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BOYS STATE OF KANSAS



[June 6-12, 2010]

[Kansas State University
Manhattan, Kansas]

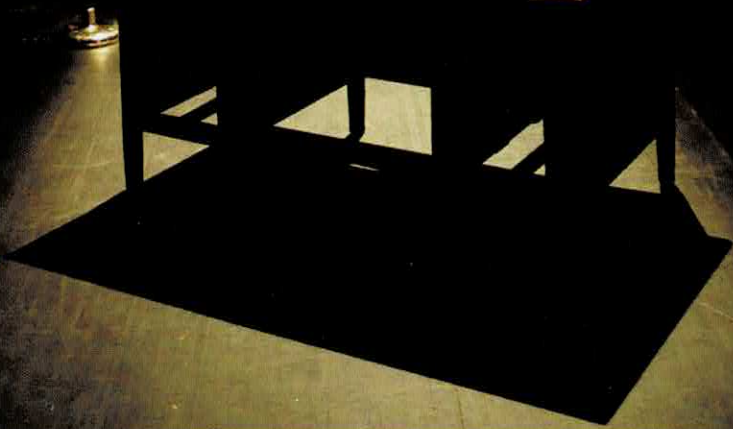
A Week that Changed My Life

To view more pictures of your week at the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, go to www.ksbstate.org. Click on the "2010" button and follow the guides.

You can also download an application and help send someone to the upcoming session of Boys State.

Call us toll-free at (866) 241-9920 or e-mail us at info.1937@ksbstate.org to request additional information.

Opening



[welcome]

Friends of Boys State,

On June 6, 2010, 479 delegates from across Kansas converged on the campus of Kansas State University to participate in the 73rd session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas. In one week, these delegates conducted elections, formed a mock government, and worked together to address issues confronting their citizens.

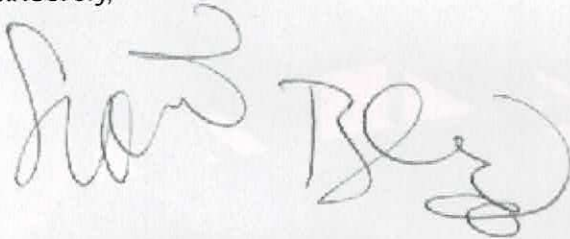
They honed their leadership, teamwork, and problem-solving skills. They learned about government by participating in government. They had fun and made new friends. In one week, they became better people – they changed.

And then they left.

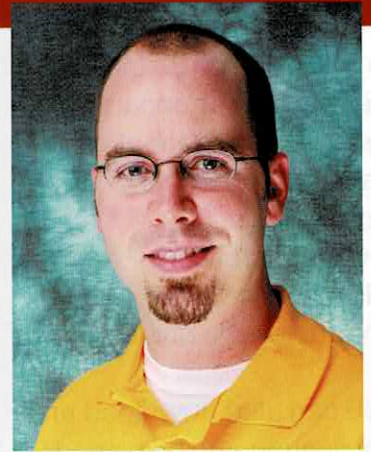
They returned to their home towns, their families, and their jobs. But the story doesn't end there. Long after the flag has been lowered and the parking lot has emptied, the friendships that were formed and the skills that were gained at Boys State will remain.

This is the legacy that is Boys State. Thank you for being a part of it. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program either as a delegate, a staff member, a sponsor, a legionnaire, or in another capacity. May this yearbook serve as a reminder of your contribution to the 2010 session of Boys State and a testament to the life-changing effects of one week at Kansas Boys State.

Sincerely,



Scott Bley, Executive Director
The American Legion Boys State of Kansas



[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.

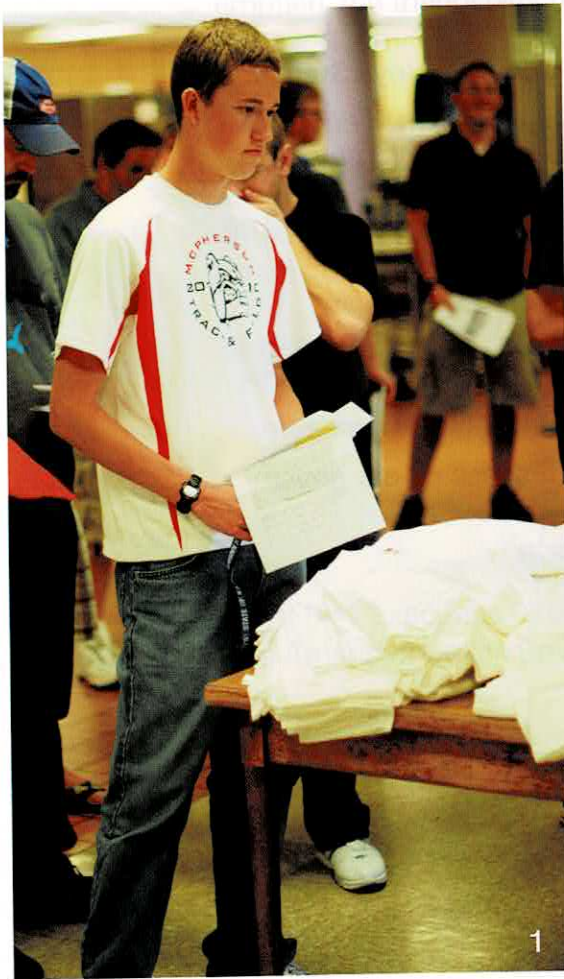
The Boys State program is available to any high school senior-to-be who meets academic criteria and demonstrates leadership potential. Civic and church groups as well as American Legion Posts sponsor delegates to this fine learning-by-doing, youth-in-government program.

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]

As nervous staters ambled toward the check-in table, counselors hopped around the Kramer Lobby trying to meet each person and remember every name. Though many staters did not know what the following week would entail, most fears and anxieties were long forgotten after a powerful speech by Rex Gardner and the Opening Ceremonies. While they decided which government positions to run for, the staters' nervously ambling footsteps soon became the proud stomps of an army march.





1. During registration, a stater prepares for his experience at Boys State.

2. Advisor Rex Gardner welcomes a group of delegates to Boys State.

3. Several stater participate in the first meeting with their whole county.

4. The Boys State Color Guard prepares to lead State to the Opening Ceremonies.

5. A stater listens to his county counselor during the first county meeting.

6. In McCain Auditorium, stater watch the Opening Ceremonies, which parents were invited to attend.



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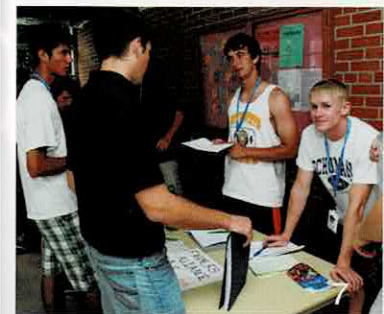
1. Staters running for state offices answer questions during the Whistle Stop tour.
 2. Several staters look over their notes as a candidate speaks to them during the Whistle Stop Tour.
 3. A candidate speaks to his fellow staters.
 4. Three members of the flag detail fold the American flag at the end of the day.

5. Department Commander John Thomas looks over the members of Boys State.
 6. King County marches by the coordinators and legionnaires.
 7. Several staters discuss politics at the political fair.
 8. Candidates for the primary elections anxiously await their turn to speak to the staters.

9. A stater raises his hand to ask a question during the Tour.
 10. The mayors of each city are sworn into office.
 11. A stater uses a baseball mitt in order to make a point during one of his speeches during the Whistle Stop Tour.
 12. A stater listens intently to a speech given by a primary election candidate.

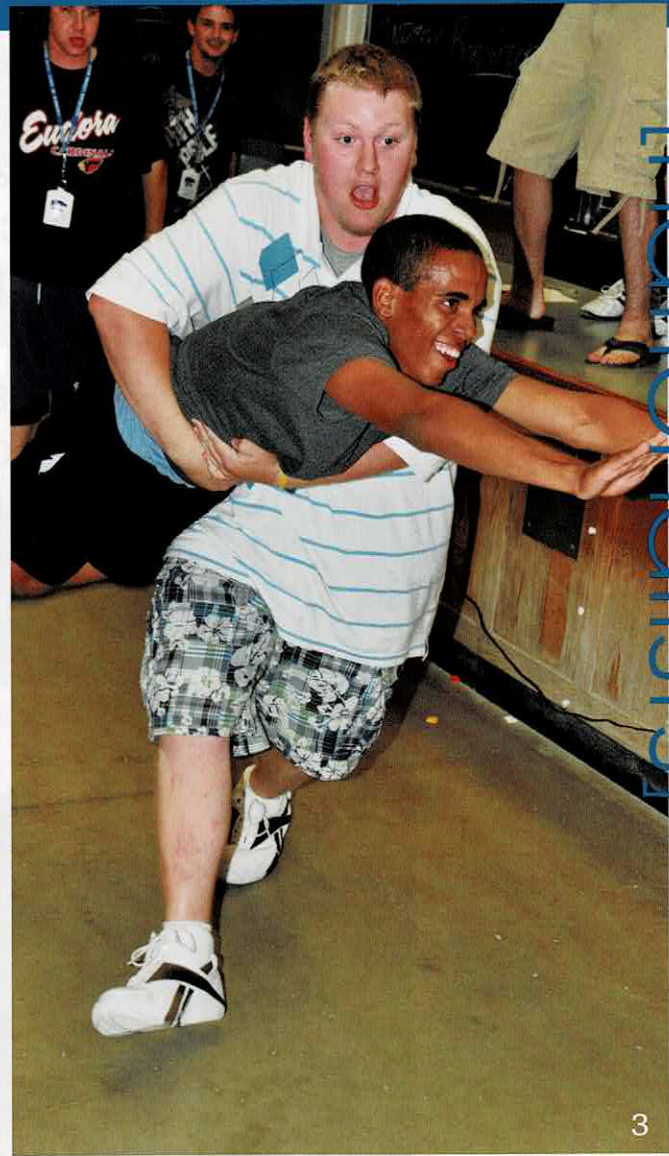
[monday]

With droopy eyes and groggy minds, the staters rose Monday morning. By the time they were fully awake, some had become county or city councilmen; others in the primaries campaigned by taping posters to the walls of Kramer Dining Center during the Political Fair and gained PAC support. Tempers flared and true colors were shown at the Whistle Stop Tour. Primary election results, announced at the evening assembly, spawned excitement for the party conventions.



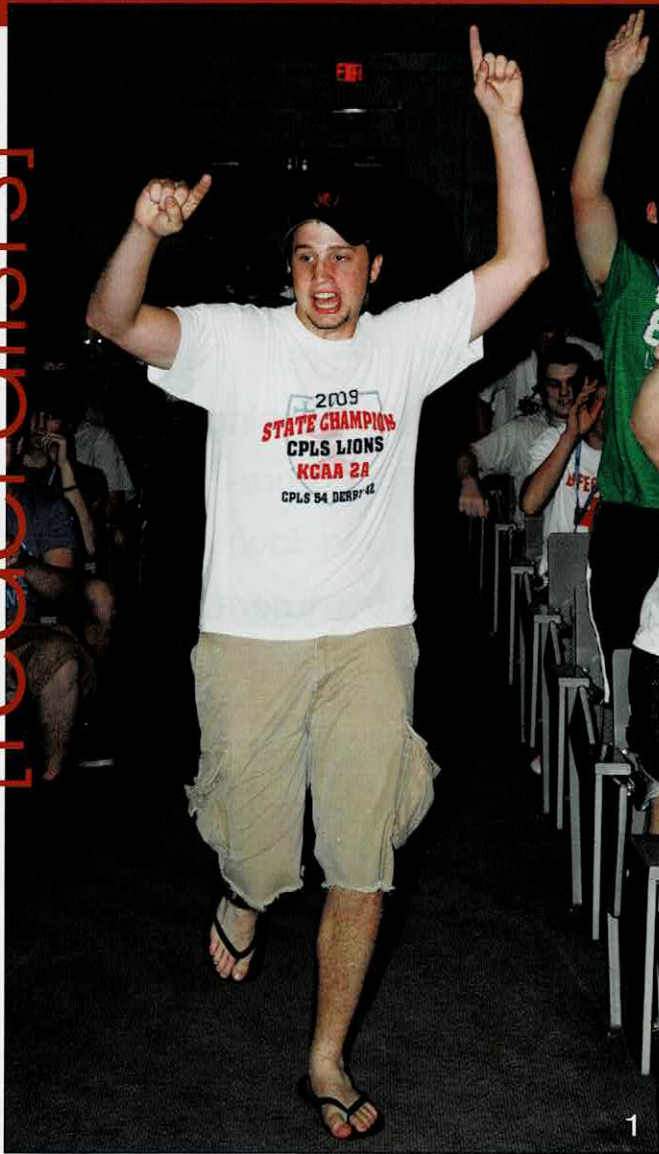
party conventions

1. A stater dances in front of the rest of his party in order to get them pumped up.
2. To show his dedication, a stater lets a candidate ride on his back at the convention.
3. Joel Simwinga, the candidate for governor, flies through the convention.
4. Nationalists get excited during the convention by performing the wave.
5. Dancing like Soulja Boy, several staters show their excitement about the elections.
6. All the candidates and more perform for the rest of the nationalists.



[nationalists]

[federalists]



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1. A stater runs down the center aisle to begin the convention for the Federalist party.
2. Two staters stand at the convention in order to get the full effect of participating in it.
3. A federalist candidate gives a speech in front of his fellow staters to convince them to vote for his party.

4. Several federalist staters yell in excitement during their convention.
5. A federalist candidate explains to staters why they should vote for him and his fellow federalist candidates.
6. Before the convention begins, the candidates plan what they are going to do and say.



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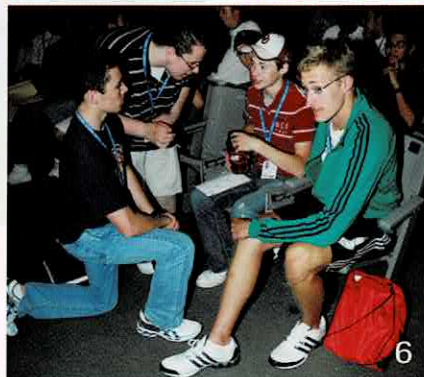
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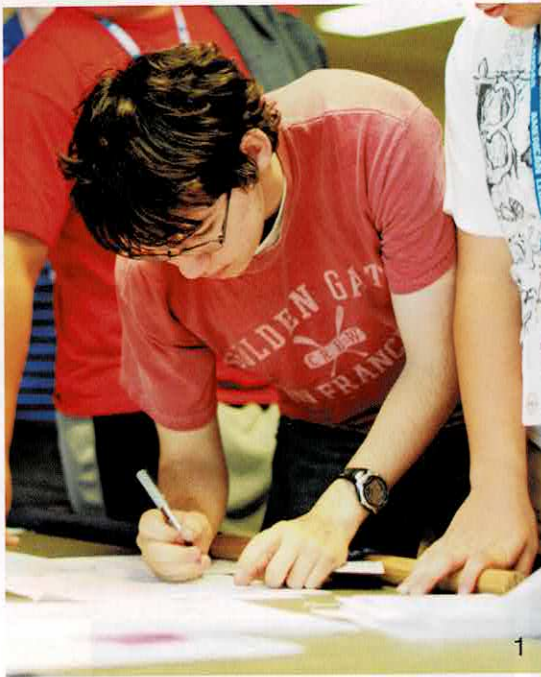
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[tuesday]

After choosing candidates in the primaries, the staters began to look forward to finally choosing the top positions at Boys State. To show the staters who they were voting for, the state official hopefuls participated in a debate, officiated by the PACs at McCain Auditorium. Afterward, voters cast ballots in the general election to determine the new leaders of Boys State. The results of the general election were announced during the evening retreat, and the Manhattan Legion Post presented a flag retirement ceremony. Following the retreat, delegates attended Town Hall Meetings where three speakers from different government offices gave speeches.





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1. A juror performs his civic duty and signs off in a district court hearing.

2. During the town hall meeting, Kansas Secretary of State Chris Biggs plays the guitar.

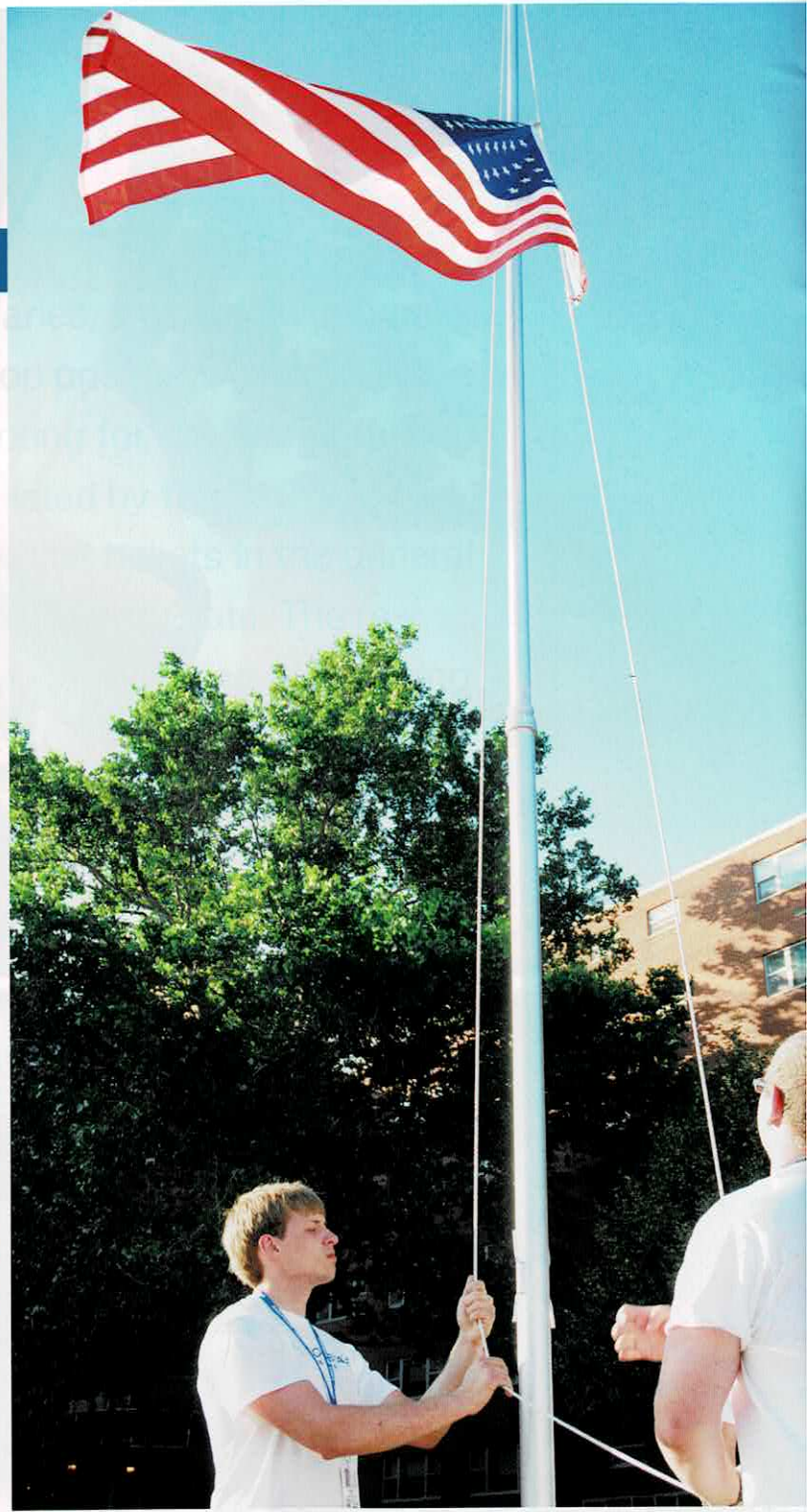
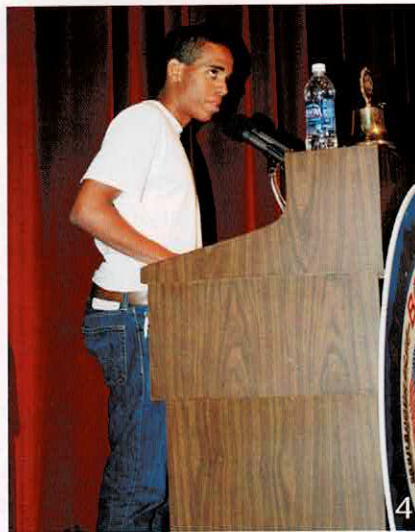
3. With governments in session, several staters work on their daily projects.

4. Answering a question from the PACs, a candidate for the state offices speaks to the staters about his planned policies.

5. At the debate, a governor candidate speaks to his fellow staters.

6. During the first recreation time held outdoors, a stater takes a shot in a basketball game.





[wednesday]

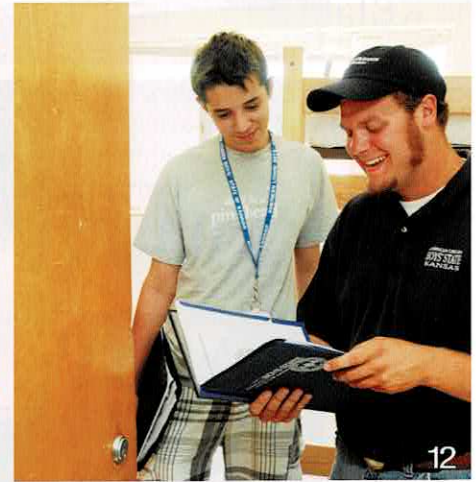
Elections are over and Joel Simwinga has taken office as governor. He proposed a budget plan and the House and Senate convened in order to address his ideas. In the midst of these political happenings, there was a fully-equipped recreation time-the first of the year, and the day ended with a talent show to accentuate the amount of talent at Boys State.



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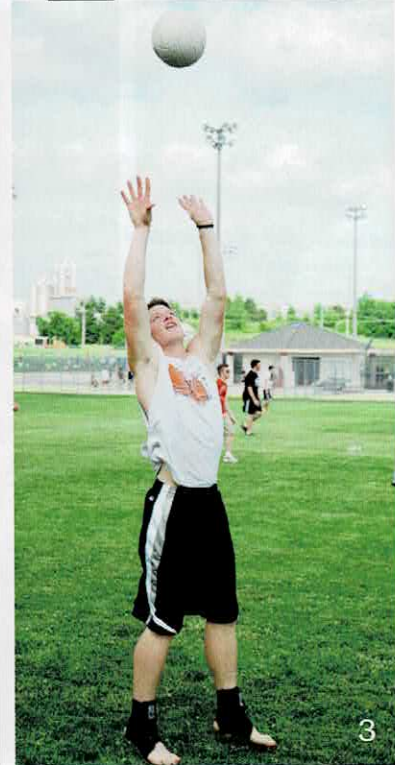
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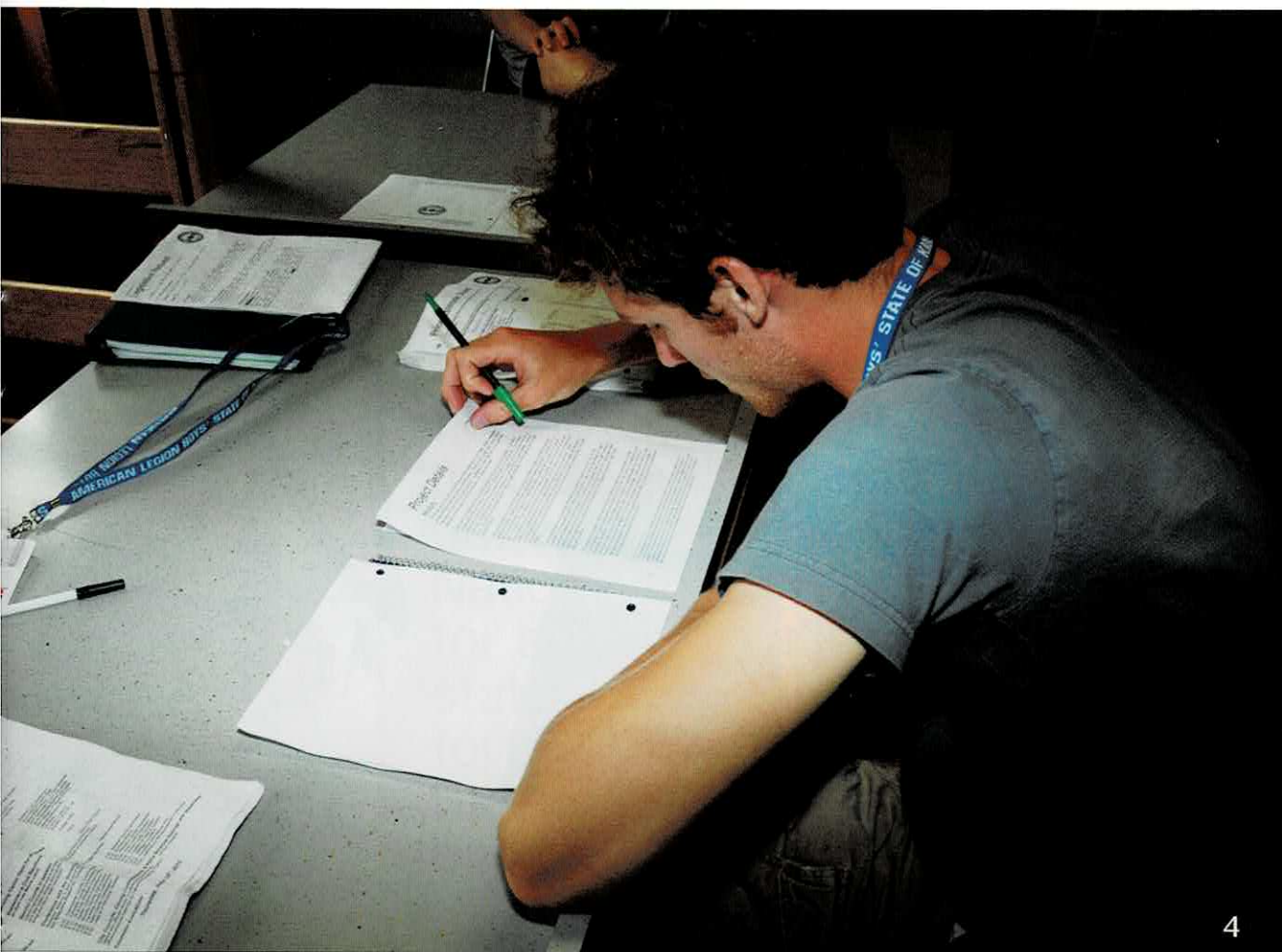
1. Two staters work on projects in their office.
2. Swinging a bat, a stater participates in recreation.
3. During a soccer game, a stater throws the ball into play.
4. At the state of the state address, governor Simwinga speaks to the staters.
5. Playing softball, a stater throws a pitch to a stater from another county.
6. As a part of the evening retreat, members of the flag detail lower the flag.
7. A stater performs a back flip, which has become a common activity this year.
8. Eisenhower County marches at the evening retreat.
9. Running the ball down the field, a stater plays soccer.
10. A legionnaire speaks to the staters at the evening retreat.
11. A highway patrolman drives around in his gator.
12. Events Counselor Matthew Brandt helps explain a project to a Stater.

[thursday]

Throughout the week, delegates worked together to solve many different types of government problems. District courts heard trials and the House and Senate were discussing various legislation. The college fair gave delegates an opportunity to take a break from their hectic projects and visit with college recruiters. Delegates also had an opportunity to stretch their legs and show their competitive talents during recreation time. After evening ceremonies, staters marched to McCain Auditorium to listen to the Boys State Choir and Band perform. Both music groups had the privilege to work with instructors from the KState music program.

1. Several staters communicate ideas for their projects.
2. Staters attempt to convince President Obama to make an appearance at the 75th Session of Boys State.
3. A stater plays volleyball during recreation.
4. A stater concentrates on one of his daily projects.
5. The newscast crew "kidnaps" the governor for questioning.
6. A stater reads about his new project.
7. Members of the band perform.
8. A stater edits the newscast.
9. Staters participate in the college fair.

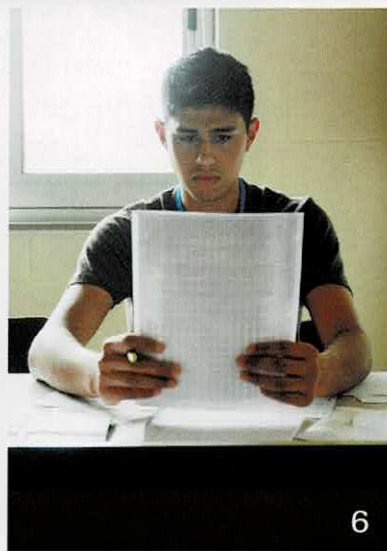




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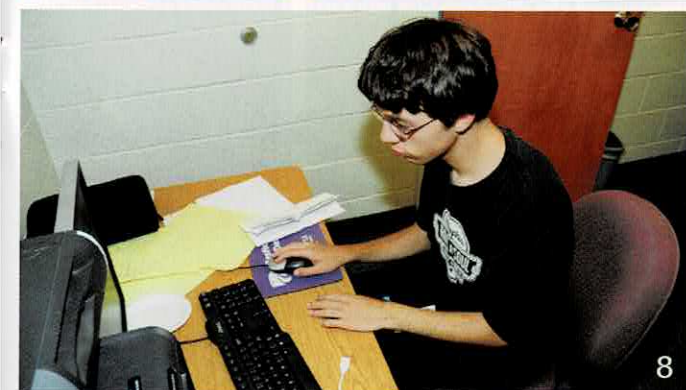
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[friday]

“Crazy Counties” gave the staters a chance to be creative by wearing random outfits for morning retreat. As the staters finished up their last projects, they prepared to find out who would represent Kansas at Boys Nation and to hit up the Kansas State Union for an opportunity to hang out with other staters they had met during the week. Unfortunately this was the last day of Boys State and the next day, staters would return home.



1. Several staters pose for a picture with counselor Martin Cram on the last day of Boys State.
2. Events Counselor Dean Symes accepts the first “Lean On Me Award.”
3. Stater Alex Nolte enjoys the barbecue.
4. A stater receives an award at retreat.
5. Staters attend the barbecue.
6. Two counties face off during evening retreat.
7. A stater sits with friends at the barbecue.
8. Staters grab a bite to eat at the barbecue.
9. A county chants at evening retreat.
10. Several counties join together to sing at the closing ceremonies.
11. The American flag is displayed with pride.
12. A stater from each city receives the Outstanding Citizen Award.

[talent show]

Music, comedy, and dramatic performances were all part of this year's talent show. After working hard during the first part of the week, delegates let loose a little bit and performed for fellow boys staters. There was a variety of different acts which ranged from an interpretation about a pet watermelon to a blind-folded piano piece. The night began with a vamped up version of the "Star-Spangled Banner" and ended with the traditional "American Pie."

1. Chad Ostermann sings on stage while accompanied by Tyler Breneman.

2. Archie Huskey performs a dramatic interpretation about a man and his pet watermelon.

3. Joshua Litscher surprised everyone by playing the piano blindfolded.

4. Phillip Kurtzweil plays Brahm's Rhapsody in G.

5. Jacob Gillespie's comedy routine roused the staters into laughter.

6. Drew Shepherd sings a song accompanied by Matias Faundez on guitar.

7. Members of the Boys State staff channel their inner Lady Gaga.

8. Jeffrey Durbin performs a dramatic interpretation about a student named Andrew Green.

9. Aaron Plump plays his violin.

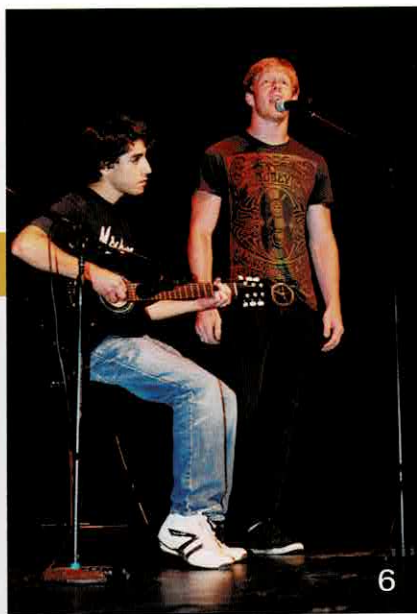
10. Matthew French wowed the audience with his Crystal Stick routine.

11. Mike Zimmers serves up a slice of "American Pie."





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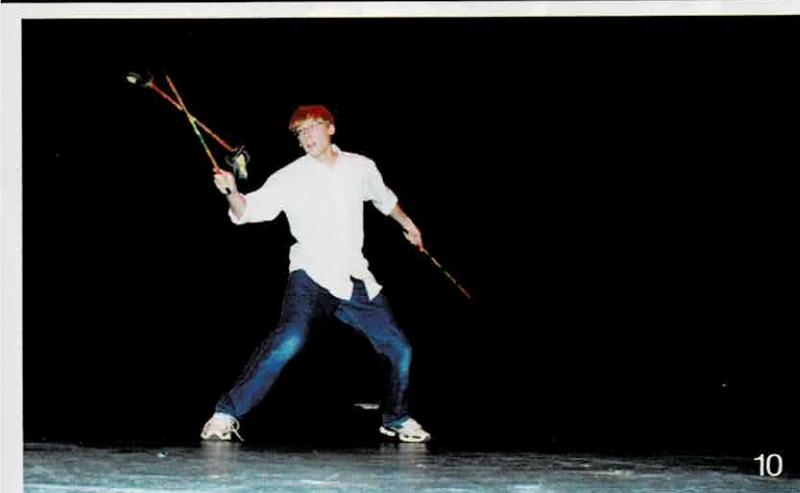
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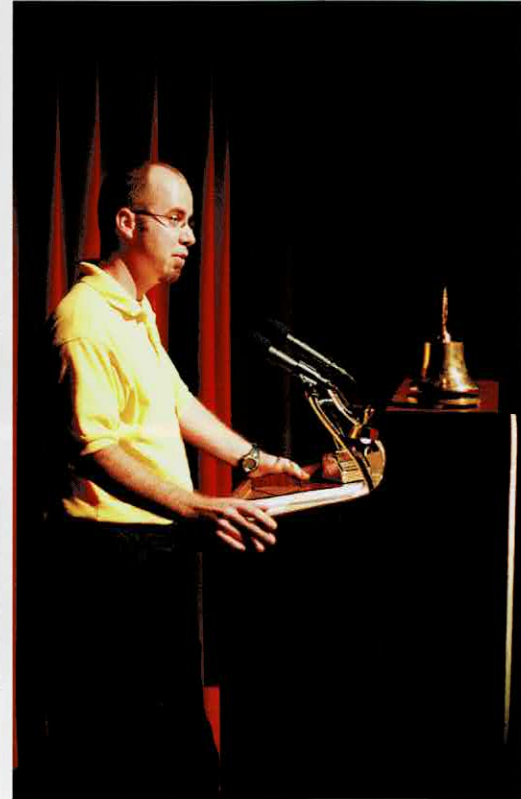


[events staff]



Front Row: Jacob Brown, Zack Reed,
Taylor Mayfield, Derek Symes,
Martin Cram

Second: Phillip Morton, Nathan Harkins,
Alex Schram, Garrett Moylan



[advisors/nation]



Front Row: Jerry Holley, Jeff Schrag, Bob Jenkins, John Thomas, Frances Swensen, David Hinkson, Ron O'Leary, George Rothwell, Chris Werring
Row two: Mike Paynter, Steve Peterson, Don Whitten, Spencer Sward, Dave Rothwell, Justin Herron, Don Thomson, Chuck Shoemaker, Jim Hawthorne, Mario Rios
Row three: John Mulhern, Terry Camp, Jay Shelton, Allen Klassen, Thane Chastain, Jeremy Harland, Robert Choromanski, Scott Bley, Don Peters
Row four: Rex Gardner, Chuck Yunker, John Lindholm, Troy Fowler, Kevin Mechtley, Tom Wierman, Jeff Bond, Gordon Cunningham
Row five: Scott Johnson, Tyler Suelter



Executive Director Scott Bley with Boys Nation Alternates and Delegates.
LR Tim White - Alt, Delegates Chandler Smith & Keenan Gregory, Austin Miller - Alt.

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County Counselor

Josh Cleek

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Gavin Smith

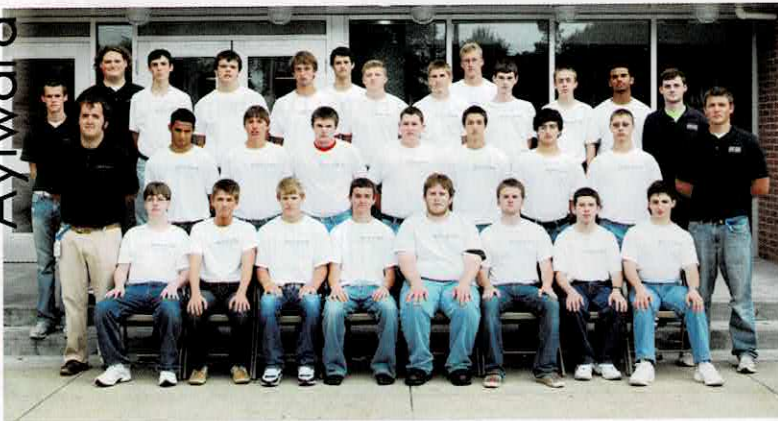
Preston Mossman

Tyler Sharp

Bryan Lunzmann



Aylward



Fourth: Hiram Olinger, Austin Miller

Third: Preston Mossman, Bryan Lunzmann (City Counselor), Joseph Archer, Dakota Denny, Nicholas Crain, Drew Wills, Hunter Jewett, Robert Peterson, Cody Campbell, Kory Roberts, Josh Cleek (County Counselor)

Second: Tyler Sharp, Eddy Gomez, Matthew Carrillo, Russell Pearman, Sam Starr, Connor Clarkston, David Lawrence, Brock Roemer, Gavin Smith

Front: Lucas Smith, Cooper Carriger, Derek McAdoo, Sam Coonrod, Kyle Gowen, Jacob Gillespie, Caleb Gimar, Joseph Borra

Bramlage



Third: Preston Mossman (City Counselor), Bryan Lunzmann, Sam McCrory, Jordan Thomas, Charles Apt IV, Anthony Nickel, Tanner Grier, Trenton Gilkey, Joey Scammerhorn, Josh Cleek (County Counselor)

Second: Tyler Sharp, Finney Hammond, Aaron Neely, Daniel Depew, Phillip Kurtzweil, Brandon Wright, Mitchell Pruett, Kevin Taylor, Gavin Smith

Front: Tanner Fry, Garick Lair, Matias Faundez, Michael Beteet, Harley Torres, James Doyle, Marcus Williams, Brody Queal

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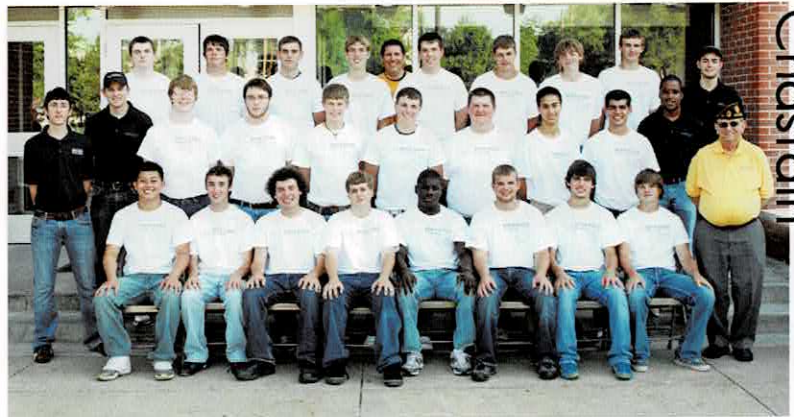
Will Roller

Tyler Sheldon

Third: Daniel Childs, Joseph DeVore, Matt Ribble, Shane Wiebe, Troy Fowler, Tyler Clark, Joshua Tingley, Matthew Cory, Thomas Serafin, Will Roller (City Counselor)

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Front: Peter La, Truman Wiles, Alexander Fortunato, Jakob Provo, Chandler Smith, Jared Cooke, Cody Burgey, Zach Nuss, Ron O'Leary



Chastain

Fourth: Victor Ramirez, Derek Mundhenke, Troy Fowler

Third: Branden Childers, Steven Mick, Anthony Del Corral, Evan Burke, Blake Hampton, Brian Harrison

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Front: Aaron Riggs, Cheyenne Swanson, Luke Johnson, Charles Jarnot, Scott Tholen, Nathan Haas, Jacob Helm, Kyle Bayliff, Ron O'Leary



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Alex Barbuto

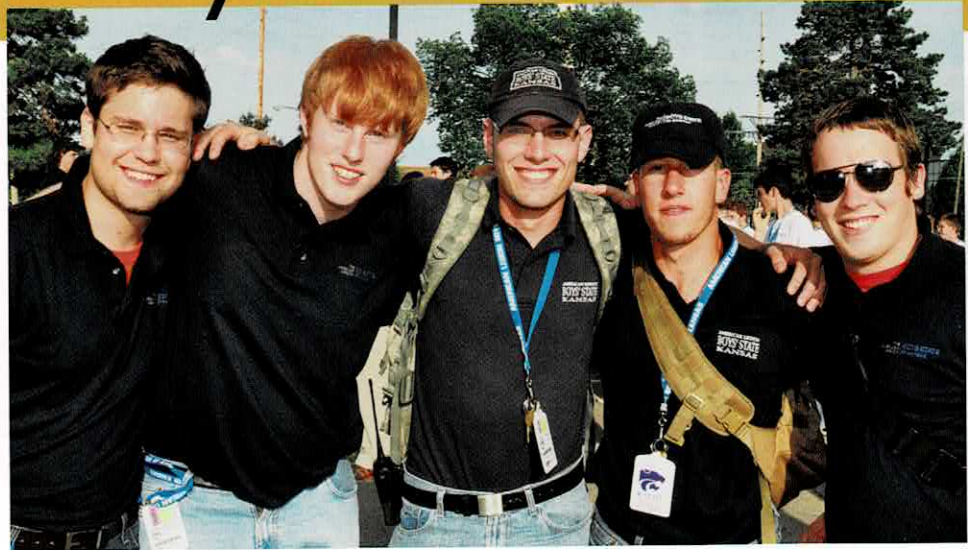
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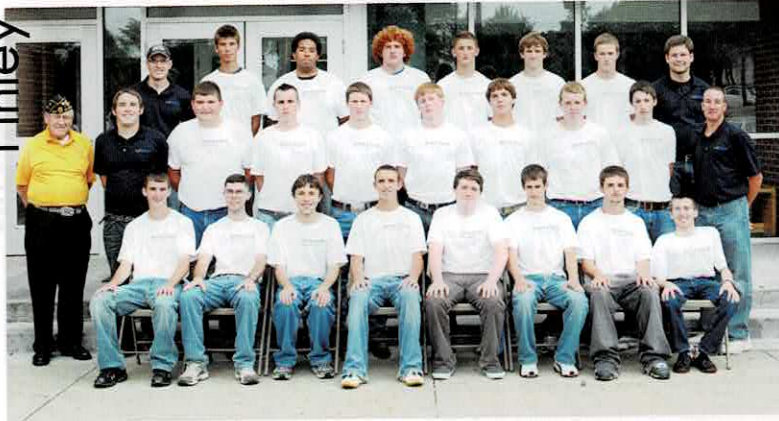
Darren MacDowell

Zach Chappell

Dean Symes



Finley



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Second: Don Whitten, Dean Symes, Kyle Grant, Mack Hartwell, Daniel Sayles, Zachary Pollom, Christopher Edwards, Matthew McNary, Nick Heter, Zach Chappell

Front: Bryce Wilson, Gavin Chase, Jake Waters, Austin Bogina, Brendan McGarry, Blake VanLandingham, Matheau Bayless, Matthew Golden

Not Pictured: Reid Waldman

Haney



Third: Alex Barbuto (County Counselor), Corbin Janssen, Ian Lewicki, Deric Marr, Nathan Jamison, Isaac Smith, Patrick Boisson, Dustin Hermes, Cooper Rickel, Darren MacDowell (City Counselor)

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Front: Michael Torres, Kent Robert, Tanner Lewis, Daniel Lopez, Austin Hyden, William Collins, Jeffrey Durbin, R. J. Walters

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Daniel Mickells

Counselors

Kyle Gardner

C. J. Harries

Thomas Gregory

Ben Gregg

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Taylor Gravett, James Bachand, Robert Bondi,
Colby Standefer, Jordan Stoecklein, Peter LaMoe,
Kyle Gardner (City Counselor)

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Miles Barber, Greg Adelhardt, Ross Bergsten,
Marcos Cardenas, Dalton Nelson, Zachariah Hatfield,
Chuck Shoemaker, Thomas Gregory

Front: Chance Colson, Johnny McFarland, Evan Bennett,
Chad Ostermann, Paul Burghart, Trevor Steiner, Dylan Wendt



Harris

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Nevin Kiehne, Grayson George, Jeff Meyer, Alex Neises,
Garrett Johnson, Brian Weideman,
Ben Gregg (City Counselor)

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Chris Patterson, Chad Turney, Austin Bailey, Alex Cohen,
James Meyer, Mark Young, Cortland Mahoney,
Chuck Shoemaker, Thomas Gregory

Front: Colin Barr, Creighton Leif, Colin Thomas, Brett Dyke,
Matthew French, Zach Bishop, Nicholas Bartolac



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Rory Pugh

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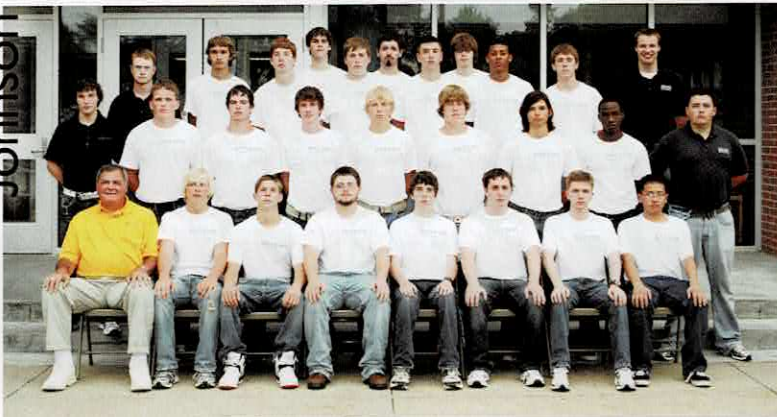
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Second: Christian Johnston, Evan Wilson, Luke Goodenow, Jordan Klima, Corey Kingsland, Jared Bruner, Robert Ficke, Rory Pugh (County Counselor)

Front: Bob Jenkins, Gerardo de la Cruz, Peter Corrigan, Rex Tai, Nathan List, Shay Zielke, Matt Don, David Rodgers

Johnson



Fourth: Scott Salem, Nathan Robinson, John Hoffmann

Third: Randy Klassen, Chad Speer, Derek Stuchlik, Dalton Signer, Jacob Gilmore, Zachary Jones, Devin Magee, Nathan Harkins

Second: Dallas Lawrence (City Counselor), Peter Larson, John Heiman, Brendan O'Farrell, Kreston Debrick, Grant Kelley, Archie Huskey, Jordan Curry, Rory Pugh (County Counselor)

Front: Bob Jenkins, Nicholas McKenzie, Jacob Berggren, Jon Carlson, Keenan Gregory, Joshua Aulbach, Alexander Kuhn, Tsucee Lee

[marshall]



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Colton Poort
Counselors
Kyle Maddox
Schuyler Stump
Robert Samson
Shane Wilson

Fourth: Jacob Rude, Timothy Kohtz, Jordan Salava

Third: Colton Poort (County Counselor), Kyle Engelken, Christopher Sjogren, Nathaniel Boggs, Joshua Palmeri, William Watts, Mckenzie Bowell, Brian Scheideman, Yuto Otaguro, Shane Wilson

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Klassen

Fourth: Preston Tyler, Chris Wierman, Jordan Bergman

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Front: Bryson Hines, Brett Smith, Trenton Musick, Cody Gibbens, Dalton Mott, Kaleb Marconette, Greg Davis, Tucker Beck



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Not Pictured: Joshua Litscher

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County Counselor

Zach Gardner

Counselors

Richard Wohlfarth

Matthew Brandt

Ben Berger

Aaron Cuadra



Mantey



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Second: Tyler Suelter, Richard Wohlfarth, Patrick McBride, Eli Harmon, Timothy Dommert, Evan Willford, Ben Parkin, Travis West, Steven Letourneau, Andrew Borowick, Matthew Brandt, Gordon Cunningham

Front: Peter Bautz, Sam Rourke, Samuel Real, Joshua Bakarich, Aaron Boeschling, Cory Rahjes, Joshua Ruhl

Newman



Third: Tyler Suelter, Zach Gardner (County Counselor), Travis Brown, Erik Costin, Brenden Bigham, John McKee, Skyler Howie, Weston Arnel, Cole Boyington, Adam Ginzel, Gordon Cunningham, Aaron Cuadra (City Counselor)

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Front: Christopher Thibault, Alex McNay, Will Putzier, Joel Simwinga, Matt Koch, Carson Barnes, Austin Haverkamp

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County Counselor

Jacob Wieneke

Counselors

Curtis Concannon

Thaddeus Tuck

Lewen Ninemire

Riley Hall

Third: Jacob Wieneke (County Counselor), Mark Chapline, Alexander Tyler, Zachary Hutchinson, Kevin Krouse, Thomas Hatesohl, Chris Weese, Tristan Dreith, Anthony Mersmann, Taylor Smith, Lewen Ninemire (City Counselor)

Second: Spencer Sward, Daniel West, Cesar Ivan Garcia II, Brennan Walter, Taylor Warnken, James Saunders, Cole Scott, Brandon Broeckelman, Florian Browne, John Lindholm

Front: Brian McGill, Bryce Joonas, Jarrett Christie, Michael Yowell, James Tull, Ethan Reimer, Danny Hudson



Perrill

Third: Jacob Wieneke (County Counselor), Geoffrey Kump, Dawson Saia, Jordan Reisinger, Mason Turner, Anthony Jackson, Paul Stueve, John Cothorn, Thaddeus Tuck (City Counselor)

Second: Spencer Sward, Adam Fritz, Nathaniel Growcock, Parker Smitherman, Christopher Neff, Jesse Jacobsen, Austin Naramore, Peter Calvillo, Dan Rahe, John Lindholm

Front: Brandon Meierhoff, David Stanislaus, Joshua Knight, Kaleb Kasitz, Blaine Tholstrup, Logan Hirst, Joshua Mendoza



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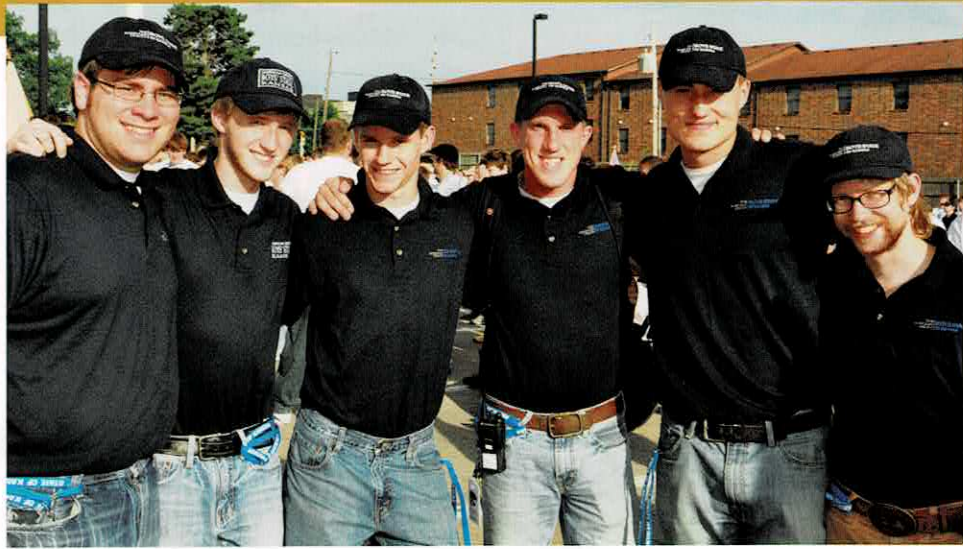
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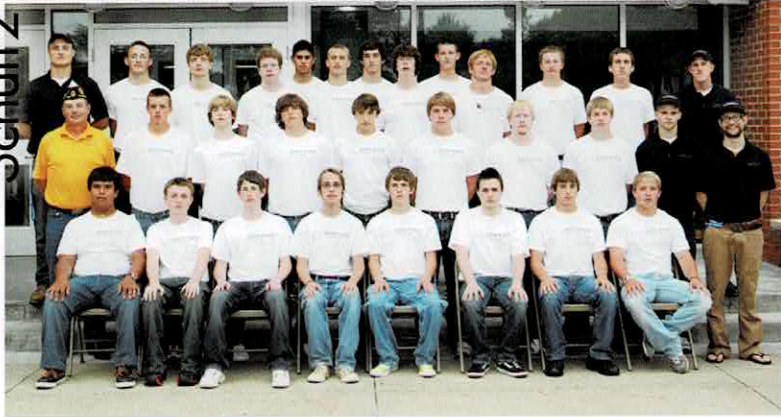
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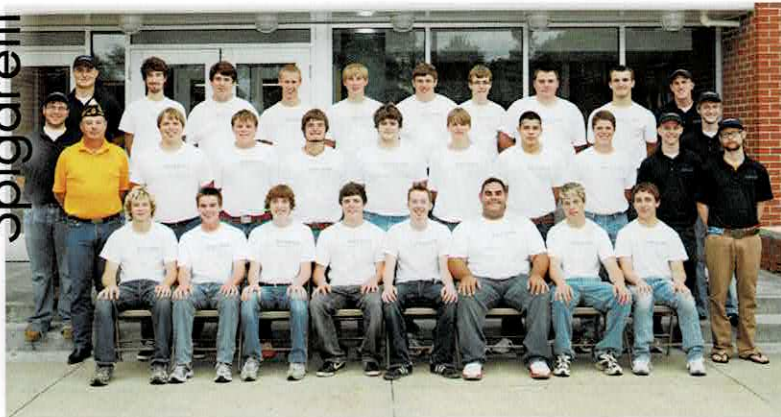
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Third: Kyle Dietrich (City Counselor), Roy Wise, Kiefer Titus, Adam Smith, Cody Trimble, Sawyer Borrer, Drew Shepherd, Logan Shetlar, Jesse Mitchell, Taggart Wall (County Counselor)

Second: Terry Camp, Kameron Crabtree, Paul Thomas, Jake Fraizer, Barret Wellemeyer, Kevin Garman, Craig Bullard, Eric Schmidt, Adam Highfill, Iain Blair

Front: Cody Wainer, Austin Bain, Justin Mersman, Joey Hentzler, Ian Lutz, Brett Besa, Zachary Palumbo, Dillon Scanlon

Spigarelli



Third: Kyle Dietrich, Zach Ast, Cole Mull, Joseph Augustine, Sam Leiker, Zach Beims, Jason Sandoy, Rolla Hansen, Dylan Kratz, Taggart Wall (County Counselor)

Second: Zachary Rebarchek, Terry Camp, Tim Costello, Reid Chapman, Aaron Houser, Wesley Good, Kevin Robb, Jonathan Segovia, Brandon Baltzell, Adam Highfill (City Counselor), Ryan Doberer, Iain Blair

Front: Chris Bird, Samuel Ervin, Sam Pomarico, Asher Morey, Alex Kimball, Alejandro Pacheco, Matt Harrington, Mitchell Rucker

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 Cordero Lane
Counselors
 Derek Symes
 Zack Reed
 Garrett Moylan
 Eric Wright
 Matthew Root

Third: Matthew Root, Nicholas Pierce, Isaac Roehm, Cullen Moriarty, Derek Birney, Daithin Wycoff, Dustin Broeder, Craig Busse, Colten Smith, Eric Wright (City Counselor)

Second: Christopher Werring, Brock Baxter, Sean Moran, Charles Wolock, Evan Habluetzel, Tate Preston, Dylan Lower, Tyler Heng, Cordero Lane (County Counselor)

Front: Jacob Isaacson, Craig Compton, Joe Asher, Kellen Smutz, Parker Woodson, Raleigh Clark, Matt Bonner, Preston Rielle



Sullivan

Third: Matthew Root, Jon Oxley, Kevin Sikes, Trey Desaire, Brady Hoffman, Patrick Hawn, Devin Smith, Jared Nobel, Zach Chappell (City Counselor)

Second: Chris Werring, Nathan George, Aaron Plump, Shawn Zingler, William Wolfe, Daniel Lyon, Connor Johnson, Tyler Breneman, Cordero Lane (County Counselor)

Front: Kurt Lockwood, Zachary Goddard, Riley Hundley, Ben Wertenberger, Bert Brogden, Jacob Mogle, Xavier Hoover, Mitchell Emerson



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These are some of the memories that you created over one week in the summer of 2010.

You arrived at Kansas State University on Sunday, June 6th 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 2010 American Legion Boys State of Kansas Staff

