve as counselors and advisors. Many of them work year-round on ways to improve the curriculum and structure of the program.

During each session, two Staters are chosen by their peers to represent Kansas at the American Legion Boys Nation in Washington, D.C. In doing so, they participate in a learning-by-doing program that focuses on our government at the national level.



Staters had the privilege of listening to Senator Sam Brownback during opening ceremonies.

Top Left - Staff member Eric Burton explains directions to a delegate of Boys State.

Bottom Left - Program Coordinator Mike Zimmers talks to counselors at retreat.

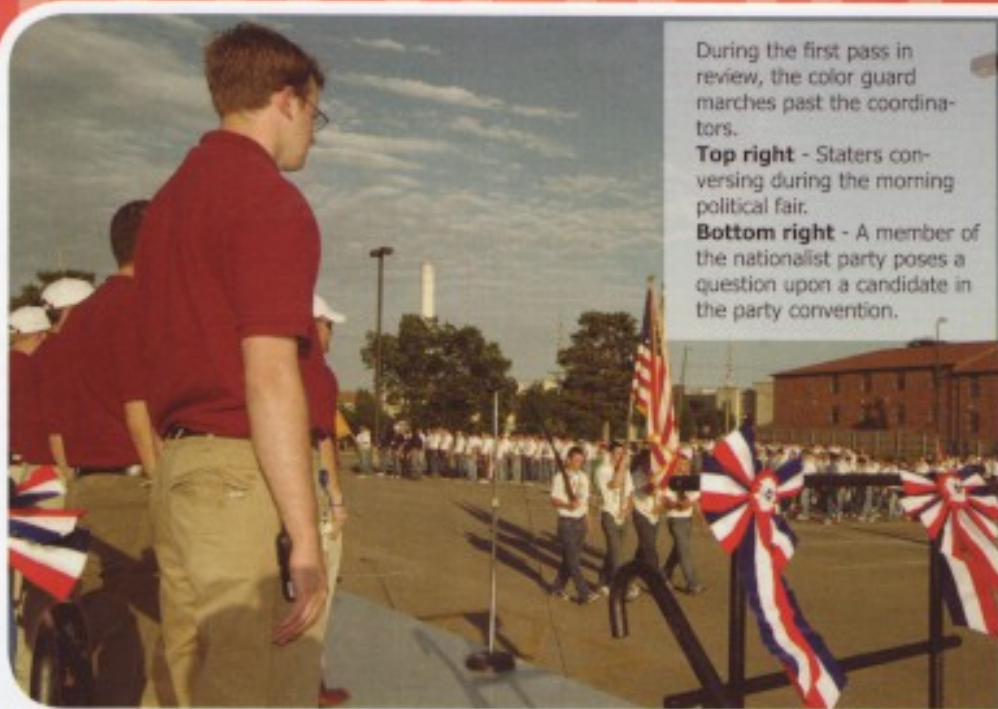


Staters arrived from all parts of Kansas as registration began for the 69th session of Kansas Boys State. Rex Gardner, advisor, greeted delegates as they entered Kramer dining center. Many delegates were about to begin a week that would shape their lives forever. At opening ceremonies, Boys State was privileged to have Senator Sam Brownback as keynote speaker. He inspired staters to achieve their dreams. With the theme of Brownback's speech, staters began their session that evening by choosing the position which they felt would best suit them.



1. Cities met for the first time within their counties before opening session.
2. Marlatt Hall Coordinator Spencer Sward in front of staters as they march to McCain.
3. Advisor Rex Gardner greets delegates and their parents before they take their first steps into Kramer for registration.
4. Harrison George hands a stater his shirts for session. More than 30 staff members helped to direct staters to their counties and find all the right items before State began.

monday



During the first pass in review, the color guard marches past the coordinators.

Top right - Staters conversing during the morning political fair.

Bottom right - A member of the nationalist party poses a question upon a candidate in the party convention.



As Monday began, staters were finding their place in the Boys State program. Some delegates found their place in city positions while others ran for state positions. Candidates running for state offices got underway with their campaigns. To rally support, candidates and associations attended the political fair and candidates expressed their opinions while on the Whistle Stop tour. As the day came to a close, each party's winners were announced and a party convention followed.



1. Demonstrating the head kick trick, a candidate uses his talent so delegates will remember his name for the primary election.

2. Winners for the Federalist primary - Brett Lundmark (AG), Ryan Miller (Treas) not pictured, John Grice (Gov), Stuart Warkentin (SoS), Garrett Blase (CoI).

3. Winners for the Nationalist primary - Tyler Thompson (Treas), Timothy Thiel (CoI), Omeid Seirafi-pour (Gov), Wesley Callahan (SoS), John Davis (AG).

4. A candidate on the whistle stop tour giving his speech on his platform and opinion.

5. Reverend James T. Akers introduces Pat Culver, the first female Department Commander of the Kansas American Legion during the evening retreat.





Left - Federalist Governor Candidate, John Grice, responds to a question during the debate.

Right - Nationalist Governor Candidate, Omeid Seirafipour, offers his rebuttal.



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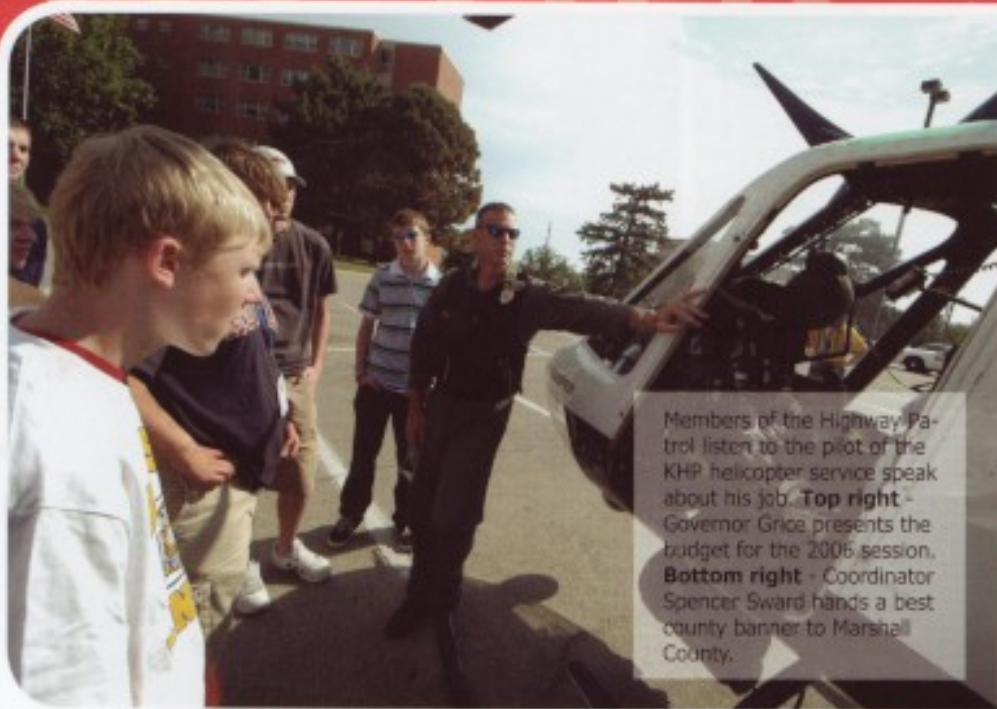
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After the primary election, the two parties began their work for the upcoming general election. The annual debate was held in McCain Auditorium where candidates for each party answered questions prepared by association members and delegates. The general election took place after the debate. The winners were announced by the former Boys State Governor, Nick Cunningham, during the evening retreat followed by a town hall meeting.

1. A '97 graduate of Kansas Boys State, Representative Josh Svaty talks to staters during the town hall meetings. 2. Representing Seitz County, Cory Deeds-Rookstool, carries the county flag during pass in review. Legionnaires watched the ceremony from the side of Kramer each night. 3. Aaron Otto, a representative for Governor Sebilus attends the Town Hall meetings as a speaker. 4. Former state governor, Nick Cunningham, swears in the new cabinet for boys state: John Davis (AG), Ryan Miller (Treas), John Barbuto (LT. Gov), John Grice (Gov), Stuart Warkentin (SoS), Garrett Blase (CoI).



Members of the Highway Patrol listen to the pilot of the KHP helicopter service speak about his job. **Top right** - Governor Grice presents the budget for the 2006 session. **Bottom right** - Coordinator Spencer Sward hands a best county banner to Marshall County.



With all positions now filled, the Boys State session was in full swing Wednesday. While the Governor and his cabinet were busy preparing his budget to present to staters, city and county positions were continuing their work while the supreme court and state representatives were hearing cases involving current issues within the state and world. Staters worked within their counties during the week to earn banners for each day such as athletic, government and best county.



1. A bird's eye view of pass in review from the roof of Goodnow hall.
2. Screaming their county's name, staters represented their county in McCain.
3. Each stater year, a flag retirement ceremony is held.



talent show



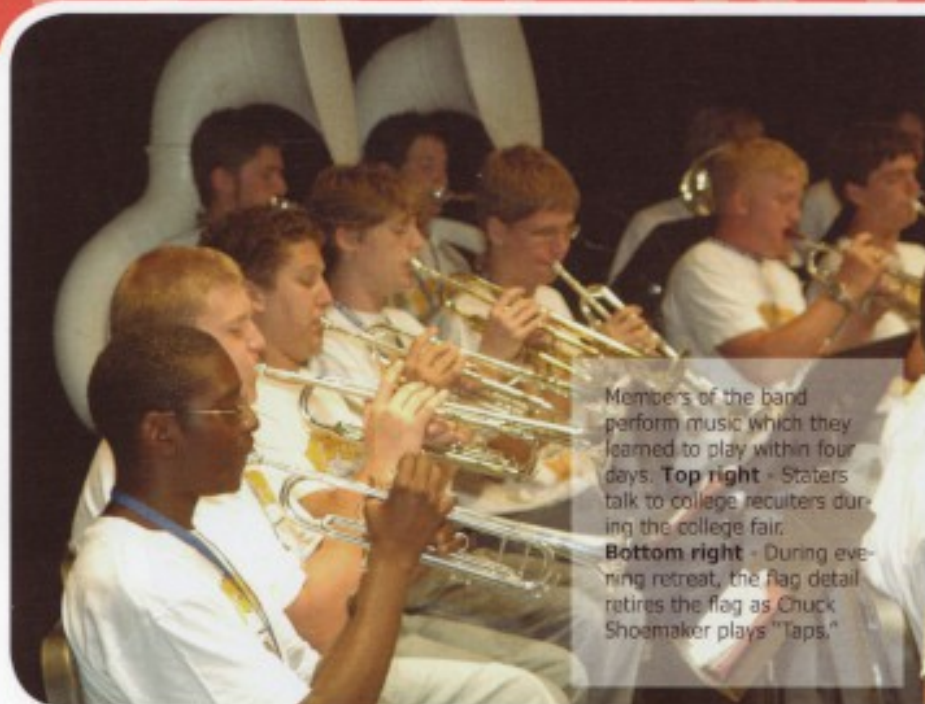
Top Left - Isaac Guetersloh.
Bottom Left - Tucker Allred.
Right - Counselor Michael Davidson opens the show by performing the National Anthem.



Wednesday evening provided a break from the work of governing, as delegates were treated to the annual Talent Show. Delegates enjoyed a wide range of acts including a piano playing gorilla, a counselor jam session, and a truly talented advisor.

1. Advisor Chuck Shoemaker
2. Rory Pugh
3. Matthew Gillen
4. Daniel Carroll
5. Counselor Jam
6. Mike Zimmers
7. Todd Rundell

thursday



Members of the band perform music which they learned to play within four days. **Top right** - Staters talk to college recruiters during the college fair. **Bottom right** - During evening retreat, the flag detail retires the flag as Chuck Shoemaker plays "Taps."



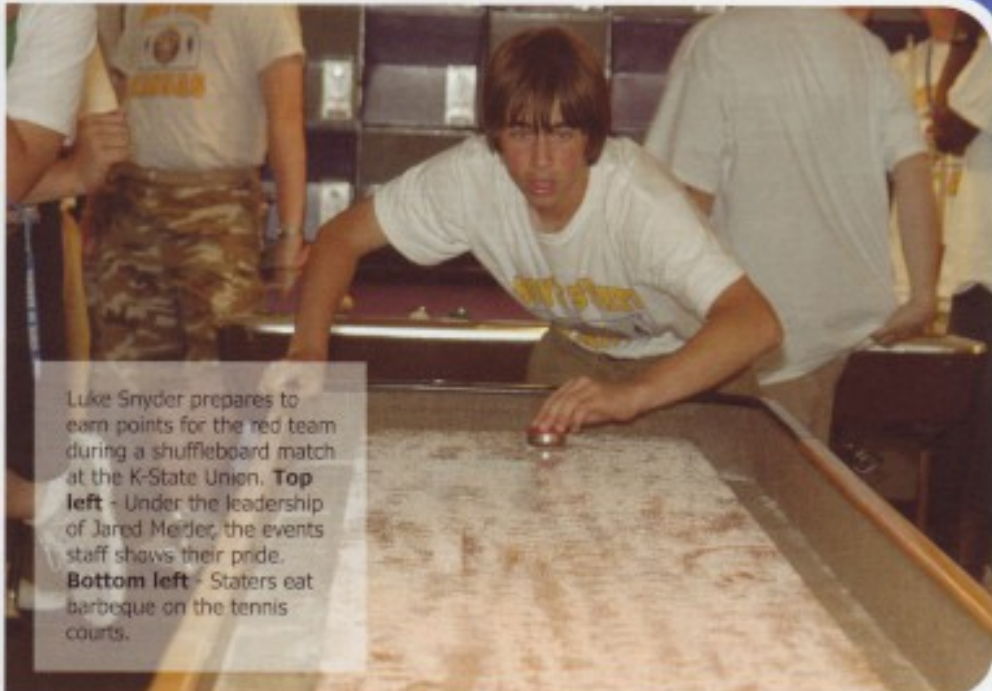
The last half of Boys State began as staters began work during the morning. A college fair was held for each delegate to have a chance to converse with college recruiters. During the evening, Governor Grice gave his state of the state address to inform delegates about his platform for the year. The band and chorus concert was held. Special guest Dr. Pat Bosco, dean of Student Life at Kansas State, expounded on "Boscology 101."



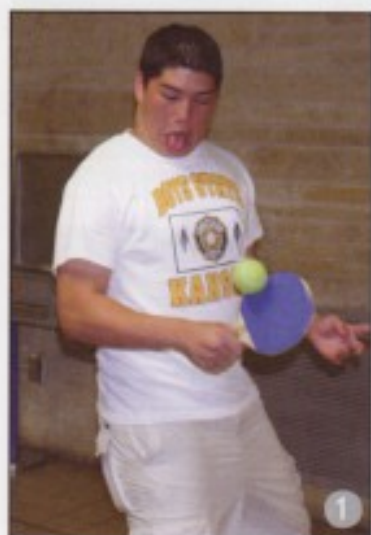
1. The choral group of Boys State performs selections such as *Silhouettes* during their concert.
2. Awaiting the return of their city counselor, staters lounge around after the day's activities.
3. Dr. Bosco expounded on "Boscology 101."



friday



Luke Snyder prepares to earn points for the red team during a shuffleboard match at the K-State Union. **Top left** - Under the leadership of Jared Meider, the events staff shows their pride. **Bottom left** - Staters eat barbeque on the tennis courts.



State came to a close on Friday and it was evident by the staff that Friday would not be a typical boys state day. The events staff showed their new uniforms during the morning retreat, and the coordinators finding themselves disoriented dressed in advisor clothing and holding coffee mugs. During the evening staters had a chance to eat barbeque on the tennis courts, and delegates then marched to the Student Union to celebrate the completion of a successful session by playing pool, racing cars with video games, and knocking down pins while bowling.



1. A stater participates in many of the activities offered during recreation time each day of the week.
2. A city council at work.
3. Earning points for his county, a stater plays tennis during recreation.
4. Coordinators flip things up on Friday sporting coffee mugs, advisor caps and shirts to mimic those of the yellow shirt brigade.

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a week to shape a lifetime

These are the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2006.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 11th wondering what exactly to expect. Suddenly you were thrust into a high-paced, cooperative, and very involved program. The tasks of creating and maintaining a working government were placed in your hands. Hopefully

through this program you were able to see exactly what kinds of decisions our society is faced with. Elected officials have the incredible tasks of creating legislation to protect their constituents' rights, while at the same time maintaining financial and social stability. One evident message of our program is that it is not easy to be a leader. We hope that you not only found opportunities for great success, but that you also faced the chore of overcoming a sound defeat. It is in these instances where a leader proves his worth, and you have undoubtedly taken this message from The American Legion Boys State of Kansas.

So it is up to you, and you alone, to overcome the failures and struggles that life will present you. Democracy, the most effective form of government, is dependent on involvement. We are taking for granted that you will certainly be involved, but we challenge you not only to become involved but also to become a leader, that extra step beyond simple participation, within your communities.

Democracy is not limited to the realms of Topeka and Washington. Democracy exists in your homes, schools, congregations, and workplaces. There will be times in your life when you will be faced with a situation that you do not agree with or that you feel is unfair to you or someone you know. As difficult as it may seem, it is not only your right but your responsibility to use the knowledge and skills you gained from our program to help yourself and your fellow citizens do the right thing.

FLAG RETIREMENT



No matter what you think about what has happened in the past, or even what is happening now, you have the opportunity to change the future, and that is what is great about America. In a very short time a couple hundred years' worth of progress will be handed to you. What will you do with it? Will you be content to stand still? Will you move forward? The decision is up to you.

Serve your community and serve it well. We wish you the best of luck in your endeavors, and we hope that the American Legion Boys State of Kansas helped you along the way.



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