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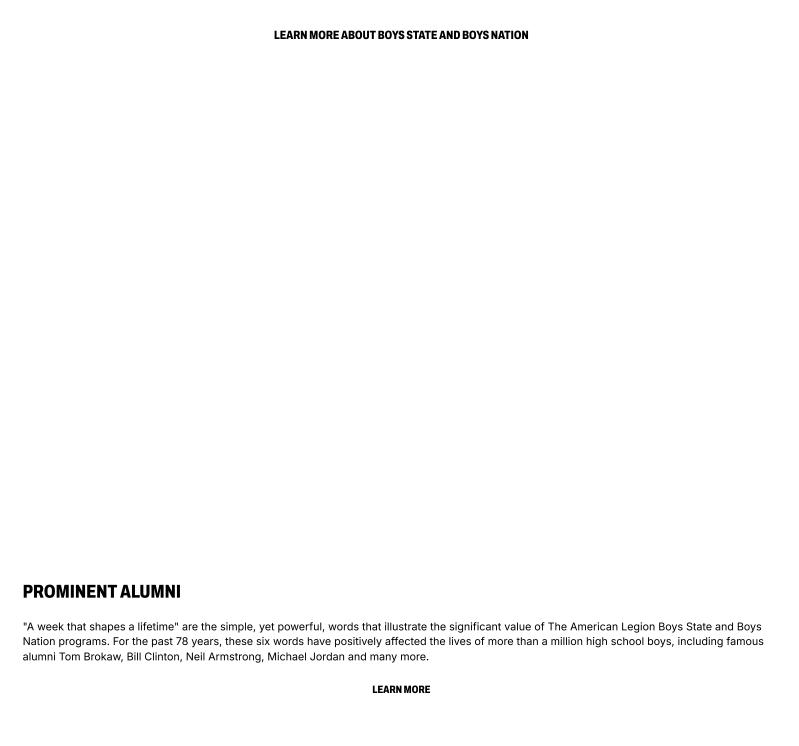
AMERICAN LEGION BOYS NATION

Be a part of the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students.

"A WEEK THAT SHAPES A LIFETIME"

Founded in 1935, American Legion Boys State and Boys Nation are a highly respected, hands-on programs where high school juniors learn about local, state, and federal government by running mock governments and participating in civic activities.

Two participants from each Boys State are chosen to attend Boys Nation in Washington, D.C., where they take part in a weeklong deep dive into federal government by acting as U.S. senators. Boys Nation includes mock legislative sessions, political party conventions, and visits to national landmarks, and many alumni have gone on to hold public office or work in politics.



HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Boys State and **Boys Nation** are designed for students who show leadership, character, academic excellence, and a commitment to their school and community. High school students who haven't attended the program before are eligible to apply for Boys State, and must participate in Boys State to be eligible for Boys Nation. Selection is based on merit and may vary slightly from state to state.

All programs follow federal disability guidelines, and most require a consent form signed by a parent or guardian and a licensed physician.

In most cases, schools recommend students to their local American Legion post, which then interviews and selects the delegates who will attend.

CONTACT YOUR STATE TO LEARN MORE

2025 BOYS NATION RESOURCES

The 79th Session of American Legion Boys Nation takes place July 18-26, 2025. The links below will contain information as it becomes available during and after the session takes place.

Agenda & Legislation

Review the Boys Nation agenda and legislation submitted by Boys Nation Senators.

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View American Legion Boys Nation Senators.	
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In order to participate in Boys Nation, your son must participate in your Boys State Program. Please visit your state program for information and contact info.



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