

MECSEY-BISHOP POST #456

STEWARTSVILLE, NEW JERSEY 08886



Every year, the American Legion Department of New Jersey sponsors Jersey Boys State. The program is a week-long, hands-on leadership seminar that affords the participants the opportunity to spend a week at Rider University to learn about the American government from the township to the state level. Delegates will learn the functions of each office of City, County and State Government, functions of political parties and their role in the political process, the branches of Government and their jurisdictions, the ABC's of politics and the responsibilities of voters, and more. It is an interactive program where participants are encouraged to run for a Boys State political office and participate in their political party's convention. The parties are NOT Democrat, Republican, liberal or conservative. The two parties are given situations and issues for them to address in any manner they choose. It is hoped that once the young men complete Boys State, they will take what they have learned back to their schools and communities.

The program will also have speakers, sports, a band, and a college and career fair with representatives from approximately 100 colleges and universities, the military, NJ State Police, etc. Attendees successfully completing the program may also earn three college credits in political science from Rider University

The Boys State program is held at Rider University. It always begins each June on Father's Day Sunday and ends on Friday of that week. It is open to any high school boy who is completing his junior year, has a B average or better and has no disciplinary issues. Student(s) chosen to represent Phillipsburg High School and who meet the above criteria should also exhibit leadership, character, service and the ability and willingness to interact with others.

Mecsey-Bishop American Legion Post 456 in Stewartsville sponsors students from the Greenwich and Bloomsbury school systems and will cover the \$300 fee. Any student interested in applying to become a delegate should contact me or another representative of the Post.

Additional information can be found by visiting the program's website www.aljbs.org.

If anyone has any questions, please contact me by email or phone.

Thank you,

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