

WHAT DO OUR ALUMNI SAY?

MARWAN ARAFA

Delegate, 2023



The Boys State program has not only taught me about government and politics, but due to its structure, it forces participants to connect and network with each other- which is undoubtedly the most powerful aspect of the program.



Marwan is from Cary NC. He is a senior at Cary High School and hopes to major in Political Science and enroll in law school afterward. He is an Eagle Scout and remains an active member of his community



I greatly enjoyed Tar Heel Boys State due to its incredible program that is designed completely around putting upper high schoolers in scenarios very similar to real-life governmental conduct. No matter how much you may know about government operations, I believe that this offers an experience that is hard to acquire apart from actually holding a position in government.

- Elijah P. 2023

The Tar Heel Boys State is a great way for someone to learn not only about the government but more about themselves. Everyone comes out of the program as a better leader and person.

- Tyler P. 2023

I really enjoyed THBS. I've learned many new things about our government in today's society. I overall had a really great time here and would recommend it even if you have no experience in politics, because I didn't either.

- Daniel M. 2023



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June 16-22, 2024



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LEGISLATIVE BRANCH

Delegates that are part of the legislative branch have the opportunity to learn more about how our bills become laws by working in the THBS House or Senate. They are able to draft, debate, and enact bills that will forever impact how their 51st state will function.



JUDICIAL BRANCH

Delegates elected to the Supreme Court have the opportunity to experience jurisprudence firsthand through mock trials. These trials vary from real-world scenarios to lawsuits filed against THBS participants or government bodies from interactions with the progression of the program..



EXECUTIVE BRANCH

Delegates will campaign for various elected offices including the THBS Governor. The Governor and the Council of State will work together to balance the budget, approve or reject bills, and solve real-world issues facing the daily operation of the 51st state.



Grow Leadership Skills

Whether running a THBS session, acting in their elected capacity, or attending our leadership series throughout the week, delegates have several ways to grow their leadership skills to bring back to their communities to make an impactful difference.



Guest Speakers

Throughout the week delegates have the opportunity to hear from prestigious guest speakers such as senators, judges, and elected public officials. At the end of their lectures, delegates are offered the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the speakers.



Government in Action

After the campaign and election process, delegates get hands-on experience practicing what we call government in action. During these sessions, delegates must solve real-world scenarios faced by public officials and must work together in their capacities to run their 51st state.

Founded in 1938 and sponsored by the American Legion, a veterans service organization, nearly every state hosts a Boys State program for the best and brightest of the state's rising high school seniors. This civically oriented leadership camp is designed to develop the delegate's understanding of state and local government and inculcate a shared responsibility of citizenship through a challenging simulation of government.

Tar Heel Boys State (THBS) is an immersive, week-long program where students learn by doing:

Upon arrival, newly sworn-in delegates are set to work establishing a city, a county, and, by the end of the week, a statewide government that writes, debates, and votes on legislation that will impact millions of citizens.

Delegates to Tar Heel Boys State will have the opportunity to participate in our nationally recognized Moot Court program. After attending a lecture facilitated by a practicing attorney, delegates will take a THBS Bar Exam based on real questions from the North Carolina Bar. If they pass, delegates will have the opportunity to establish law firms and file lawsuits against each other and the government of THBS.

Our goal is to provide the best and brightest future leaders of North Carolina with the civic education and leadership training they need to make a positive difference in their community, North Carolina, and our great nation.