

# WISCONSIN *American Legion*



## ORATORICAL

The American Legion Oratorical Contest provides a platform for individuals to develop and refine their leadership, communication, and critical thinking skills while also gaining a deeper appreciation for American citizenship and the Constitution. By participating in this contest, individuals will not only have the chance to gain valuable experience in public speaking but also develop critical thinking skills necessary for effective communication.



## JR SHOOTING SPORTS

The American Legion Junior Shooting Sports Program is a gun safety education and marksmanship program that encompasses the basic elements of safety, education, enjoyment and competition. Shooters acquire skills in the care and safe handling of firearms; target shooting and competitions; development of leadership qualities, loyalty, team cooperation and good sportsmanship; which are essential to good citizenship.



## LEGION BASEBALL & SOFTBALL

American Legion Baseball is the most successful and most visible youth program of The American Legion. In addition to developing and promoting a spirit of teamwork, good sportsmanship, physical fitness and good citizenship within the community, being a part of program also allows for participation in one of five baseball classes. American Legion Softball, organized in 2023, opened these same opportunities for Wisconsin softball teams, expanding the opportunities to build pride and sense of community.



## SONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION

The Sons of The American Legion is a service organization built on the foundation of patriotism and honoring those who have served. Membership is comprised of direct male decedents of wartime veterans. Squadrons all over Wisconsin come together to promote Americanism, honor the service of our veterans, and instill a sense of patriotism in our young people.



## BADGER BOYS STATE

Badger Boys State is a program which teaches its participants (known as "citizens") civics and leadership. Citizens come from miles around to descend on a Wisconsin college campus to take part in what is "a week to change a lifetime." Badger Boys State not only instills citizens with an improved appreciation for civics but also strengthens intangibles like leadership, confidence, and interpersonal skills.



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## LEGION RIDERS

The American Legion Riders is the largest Veteran's motorcycling organization in the Nation. Whether it is working together on veteran's issues, performing local color guard duties, raising funds for a veterans' charity, or cruising together on a beautiful fall colored highway, the American Legion Riders program has provided enjoyment for members who share a common interest in motorcycling.



## COUNTY YOUTH GOVT DAY

County Youth Government Day is a field day experience at the county courthouse that provides high school students firsthand knowledge of how county government plays an important role in their daily lives. Educating the youth to become better citizens creates an atmosphere for a clearer and more effective government.



## WALLECA

The Wisconsin American Legion Law Enforcement Career Academy (WALLECA) is a one week program that provides first-hand experiences and insight into the operation of law enforcement agencies. By offering physical fitness training coupled with classroom instruction and hands-on training, high school juniors and seniors get a glimpse at what it take to be in law enforcement.



## AMERICANISM & GOVT TEST

The Americanism and Government Test is to promote "Americanism", love of country, knowledge of government and allegiance to the United States flag to our youth. Eligible students are tested on their knowledge of the United States, Wisconsin and County Governments, the United States Constitution and flag etiquette. All students who participate have a chance at a scholarship award.



## SCHOLARSHIPS

The American Legion offers multiple opportunities throughout its various programs and beyond for Wisconsin's youth to earn scholarships! Whether through a program or a simple application, The American Legion supports Wisconsin students, doing all it can to help prepare the pathway to higher education.

