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**Welcome to Gem Boys State**

Following are some do’s, don’ts, and suggestions for attendees. We look forward to meeting you and helping you have a great experience at Boys State. This will be the 82nd year of Idaho Gem Boys State. These suggestions will help make your time here a great experience.

**SLEEPING SUGGESTIONS, (Bed is a bare mattress on a bunk bed)**

-**Sleeping bag or sheets and blanket**

-**Pillow**

-**Sleeping apparel**

-***You will be required to make your bed in the morning and clean up your area***

**BATHROOM SUGGESTIONS** **(There are showers with doors)**

-**Soap or body wash**

**-Shampoo**

**-Bath towel**

**-Wash cloth**

**-Shower shoes**

**-Razor**

**-Tooth brush and toothpaste**

**-Comb**

**-Hair products, if needed**

**-Deodorant**

***-There will be toilet paper but if you have a sensitive bottom, you might bring your own brand***

**CLOTHING REQUIREMENTS**

**-We will supply you with uniform tee shirts and Polo shirts**

-**Shoes** (NO CROCS, SANDALS, OR OPEN TOE DURING THE DAY)

-**Slacks, Dockers or Khakis** (NO DENIM, OR SHORTS DURING THE DAY )

You will be allowed to be casual after hours and shorts and sandals can be worn then.

-**Belt**, if you use it (your shirts will be required to be tucked in)

-**Socks**

-**Under shirts** (if you use them)

-**Tighty Whites** or **Boxers**

- **Comfortable shoes and gym attire** for a ½ and 1 mile run

**ADDITIONAL CLOTHING INFORMATION**

- **Jacket?** (June in Boise is normally warm, but mornings might be chilly.)

-**NO HATS WORN DURING THE DAY**

-**Do not bring a suit and tie**. It is not needed.

**OTHER STUFF TO BRING SUGGESTIONS**

-**Pen** and **pencil**

-**Paper notebook**

-**Cell phones** are encouraged. **They will be used for research and voting**.

-**Snacks/Drinks** are encouraged. You will be fed three meals a day, but snacks are not provided. Snacks will NOT be allowed outside of your sleeping area.

-**Backpack** is ok, but not required

-**Water bottle** is encouraged, but not required

-**Charge card or money**. (**You will be paying for your own lunch** in Boise on **Thursday** and **Friday** when we attend the State Capitol)

-**Money** if you wishto purchase snacks and drinks

-**Computer/Pad** is allowed, but we have no place to lock them up

-**Musical Instrument** if you would like to, but we have no place to lock them up

**MISC. INFORMATION**

-We provide three meals a day

- Be prepared to focus and learn but be ready to have fun as well. There will be plenty of opportunities for both, please ensure you act appropriately during any given time.

-If you get tired early or struggle to wake up early, you are encouraged to bring some artificial energy (if your parents allow)

**WHAT TO EXPECT**

Day 1

-Arrive at Boys’ State and collect your gear

-Get acquainted with your living space, your fellow city members, and your city counselor and prepare

for the week

-Lunch

-Meet the rest of the Boys’ State 2025 staff

-Hold your first town meeting to elect city officials, create and instate city rules and regulations, and

prepare your city budget

-Post your new rules and regulations to the rest of Boys’ State so they can’t claim ignorance when

breaking said rules in your town and you can punish them accordingly

-Your newly elected mayor will play the first round of Boys’ State Wheel of Fortune

-Meet with your positions official dean to set expectations about your newly won position and learn

your duties

-Dinner

-Hold your first county meeting and elect your county officials

-Newspaper/City council meetings/Court

-Sleep

**BRING A GOOD ATTITUDE AND SENSE OF HUMOR**

**HAVE A WILLINGNESS TO BECOME INVOLVED**

**If you have questions please call or text Ron Adams 208-940-1604**