



## 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 Bob Skinner – 208-757-7434**