



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 wish to 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 2026 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