

THE AMERICAN LEGION



January 20, 2026

Post Commander,

The 2025 session of Gem Boys State will be held **Sunday May 31 to Friday June 5, 2026**

We will be held at Gowen Field, in Boise, again this year.

We will be limited to how many boys will be able to attend. **That number is 120.** Once we reach the 120 limit we will institute a stand-by list. It is important that you get your selections in as soon as possible.

The cost per boy this year is **\$500.00**

The state of Idaho **WILL NOT** make funds available this year for the extra two credit program. The Boys will need to pay the cost. This information will be sent to the boys in their package. It will also be added to the Departments WEB page under Boys State

The application is on the Department of Idaho's website, <https://www.legion.org/idaho> and select programs near the top of the page then select Boys State. At the bottom of the Boys State page, you will find a link to the 2026 Boys State Application. You can print or download this to your computer. This is for you and Posts use to select your candidates.

After you have made your selections for Boys State you will need to accomplish the following.

1. Send the Application pages (the ones with all the signatures), copy of the birth certificates, and a check for \$500.00 for each boy to the Department office:

Department of Idaho
901 W Warren Street
Boise Idaho 83706-3825

2. Send the following information to idahoalboysstate@gmail.com

Delegate Name
Delegate Email Address and Phone Number
Parent/Guardian Name
Parent/Guardian Email address and Phone Number
Post Number
Post Commander Name or Boys State Chairman Name
Post Commander or Boys State Chairman Email Mail Address and Phone Number

The deadline for Applications is **April 15, 2026.** If your boy drops out before May 15, 2026, the money will be refunded. After May 15, 2026, the money will not be refunded.

If you have questions or concerns, please call me at 208-757-7434.

Bob Skinner
President of Boys State