

SPORTS

Young men attending Tar Heel Boys State will have access to athletic facilities. Athletic events are a part of the Tar Heel Boys' State schedule. All athletic events are supervised by the Tar Heel Boys' State staff. Participation is purely voluntary on the part of those attending.

BAND AND CHORUS

A Tar Heel Boys' State Band and Chorus are formed from among those who have high school or other musical experience. If a young man plays a musical instrument and wishes to play in the Boys' State Band, he must indicate this on his application. Those planning to participate in the band should bring their own instruments. Percussion equipment and large instruments are furnished by the college.

REGISTRATION AND CHECKOUT

Registration will be 11:00 AM– 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 16, 2024 at Catawba College, Salisbury, NC. Checkout is on Saturday, June 22, 2024 at the completion of graduation that same day. Commencements begin at 10:30 AM. Persons providing transportation must pick up delegates, at Catawba College immediately after graduation ceremonies. There will be no exceptions.

INSURANCE

Delegates to THBS are protected by a group medical policy furnished by The American Legion Department of North Carolina, to supplement only that which is not covered by the delegates' family insurance policy. FAMILY INSURANCE IS THE PRIMARY INSURER AND INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED.

HEALTH CARE

Emergency care after hours will be provided at nearby emergency clinics, Rowan Regional Medical Center. A proper American Legion Boys State medical form must accompany a citizen needing medical care.

BOYS NATION

Two (2) young men at THBS will be chosen to attend Boys Nation at Marymount University, July 2024. Each Boys State program in the nation sends two representatives to American Legion Boys Nation. These 100 young men will learn, through first hand application,

the function and structure of the Federal government. They will meet the President and enjoy tours of the Capital.

VISITORS

Visitors will not be allowed in the dormitories during the program week. Family and friends are invited to attend the Graduation ceremony. In the event of an emergency a visitor must report to the Program Headquarters.

PRIVATE VEHICLES

Private vehicles are prohibited. However, if it is necessary for a delegate to drive his car to the program, his parent or guardian must personally request and receive advance permission from the Program Director. There is a \$20.00 parking pass fee.

INFORMATION

All correspondence relating to this program should be addressed to:

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980-234-7344

Dustin Pittman, Director
director@tarheelboysstate.org

For Counselor Information:
Terry Pressley, Chief Counselor
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Please send all completed applications to:

Debbie Rose, Registrar
The American Legion Dept. NC
PO Box 26657
Raleigh, NC 27611
(919) 832-7506 ext 3
drose@nclegion.org

TUITION: \$500.00 PER APPLICANT

POST INFORMATION

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THE AMERICAN LEGION



BOYS' STATE

84th SESSION

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**APPLICATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT
AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT
HEADQUARTERS**

**PO Box 26657
Raleigh NC 27611
(919) 832-7506**

or online at:

**www.tarheelboysstate.org or
www.nclegion.org**

The American Legion

The American Legion is the nation's largest and most powerful organizations of U.S. wartime veterans and their families, with a membership of over 2.3 million members in the 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 Services of the United States during World War I, World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam War and the era of Granada, Panama and the Persian Gulf conflicts.

TAR HEEL BOYS' STATE

Tar Heel Boys' State is sponsored by **THE AMERICAN LEGION DEPARTMENT OF NC**. It is an intense workshop concentrating on North Carolina state government and politics. Only males who have successfully completed their junior year of high school and have at least one more semester of high school remaining 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. **Tar Heel Boys' State teaches that preservation of our form of government depends on intelligent, informed and loyal citizens in combination of government activities.**

OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To improve citizenship for present and future generations of Tar Heels.
- ◆ To 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, the full understanding of our American traditions and beliefs 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.

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. 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.

TUITION FEES

The Tuition fee for each delegate is **\$500.00**. The tuition fee is the responsibility of the sponsoring post and *must* accompany the physical form, application and essay back to The American Legion Headquarters. Please note, the Department will only accept checks from a Post, Any delegate tuition checks must be written to the post with the post in turn writing a check to the Department.

SPONSORS

Tar Heel Boys' State is one of the many programs for children and young people sponsored by The American Legion, Department of NC. LEGION POSTS sponsor all delegates and must approve the selection of all delegates to Tar Heel Boys' State. Other patriotic, civic, religious, educational, fraternal, business and school organizations, clubs and parents may 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 must personally interview all delegates selected for the Tar Heel Boys' State program.**

The sponsoring post will assume the responsibility for the delegate's attendance, including submitting a properly completed application, signed medical form, essay, transportation to and from Catawba College and tuition fees.

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

SAMSUNG SCHOLARSHIP

Tar Heel Boys' State delegates that are eligible to apply for the scholarships are students who are direct descendants of U.S. wartime veterans who served during one or more of the periods of war officially designated as such by the United States government; WW I, WW II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Lebanon, Panama, Persian Gulf War and Iraq War.

The selection of the up to \$20,000 scholarship winners will be based, in part, upon students academic record, (GPA, SAT/ACT Test Scores and Class Rank), involvement in school activities, involvement in community activities, financial need and additional bonus points will awarded to descendants of the Korean War. **Applications for SAMSUNG must be completed online and turned in during registration at Catawba College.**

STAFF

Counselors are interested volunteers from the American Legion family, N.C. Highway Patrol, City and County Law Enforcement agencies, Service Academies, prior Boys' Staters and North Carolina School faculty.

EARLY RELEASE

Tar Heel Boys' State citizens will be allowed to leave the program early for two reasons; citizen illness or disciplinary action by the staff.

If a citizen cannot stay for the entire session, including graduation on Saturday, please do not send them.