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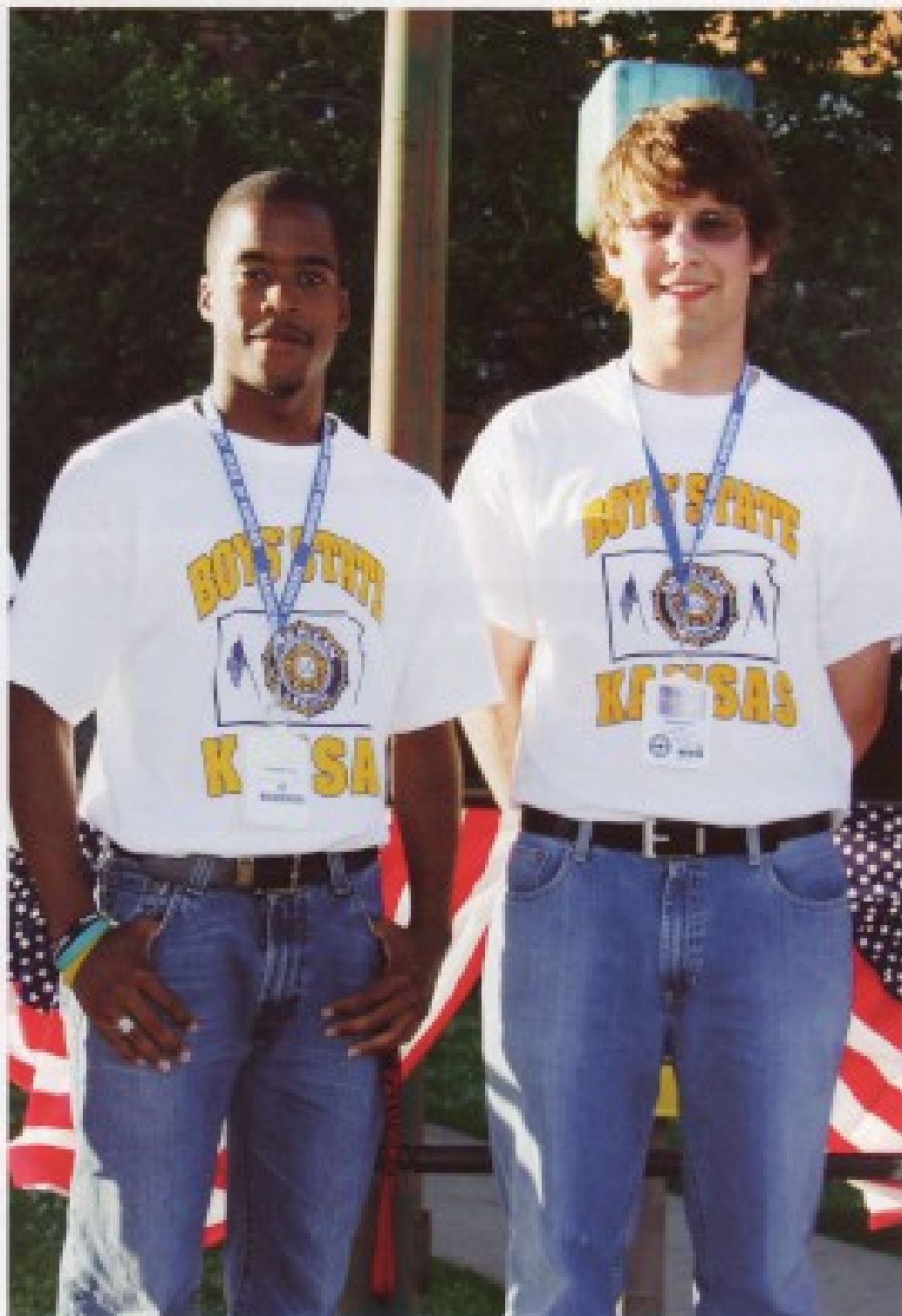


Opening opening

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"A Week to Shape a Lifetime"

Welcome

welcome

Congratulations on your successful completion of the 71st session of The American Legion Boys State of Kansas!

I believe that a sure path to failure is to assume that someone else will do the work, carry the burden, or lead the task. By your participation in this session, whether as a stater or as a staff member, you have shown a willingness to work for a better tomorrow. You did something. You learned something. You contributed.

Good for you! Too many people are not open to experiencing new things, to growing, to giving back. They just exist. As a grower and a learner, you don't just exist – you live.

Even the smallest steps toward success are valuable. For example, learning what not to do is as important – sometimes even more important – than learning what to do. The key is to learn, to challenge, to grow – just like you did during your week at Boys State. One of the things I love most about Boys State is that we are an evolving organization that knows that ultimate success lies in continually asking questions and seeking their answers, not in continually offering answers to which others seek the questions.

I am honored to have you as a member of the Boys State family.

- Jeff Schrag, Executive Director



History

history

"To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation." That 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 University of Kansas in 1963. It stayed there until 1992 when the program moved to its present location on the campus of Kansas State University.

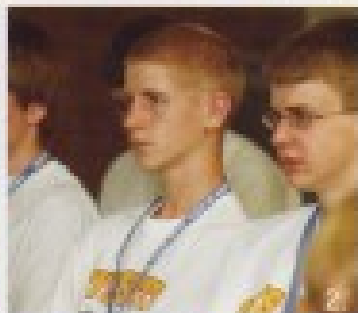
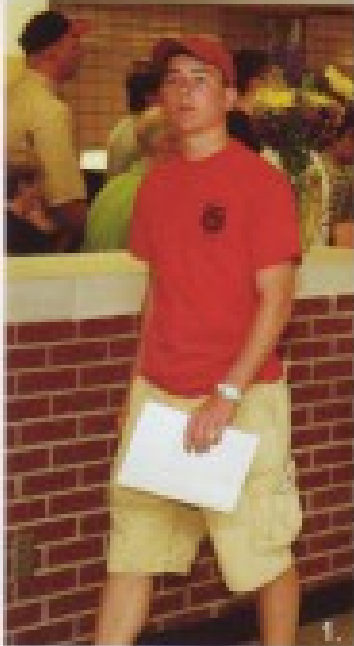
The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets academic criteria and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

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.

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

Sunday

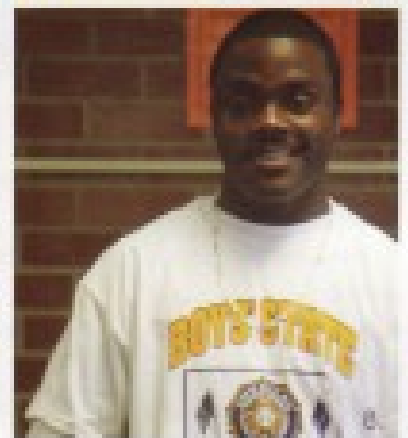
sunday



Staters arrived from all over Kansas to register for the 71st session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas. Advisor Rex Gardner 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, delegates were privileged to have Greg Orman as keynote speaker. He inspired staters to give back and to clear their "banks." With the theme of Orman's speech fresh in their minds, staters began their week by running for a government position that they felt would best suit them.



1. Staters arrive from all over Kansas to attend Boys State.
2. The first county meeting provides more information to delegates.
3. Delegates and family members listen as Advisor Rex Gardner explains the registration process.
4. Greg Orman, past Minnesota Boys State Governor and past Boys Nation President (1984), delivers the keynote address during Opening Ceremonies.
5. The Leawood Police Department Honor Guard leads delegates in their first trip to McCain Auditorium.
6. Members of the city council discuss their positions.
7. Counselor Ian Blair meets with candidates campaigning for office.
8. Candidate explain to their constituencies why they should be elected to office.



Monday

monday

Early Monday morning the flag was raised and so were the delegates. Some delegates found their place in local government positions while others ran for state office positions. Candidates running for state office were out campaigning in full force. To rally support for their political platforms, candidates and political action committees attended the political fair. The Whistle Stop Tour provided another opportunity for candidates to get their message out to the voters. After supper, the primary election winners were announced and the party conventions followed.



1. Attorney General candidate, Zach LaRue gives a speech at the Federalist Party Convention.

2. Political Action Committees provided information on their positions during the political fair.

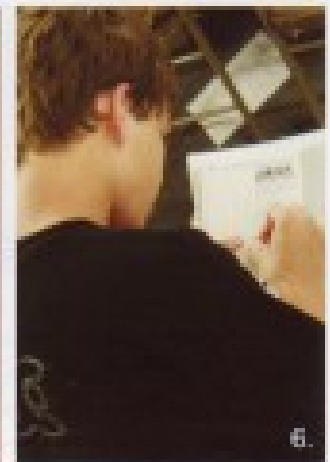
3. Members of the flag detail lower the American Flag at evening retreat.

4. Past Boys State Governor John Grice (2006) swears in the city mayors.

5. At the Whistle Stop Tour, state office candidates deliver speeches to the citizens of Boys State.

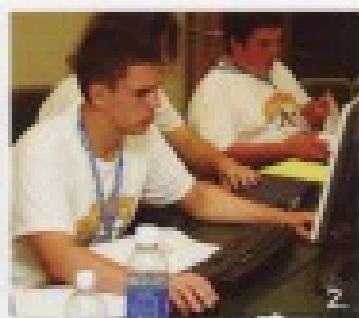
6. Delegates cast their votes in the primary election.

7. Things get crazy at the Nationalist Party Convention.



Tuesday

tuesday



After the primary election, the political parties prepared for the general election. The State Office Candidates' Debate was held in McCain Auditorium where candidates from each party answered questions prepared by members of the Political Action Committees. Afterward, voters cast their ballots in the general election to determine who would lead Boys State. The results of the general election were announced at evening retreat, and the Manhattan Legion Post presented a flag retirement ceremony. Following the retreat, delegates attended the Town Hall Meetings.



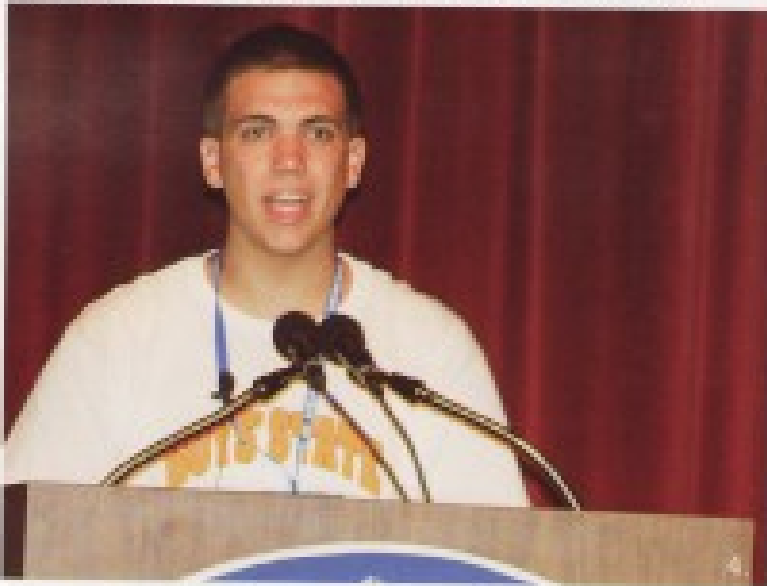
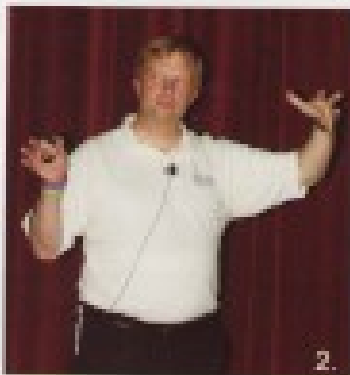
1. Staters pause for a moment of silence.
2. Governor Andrew Krouby works with members of his cabinet to develop his proposed state budget.
3. Some delegates participate in jury duty on Tuesday morning.
4. Federalist candidate for State Treasurer, Dakota Meyers gives his "two cents" during the debate.
5. Members of the Manhattan American Legion conduct a flag retirement ceremony.
6. Kansas Court of Appeals Judge Joseph Piemon uses staters in his town hall presentation.
7. Javon Shackelford reviews his notes during the district court trial.
8. Members of the Political Action Committees ask candidates questions during the debate.



Wednesday

wednesday

With the elections over, all government branches were now operating. Governor Koucky presented his proposed budget to the citizens of Boys State. The House and Senate convened to address matters related to the state budget. Members of each of the departments prepared for hearings over various issues. The Boys State Supreme Court heard oral arguments in a high profile case. Throughout the week, delegates worked hard to earn banners for their counties. Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh told delegates that they can be the leaders of today.

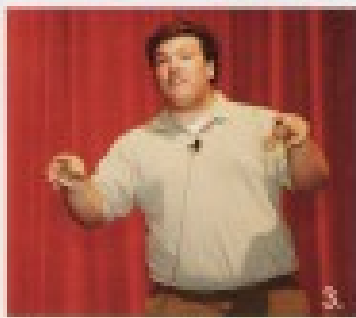
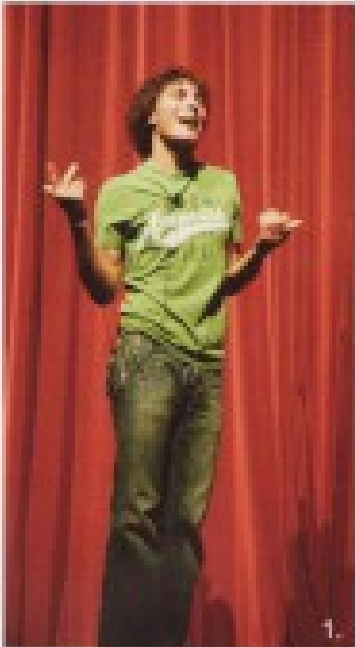


1. The State Treasurer assists Governor Koucky in his presentation.
2. Thane Chastain shares information about the Sigmoid Curve with delegates.
3. Advisor Jim Schoer visits with delegates during Morning Assembly.
4. Governor Koucky gives his State of the State address.
5. Powell County stands at attention during morning announcements.
6. Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh asks delegates if they have ever heard people use the phrase, "the leaders of tomorrow."
7. Counties yell their county name to rally at McCain Auditorium.



Talent Show

talent show



Wednesday evening provided a break from the work of government, as delegates were treated to the annual Talent Show. Delegates enjoyed a wide range of acts including a piano playing legionnaire, a counselor jam session informing staters on how to "March 500 miles", an informative "Matt Foley," and a piece of Titanic to end the night's many great and diverse acts.



1. Dallas Lawrence performs "Clash of the Titanic."
2. "Baby Got Back?" Kaleb Gage shows his moves.
3. Grant Morris, aka Matt Foley, attempts to motivate the audience.
4. Do we have another Mozart? Quinton Berggren plays like a pro.
5. Beethoven is back as Nick Hourlam plays piano.
6. Alexander Lathrop performs a martial arts routine.
7. Jacob Deppenbusch sings an original song.
8. Ryan Dobener performs a solo on the trombone.



Thursday

thursday

Throughout the week, delegates worked together to solve government problems. The college fair gave delegates an opportunity to visit with college recruiters. Because of inclement weather, recreation time was held inside, but that didn't keep staters from having fun anyway! Some staters spent their time playing the guitar or throwing a frisbee. Just when everyone thought the weather had passed, the National Weather Service issued a tornado warning. As a result, the evening activities were postponed until the following morning.



1. This stater uses recreation time to practice his guitar.
2. Members of the county commission review the city employment reports.
3. Delegates are presented with government problems throughout the week.
4. Working together, delegates solve the government problems.
5. Members of the legislature develop bills for debate.
6. Learning from mistakes is just as important as succeeding.
7. Senators discuss various issues in this informal setting.



Friday



Clearly, Friday was not a typical day in Boys State. The monotony of morning assembly was broken as crazy counties took to the parking lot. In the afternoon, the Boys State Choir and Band performed a matinee concert at McCain Auditorium. The results of the Boys Nation election were announced at evening retreat. Activities at the K-State Student Union that night provided one last opportunity for delegates to hangout with friends they had made during the week. The next day, following closing ceremonies, 450 delegates would return home after their week to change a lifetime.



1. Bowling is a popular activity at the K-State Student Union.
2. The trombone section performs "Final Countdown" during the band concert.
3. Members of the Boys State Choir perform "Boys State, U.S."
4. Many delegates form lifelong friendships while at Boys State.
5. Marcus McNeal and Alex Jones are elected to represent Kansas at the upcoming session of Boys Nation with Andrew Benage and David Lalo as alternates.
6. Scary! Sam Weissels does his best Joker impersonation during the evening barbeque.
7. Fore! This stater shows off his game while playing in the golf simulator at the Union.



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1. Coordinator Spencer Sward congratulates Aaron Caldwell, Commissioner of Insurance.
2. Coordinators Kevin Mechtley, Jared Meitler, Jeremy Harland, Jake Ellis and Paul Day explain Sunday's events just prior to Sunday's registration.
3. 'One for all and all for one'

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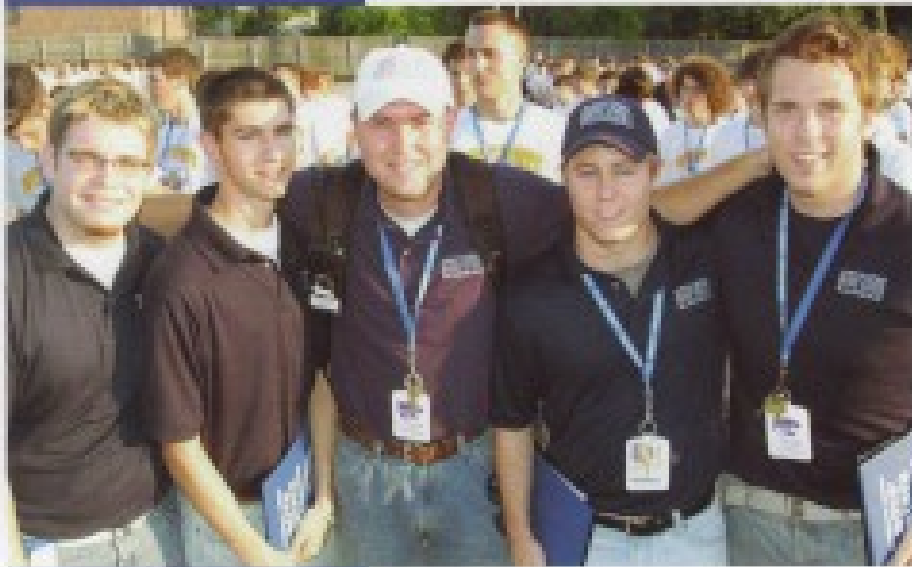


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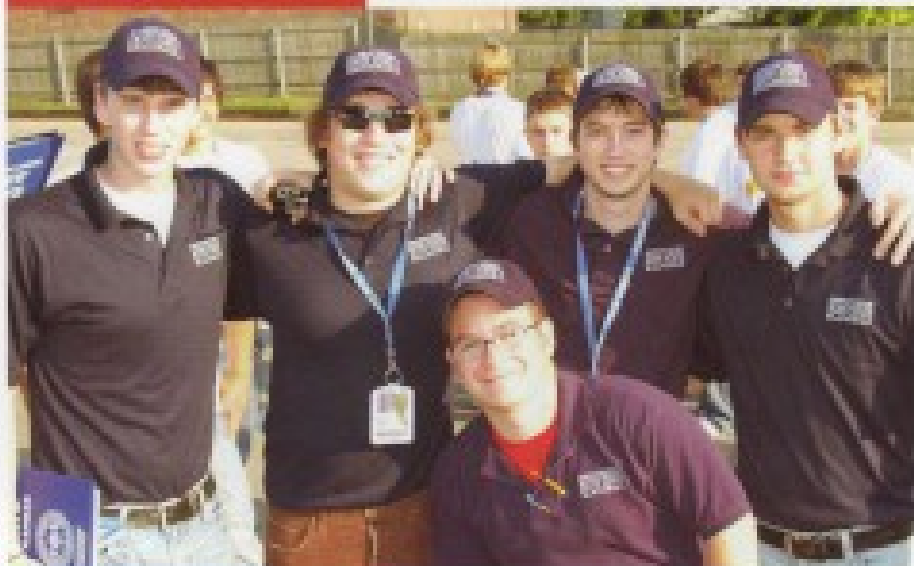


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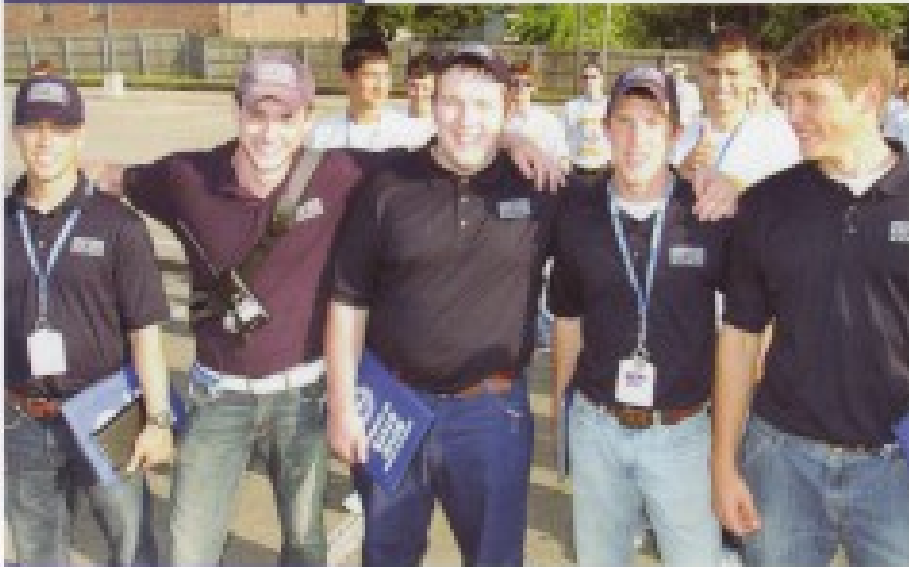
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A week to shape a lifetime

These are the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2008.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 1st, 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.

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.

- The 2008 American Legion Boys State of Kansas Staff