

***NOTE: This outline can be used in conjunction with the Slideshow and repeats many items on the Orientation Video***

## Introductions

Start meeting with Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation - preselect boys to lead

Congratulations on being selected a delegate to American Legion Hawkeye Boys State. As a delegate, it is both an honor & responsibility for you to represent your school, community & Legion Post.

## Hawkeye Boys State

- Boys State is a program developed by the American Legion to give you hands-on experience in citizenship, leadership and the important values of a Democratic form of government.
- Hayes Kennedy and Harold Card in Illinois created the first Boys state in 1935 to counter the Fascist inspired Young Pioneer Camps.  
The first Hawkeye Boys State was held in 1938 and except for 1945, has been held every year since.
- Do you know the name/number of the post that is sponsoring you? Another service group like Lions or Rotary may be paying the fee, but an American Legion post is sponsoring you.

## Hawkeye Boys State is held at Camp Dodge in Johnston Iowa

Camp Dodge is at 7105 NW 70th Ave, Johnston Iowa.

Take I35/I80 on the north side of Des Moines.

From the east, take the Merle Hay Exit to NW 70th Ave and go west.

From the West take the 86th St Exit to NW 70th Ave and go east. The blue book also has the direction.

Parents are welcome to bring their boy down.

The sponsoring post should offer to provide transportation. In some cases, buses are supplied for a given district. The post should give you that information on bus schedules.

The Boys can drive themselves. They will park the car for the week and turn in their keys to their counselor, who gives the keys to staff at headquarters. Yes you could have a spare set of keys, but remember, we are on a military post and getting back into Camp Dodge may be difficult since you have to check in at the entrance and it may be hard to explain why you want back on post!

For everyone in the vehicle, have a photo ID of some kind. Driver's License will work for those who are old enough. For younger brothers and/or sisters, bring a School Activity Card or other ID that has the child's photo on it. It really depend on the "security level" at the time of Boys State on how thorough the check in to Camp Dodge will be.

## A Day @ Hawkeye Boys State

To give you idea of what happens at Hawkeye Boys State, we'll run through an example of a day's events.

### Morning

6:00 Reveille

6:15 Calisthenics

6:35 Flag Raising

6:45 Breakfast by Schedule

7:45 City Meeting & Inspections

9:00 am-12:00 Government

12:00-12:45 Lunch by Schedule

Let's look at a typical day at Hawkeye Boys State. The day starts at 6:00 am with reveille, you then will get to do calisthenics, followed by flag raising and then breakfast by schedule. During that time, you will be busy cleaning and organizing your city's barracks for inspection. (Mom's, at least once a day the place is cleaned up :-)

Government, Law School & Highway Patrol activities will take up the rest of the morning time.

Whew! That just the morning...

#### Afternoon

- 1:30-4:00 Athletics
- 4:15-5:30 Campaign Work
- 5:45 Flag Lowering
- 6:00-7:00 Dinner by Schedule
- 7:30-8:30 General Assembly
- 9:00-10:00 Government Work
- 10:00-10:59 City meetings
- 11:00 pm Lights Out

Athletics include Softball, Football, Volleyball, Ultimate Frisbee, Tug-o-War and Frisbee Golf. There really is no room in the schedule or at Camp Dodge to have any other type of sports during this time. Only equipment for the scheduled athletics is provided. If you plan on playing softball, please bring a glove.

Campaign time is provided to prepare and post campaign materials, work on ideas/platform and meet constituents.

General Assembly has is a time for special programs, presentations and guest speakers. This is the only time you will be required to wear your Boys State t-shirt. A suggestion would be NOT to wear it at other activities. If you do it may be standing in the corner and you along with it because the other boys in the barracks will insist on it!

After General Assembly more time is given for Government work.

The last schedule activity is the City meeting, to review the days events and prepare for tomorrows work.

11:00 Lights out

#### **Government – GET INVOLVED!!!**

You first challenge as a citizen of Hawkeye Boys State will be to get your name on ballot. Everyone, except the Highway Patrol Troopers will need to have his name on a ballot.

Why were you selected as a delegate to represent your community? Your sponsors must have seen qualities in you as a leader; someone devoted citizenship and community involvement. Back at school they know you, but at Hawkeye Boys State, you will be an unknown. You need to convince other Boys Staters in your party that you are the best candidate to represent your party in the general election. You'll need to get others to follow you in a very short time, the night your city will decide who will be on the ballot for city officials. Mayor, City Council, Treasurer are examples of elected city officials.

There are also county elected officials such as Board of supervisors, treasurer, auditor, recorder, and sheriff. State officials include Governor, Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Treasurer, Auditor, and Secretary of Agriculture. Anyone here think they may want to run for Governor? You have a room of constituents here to get started on your campaign trail.

Once you have your name on a ballot, it's now your job to convince everyone that you're the right person for the elected position. You'll need to get members of the other party to vote for you as well as your party members. Campaigning will include speaking at a "meet-your-candidate" session, creating campaign materials, and going around and talking to your continuants.

Of course running for office is not cheap! It cost money to be a candidate and purchase campaign materials. Hawkeye Boys State money the will be issued to you. To give you an example, to run for Governor, it costs \$300 to put your name in for consideration. You'll be issued a total of \$300. You'll need to raise money from other Boys Staters to purchase campaign materials. City officials need \$30 and County officials need \$100 just to put their names in for consideration.

### **Other Opportunities**

The Law School Program has instruction time, sample Bar exam and appointments to City, County, State and The Boys State Supreme Court

Another popular program is the Highway Patrol. Iowa HP Troopers conduct this program and only 2 boys from each city are selected. If you are interested in the HP, let your counselor know upon arrival to Boys State.

Music programs include Band and Chorus. The practice times do not interfere with other programs. Both programs perform at the evening assemblies. Band members please bring your instrument and music stand.

Each day we have Flag raising and lowering. The colors are also brought in before general assemblies. These duties fall to the Flag detail.

The daily newspaper is in need of reporters and photographers to help create each day's publication.

### **What to Bring to Hawkeye Boys State**

Sheets, blankets (Sleeping Bag) & pillow (Just mattress and dusty mattress sack are provided) – *No bedding supplied if you forget!*

Clothing appropriate for Iowa in June. It could be hot, cold, sunny, raining or all the above in one day. Clothing for sports and a change for each day of Boys State...No laundry facilities are available...Other boys may keep their distance if only one set of clothing is used for the week!! This also goes for the single Hawkeye Boys State T-Shirt issued at the beginning of the week.

No bathing supplies so bring Towels, Soap and footwear to travel to and from shower. (Some barracks do have showers in building...but not all and the floor is as clean as the boys cleaned it before inspection!)

Sunblock and bug spray are also needed especially during sporting events

No value items: Computers, Smart Pads, Music Systems, clothing, etc.

Money for possibly an extra T-shirt or concession items like pop/chips (Sorry little health food here) Three meals a day are provided and most boys have been impressed by the food prepared by our World Class Chief Bob Anderson from DMACC.

## **Awards and Scholarships**

At the end of the week, an awards assembly is held to announce award and scholarship winners and to officially close Boys State.

### **Boys Nation**

2 boys will be chosen to represent Iowa at Boys Nation. 2 boys will be alternates. Boys Nation occurs in Mid July at our Nation's Capital.

The one scholarship application that must be completed before attending Boys State is the Samsung Scholarship. The Samsung Corporation wanted to let the American Veterans know that Korea was grateful for the Veterans' sacrifice and commitment in defending the freedom of South Korea. The amount just for being picked is \$1000. If the candidate is given the national award it is around \$20,000. Iowa has had several Boys & Girl State national winners over the years! You must fill this out online at

[www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application](http://www.legion.org/samsung-scholarship-application) You need to have family member that is or was in the military. After completion print and bring with you to Boys State.

There are several other scholarships given out at boys state. All boys are eligible for most of the scholarships. Please look in the Blue book for more details on these awards and scholarships.

This is the last event of Boys State and they are free (or really ready) to go home. PLEASE COME AND PICK UP YOUR BOYS!!!

## **Q & A**

The secret to having a great and meaningful week at Hawkeye Boys State is to GET INVOLVED!

Boys Introduce themselves, what offices they may be interested in and what post is sponsoring them.

## **College Credit**

<http://www.leadershipcredit.org/bgsc.php>

This is informational; Hawkeye Boys State does not have any information about this program. You must use the website to contact the organization for information and enroll.

Iowa has 50+ colleges listed, you will need to look at website to find if the college you are interested in is listed.