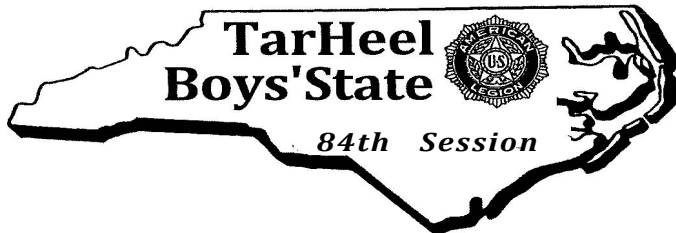


DELEGATE INFORMATION

Application and Health Forms Enclosed

THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA



June 16-22, 2024
Salisbury, NC
Catawba College

www.tarheelboysstate.org

THE AMERICAN LEGION

The American Legion is the largest veterans organization in the world, with a membership of over three million members in the 50 United States, the District of Columbia and seven foreign countries. All members of The American Legion are current or former members, with Honorable Service, in the Armed Forces of the United States during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the era of Grenada, Panama, Bosnia and the Persian Gulf conflicts.

Founded and organized in 1919, at the Paris Conference, The American Legion since that time has touched virtually every facet of American life, fulfilling its main objective of service to the community, state and nation. This organization has been a moving force in the area of fair treatment of the nation's veterans, their wives and children, and especially the disabled veterans. The American Legion has for many years, also sponsored such national youth programs as

American Legion Baseball, The National High School Oratorical Contest, Boy Scout Programs, American Legion School Awards Program, Boys' State and the Boys' Nation Programs.

The first session of what is now American Legion Boys' State was held at the fairgrounds in Springfield, Illinois in 1935. North Carolina was the eighth American Legion Department to sponsor a Boys' State program, the first session being held in 1938. UNC Chapel Hill hosted the first 25 sessions and Wake Forest University hosted for 38 sessions. Catawba College in Salisbury has hosted since the 2003 session. North Carolina lost three sessions during World War II, one because of a polio epidemic, one because of the gasoline shortage and one because of COVID 19.

TAR HEEL BOYS' STATE

Boys' State is an intense workshop concentrating on North Carolina state government and politics. Only males who have successfully completed their junior or senior year of high school are considered eligible to participate. Delegates representing all geographic areas of North Carolina participate annually in this program.

THE AMERICAN LEGION believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our great republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American government. By teaching the youth of our state and nation to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. **Boys' State teaches that preservation of our form of government depends on intelligent, informed and loyal citizens in combination with an honest and impartial administration of government activities.**

Tar Heel Boys' State is a leadership program of ACTION where participants learn today to lead tomorrow. It is highly intense in nature and teaches in a practical way the principles of good government at the city, county and state levels. The program will offer the outstanding young men of North Carolina who are to become citizens of Boys' State a wonderful and challenging experience. **Truly, it will be the opportunity of a lifetime!** This program is organized to emphasize LEARNING by PARTICIPATION or personal experience, in forming a model state complete with its governing bodies and elected public officials.

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To improve citizenship for present and future generations of Tar Heels.
- ◆ Become familiar with the structure of North Carolina government and its political process — using the LEARN TODAY TO LEAD TOMORROW concept of instruction.
- ◆ To develop civic leadership and pride in American citizenship.
- ◆ To arouse a keen interest in the detailed study of our government.
- ◆ To develop in the young citizens of Boys' State full understanding of our American traditions and belief in the United States of America.
- ◆ To arouse in the young citizens a determination to maintain our form of government.
- ◆ To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation.
- ◆ To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy.

THE PROGRAM

The American Legion Tar Heel Boys' State Program is not only intense in nature, but it is diverse and timely. It is the aim of the instructional staff to reflect the structure and function of North Carolina government and the political process as accurately as possible within the time frame of the program. In this dedicated effort, we endeavor to inform and demonstrate that it is the responsibility of all Tar Heels to be active and participating citizens.

The program begins in earnest Sunday afternoon. During the opening ceremony the colors are advanced and various Legionnaires and local dignitaries address the new citizens of Tar Heel Boys' State. Some of those extending words of welcome include the Commander of The American Legion Department of North Carolina, the President of Catawba College and the Mayor of the City of Salisbury.

Citizens hear major leaders in state government in sessions where the leaders present their insights into the political institutions of which they are a part. Speakers may include the Governor, The Speaker of the House, the Lieutenant Governor, Congressmen, North Carolina Supreme Court Justices, state political party chairmen, and others. All speakers provide ample opportunity for citizens to ask questions.

Boys' State citizens organize a state government by nominating and electing candidates for offices in city, county and state governments. Upon arrival each delegate is assigned to a city, county and political party which assist in the governmental organization. Party conventions at the county and state levels permit citizens to sharpen their political skills and experience in parliamentary procedure. City officers to be selected include mayor and city council. At the county level, the officers include county commissioners and county officials. State government officials to be elected include the governor, lieutenant governor, members of the council of state, justices of the supreme court, speaker of the House of Representatives and others. Numerous opportunities for the development of leadership skills are provided, and citizens have fun competing for office.

On Wednesday through Friday of the program week, each citizen participates in either the Governor's cabinet, the General Assembly, the Supreme Court, or in a local government. In all cases, citizens experience the requirements, demands and responsibilities of holding office. They come to know what it is like to be a public official, an experience which will enhance the citizen's understanding and appreciation of the real political world.

The program includes an Oratorical Contest tailored after the National Contest. Other activities in which citizens may be involved during the session include team athletic contests in basketball, softball, soccer and individual sports including tennis, swimming, racquet ball and weight-lifting, a moot court program directed by a practicing attorney, a Boys' State talent show, quiz bowl and a band. Citizens should be certain to bring with them equipment which will assist in participating in these activities including swimsuit, ball gloves, tennis rackets, musical instruments, sheet music, etc.

Tar Heel Boys' State introduces each delegate to North Carolina government and politics in a most unique way.

TRULY, IT IS THE OPPORTUNITY OF A LIFETIME!

SPONSORS

Tar Heel Boys' State is one of the many programs for children and youth sponsored by the American Legion Department of North Carolina. THE AMERICAN LEGION POSTS sponsor all delegates and must approve the selection of all delegates to Tar Heel Boys' State. Sons of The Legion Squadrons, other patriotic, civic religious, educational, fraternal, business and school organizations, clubs and parents many nominate delegates to a sponsoring Post by agreeing to pay the required application fee. Such applications must be coordinated with and approved by an American Legion post prior to submission to the Tar Heel Boys' State Registrar. American Legion Posts are urged to personally interview citizens for the Boys' State Program.

ELIGIBILITY

To attend Tar Heel Boys' State the following requirements will be observed:

1. Only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school will be considered as a delegate to Tar Heel Boys' State.
2. Only young men with outstanding qualities of Leadership, Character, Scholarship, Loyalty and Service to their schools should be considered as possible delegates to Tar Heel Boys' State.
3. Tar Heel Boys' State welcomes delegates who evidence a handicap. Due to the demands of the program, the nature and extent of any handicap must be considered. Before a handicapped candidate is approved as a delegate, the sponsoring Post must have the approval of the Director so that any necessary special arrangements can be made.
4. Any delegate who has previously attended Tar Heel Boys' State is not eligible to attend a second session. However, a former citizen of the program is always welcome to visit as an alumnus. He may also be considered as a possible counselor to serve with the program.

SPECIAL FEATURES

- ◆ Tar Heel Boys' State Band — Delegates should bring their own instruments if possible. The college may provide certain large instruments and percussion equipment.
- ◆ Athletic activities will be available each afternoon. There will be individual and group play with city competition. Opportunities will be available in tennis, softball, soccer, swimming, basketball and the weight room. Bring your own equipment when available.
- ◆ Oratorical Contest ◆ Talent Show
- ◆ Moot Court ◆ Lecture on parliamentary procedures.
- ◆ Non-demoninational religious services will be conducted each morning during the week.
- ◆ Memorial Service
- ◆ Two outstanding Tar Heel Boys' State citizens will be selected to represent North Carolina Boys' State as Senators to Boys' Nation held in Washington, DC. In this special program, the principles of good government are studied in a practical manner at the national level. *All expenses are paid for these Senators by the National Headquarters of the American Legion.*
- ◆ Samsung American Legion Scholarship is a scholarship that is available to the delegates of Boys' State and Girls' State who are direct descendants, i.e. child, grandchild, great-grandchild or legally adopted child, of a U.S. Veteran who served during a period of war. Delegates who are interested in applying must contact The American Legion Department of North Carolina for an application before the session. Additional information will be included in letters to delegates.
- ◆ Graduation Service will be held at Keppel Auditorium at 10:15 a.m., June 22. Parents and post members are welcome to attend.

RULES — REGULATIONS — EXPECTATIONS

For any program, large or small, to be enjoyable and successful, there are certain rules and regulations that must be respected and observed — some of these relating to Tar Heel Boys' State are:

1. Delegates are NOT permitted to bring any prepared campaign material, equipment or accessories with them.
2. Alcohol, tobacco products, or other illegal drugs of any form or description will NOT be tolerated. Gambling will not be permitted. **All are dismissal offenses from the Program.**
3. If due to health problems, a delegate must take prescription drugs he will report this situation to his counselor upon arrival on Sunday, June 16th. If it is necessary to refrigerate the prescribed medication, he and his counselor will make arrangements for proper storage.
4. If it is imperative that a delegate drive his car to the program, *his parent or guardian must personally request advance permission in writing* addressed to the Boys State Chairman. If the request is approved, upon arrival at Catawba College and during registration procedures, he will deposit his keys with his city counselor who in turn will deposit them with the office manager. There is a \$20 parking pass fee.
5. If a citizen must be temporarily absent from the program for any reason, a request must be made personally by the parent or guardian in writing to the Director. Only emergency requests will be accepted by telephone.
6. Citizens will meet the rigid time schedules of the instructional program.
7. Citizens will take their work and responsibilities seriously and conscientiously. They will discharge their duties at all times with respect, dignity and honor to their state, county, city, school and sponsoring American Legion post.
8. Citizens will protect and conserve all property of Boys' State and of Catawba College. Violations of this policy will result in personal liability to responsible citizens.
9. Each citizen will keep his room tidy and clean at all times. He is also responsible to keep the buildings, equipment and grounds clean.
10. Citizens will conduct themselves as **Gentlemen** and show **Respect** to others at all times.
11. Citizens will observe Catawba College campus boundaries and restricted areas at all times.
12. Citizens are not permitted to have visitors during the program.
13. Ipods/ipads, backpacks, cell phones and MP3 players are not permitted while attending classes or other related Boys' State functions
14. All citizens who register are expected to participate in the entire program. Those departing early will not be issued certificates of graduation unless approved, in advance and on an individual basis, by the Director.
15. The American Legion, Department of North Carolina, has a contract with Catawba College for certain goods, services, etc. As such, the rights of the College are divested to The American Legion. Following is a quote from The Catawba College *Guide to Community Living*— "**COLLEGE RIGHTS: Search of residence hall rooms may be made by authorized College officials, including residence hall staff, in emergencies when life or property appear to be in danger or to investigate suspected violations of state or federal law or College policy where reasonable cause has been established.**"

Other regulations and expectations will be covered by the Director during the orientation session Sunday evening, June 16, 2024.

PLEASE NOTE that if a citizen is found negligent in respecting and properly observing these rules, regulations and expectations, the Director's course of action will be to personally: **a)** call the citizen's parents, **b)** call or write the sponsoring American Legion Post, **c)** notify in writing the principal of the citizen's high school, and **d)** take other appropriate action, including possible dismissal from the program.

DELEGATES DRESS CODE AND PERSONAL SUPPLIES

Khaki shorts or pants will be worn. Tar Heel Boys' State will supply delegates with two (2) Boys' State shirts. It is suggested that delegates mark their clothes before or after your arrival with a clothing marking pen or pencil. There are washing machines and dryers in all the dormitories. Closed toe, comfortable walking shoes and socks will be worn at all times. Baseball type caps are not a part of the uniform code for citizens. They will not be worn by citizens at anytime except during their outdoor athletic events. These requirements must be observed for the following reasons:

- (1) **Identification purposes, especially important since there will be other programs on campus during this week.**
- (2) **Uniformity of appearance brings a sense of equity among all persons in attendance, and for pictures.**
- (3) **Comfort and health reasons.**

Delegates should bring their preferred clothing and equipment for the afternoon athletic activities. The college athletic department will endeavor to have certain athletic equipment available for use during the Boys' State program, if needed. Delegates may bring laptop computers and 10 digit calculators. Delegates must bring their own toiletries, towels, linens, pillow and light blanket. An alarm clock is recommended. The college's convenience shop will be open during the week of Boys' State and will welcome your visits during prescribed hours.

PROPERTY PROTECTION

Catawba College is host to the Tar Heel Boys' State program. As guests of the college, all participants are charged with the responsibility of protecting its property and equipment at all times with a sense of pride in leaving the facilities in as good or better condition than evidenced at the beginning of the program. Regardless of how careful we are, we realize that some damages are accidental and unintentional. However, they must be assessed as all other damages. Consequently, the following procedures will be followed to help insure courtesy and respect for the College during our program:

1. **Members of the American Legion and others serving as members of the staff and as counselors will, with Catawba College Housing Personnel, pre-inspect all facilities used by Tar Heel Boys' State on Saturday, June 15, 2024.**
2. **Upon arrival each delegate will be issued a check-in-room inspection form which he will use to note any pre-existing room damage or room area irregularities. The delegate will not be held accountable for these damages or irregularities which he cites on his inspection form.**
3. **Members of the American Legion serving as members of the staff and as counselors accompanied by College representatives will conduct a final inspection of all rooms and facilities used by Tar Heel Boys' State. The American Legion, individual, and Post responsibilities for damages will be mutually agreed upon at this time.**

Roommates are urged to work together in the above mentioned check-in and check-out procedure. Also, it is strongly urged that they work closely together to help prevent any damages or losses during the week of this program. It is important for the citizens to remember that any damages will be reported in detail to their sponsoring American Legion Post and to their parents with a request to reimburse the Legion for damages paid. Also, a bill for the damages will be included with this report.

LET'S LEAVE IT BETTER THAN WE FOUND IT!

DELEGATE INSURANCE

INSURANCE COVERAGE is of vital concern for any program of this size and nature. The Tar Heel Boys' State program carries insurance to supplement only that which is NOT covered by the delegate's family insurance policy. Therefore, the delegate must turn in with medical form, a copy, front and back, of the card of the insurance company which writes his family insurance policy with the policy number. A copy of the prescription card, front and back, should also be turned in with the medical form. If the delegate is involved in an accident or illness, the proper insurance company will be billed for payment of services rendered.

DELEGATE HEALTH CARE

Citizens needing emergency care after hours should report to their counselor or to the office where transportation will be provided to nearby emergency clinics, or Rowan Regional Medical Center. A proper American Legion Boys' State medical form must accompany a citizen needing medical care at the College Medical Student Health Center or at a hospital.

DELEGATE REGISTRATION

Upon arrival at Catawba College, Salisbury, NC, Sunday, June 16, 2024, the delegate should follow posted signs directing him to the Registration location. Registration will begin promptly at 11:00 and proceed until 2:00 p.m. The Opening Program will begin at 3:00 p.m. Delegates should report to one of several Tar Heel Boys' State proctors. These officials will have an alphabetical listing of delegates and their respective dormitory and city assignments. Boys' State officials will then direct delegates to the appropriate site to complete their registration process.

A \$30.00 room key deposit will be collected at registration, and refunded at check out. Please bring correct change to expedite the registration process.

SPECIAL REMINDERS

The following must be completed in their entirety by the sponsoring post and received by Deborah Rose, Tar Heel Boys' State Registrar, NOT later than the deadline of May 1, 2024. *

1. Delegate application form properly signed and dated.
2. Delegate medical form properly signed and dated.
3. NON-REFUNDABLE enrollment fee of \$500.00 which can be applied to an alternate's enrollment if the principal delegate must withdraw. If this situation occurs then forms 1 and 2 mentioned above must be received before the alternate can be properly enrolled.
4. American Legion Posts should coordinate transportation for Boys' State delegates to Catawba College.

* No delegate will be allowed to register for the program at Catawba College unless ALL items above are complete and have been received by Deborah Rose, Department Headquarters, and duly processed.



It is expected that the sponsoring American Legion Post will invite returning Tar Heel Boys' State citizens to speak to the Legionnaires of their Post. The citizens should review activities of the Tar Heel Boys' State program and feel free to present their own candid impressions of their special opportunity to attend the program. Sponsoring officials are invited to visit and observe any part of this program.

FEES

The fee for each delegate to attend the 84th Session of Tar Heel Boys' State program is \$500.00 per delegate for the week, June 16-22, 2024. This fee will cover Room and Board, 2 Boys State shirts, and other program expenses. The Department will only accept checks from a post. All delegate tuition checks must be written to the sponsoring post. The post will in turn write a check to the Department.

Sponsoring Posts should send this fee, the completed application, and the health form to:

Deborah Rose, Tar Heel Boys' State Registrar
The American Legion Department of N.C.
P. O. Box 26657
Raleigh, North Carolina 27611

drose@nclegion.org

The above-mentioned fee and forms must be received by Deborah Rose no later than May 1, 2024. Any delegate's fee and forms received in Department headquarters after this date must be approved by the Director for their enrollment. Also, remember that once fees are received they are non-refundable. **If a chosen delegate cannot attend, an alternate should enroll.**

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