



Let one week begin your life.™



Congratulations on having been chosen to be a citizen of Palmetto Boys State 2012. It is my pleasure to welcome you to Boys State. I feel sure that you will find Boys State to be one of the finest and most rewarding experiences of your life.

Boys State is well rounded with both work and play. There will be time for fun and times to be serious. You will make lasting friendships with other young men of our state and, most importantly, you will have an opportunity to run the city, county, and state governments for one week. Leading figures in South Carolina and national political circles will be guest speakers. You and your fellow citizens will elect officers for each unit of the government and these, in turn, will actually serve in the capacities to which they are elected. One of you reading this letter will be elected to the high office of Governor of Palmetto Boys State 2012.

Registration for PBS 2012 is Sunday, June 10, 2012. This year's encampment of Palmetto Boys State will be held on the campus of Anderson University, Anderson, SC. Those of you in the 864 TELEPHONE AREA WILL REGISTER AT 9:00 AM. Those of you in the 803 TELEPHONE AREA WILL REGISTER AT 9:30 AM and those of you in the 843 TELEPHONE AREAS WILL REGISTER AT 10:30 AM. Please let me emphasize that registration MUST be completed promptly by noon. The earlier you arrive at Boys State the more time you will have to unpack and prepare for the first assembly.

Your expenses to Boys State are paid with two exceptions. You will need to bring TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS (\$25) in cash to pay for your registration. You will also need to bring FORTY DOLLARS (\$40) cash as a room deposit fee. Your room and suite will be checked prior to your departure on June 16, 2012 and, if it is in order, your forty dollars will be returned to you.

Upon your arrival you will be given at least two assignments: (1) a political party (either the Nationalist or the Federalist) and (2) a city. The political parties will guide the week's campaigns and elections. You will live in your "city" for the week. The week will be filled with elections, campaigns, lectures, instructional periods, academic events, field trips and many "bull" sessions.

All of this will climax with the election of a governor and other state officials on Friday. We will join Palmetto Girls State on the steps of the state capitol for the inauguration of the officers of Girls State and Boys State. Following the inauguration of the Governors and other state officials, Boys State will be joined by Girls State for lunch on the University of South Carolina's horseshoe. Friday night is a fun night, the Governor's Banquet and a citizen's talent show.

In order to get in all of the planned activities, the program of Boys State is a fast paced one. Therefore, please tell your parents and girl friends not to call you by telephone except in case of emergency. Tell them you will call when the opportunity permits.

Please be in touch with me if you have any questions concerning Boy State. My e-mail address is: drsink@charter.net , telephone number is 864-375-1474, and fax is 864-226-3134. You may also contact me at any of the aforementioned if there is an emergency.

Let me emphasize that if ANYTHING happens that will prevent your attending Boys State, you should be in touch with me immediately as your school will want to send someone in your place.

I look forward to seeing you on June 10, 2012.

Sinclair Lewis, Secretary-Treasurer, Palmetto Boys State

NOTE 1: WHAT TO BRING

Soap, towels, and toilets articles are a must. Sheets (for single bed), pillow and pillow case, light blanket. You will need casual pants, jeans, shorts, and athletic clothing. All citizens of Boys State are required to wear Boys State "T" shirts at all times. Three shirts will be issued to each citizen, two PBS general wear shirts and a PBS athletic shirt. Extra T-shirts can be bought at the PBS store. Shorts, jeans, etc., may be worn with T-shirts on campus. However, you should come prepared to dress for the Governor's Banquet when all the citizens will be required to wear button down shirt and dress trousers. It is imperative that you bring at least one pair of rubber soled shoes. Sometimes we will be on cement floors and they get slippery. Also, you must bring rain gear. Bring any athletic equipment you desire, as we have a complete sports program.

NOTE II. BOYS STATE BAND

We have a great band at Boys State. If you play an instrument and want to be a part of the Boys State Band, plan to bring your instrument with you. I realize that you may not have one of the larger instruments, but it would be helpful if you could borrow one from your school and bring it with you. The band will organize on Sunday and you will be playing on Monday. Be a part of a GREAT TRADITION.... the Boys State Band.

NOTE III. PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

We do not require a physical examination. We do, however, require your parents to complete the enclosed questionnaire. This must be turned in when you REGISTER on Sunday at Anderson University (or you may mail it to me at my office.)

NOTE IV: PARENT'S MEDICAL AUTORRIZATION

Included is a medical consent form to be signed by your parent or guardian. This is necessary for us to insure that you receive proper medical treatment if it should be indicated. It is necessary that this form be signed in order for you to participate at Boys State. YOU WILL NOTE THAT YOUR PARENTS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MEDICAL EXPENSES WIIICH MAY BE INCURRED DURING YOUR STAY AT Anderson University. You will also note that health insurance information is required on the Medical Consent Form.

NOTE V: TRANSPORTATION

Your sponsoring American Legion Post or American Legion Official is NOT responsible for your transportation to and from Anderson University, but is willing to help coordinate transportation. Those of you who live in the 864 telephone areas should REGISTER at 9:00 AM. Those of you who live in the 803 telephone area should REGISTER at 9:30 AM and those of you who live in the 843 telephone area should register at 10:30 AM. If there is some reason you must arrive at a later hour, you should contact me in advance. You will be free to return to your home after 10:30 AM on June 16, 2012. No one will be allowed to leave before Saturday, June 16, except under extreme circumstances. Your leaving must be approved by the Director or the Secretary-Treasurer. You are permitted to drive your car to Anderson University or to carpool. If you drive your car, you must park it in the designated area (we will direct you to the lot) and then turn in your car keys. On Saturday morning, June 16, 2012, your keys will be returned to you.

NOTE VI: LOCATION

Palmetto Boys State will be held at Anderson University, at 316 Boulevard, Anderson, SC 29621. I have enclosed a link map to Anderson University for assistance and directions to the Campus. There will be a member of the Boys State staff there to direct you to the registration area.

<http://www.andersonuniversity.edu/aboutau.aspx?id=1775>

NOTE VII: FIRST MEAL

The first meal to be served to Boys State citizens will be Sunday lunch beginning at 1:00 PM. Registration will end promptly at noon.

NOTE VIII: WHAT DOES IT COST?

Please note in the cover letter the necessity for your bringing Sixty Five dollars (\$65.00) in cash with you when you come to Boys State. Twenty five (\$25) dollars will cover your registration cost. The registration fee is necessary in order that we might supply each citizen with three T-Shirts to be worn during the week, materials for political campaigning and other incidentals. The forty dollars is a room deposit fee. Following the check of your room on departure day, if there is no damage, forty dollars will be returned to you. All other costs (with the exception of transportation) are paid by your sponsor. You will want to bring extra money to buy souvenirs, incidentals, refreshments or merchandise. There will be a canteen with drinks, fast food, candy, etc. Any extra money may and should be deposited with the Palmetto Boys State Bank when you register. You may withdraw funds from the bank at specified times, daily. We feel that in order for your money to be safe, it should be deposited in the Bank. We will have, for those who want to purchase them, Boys State caps, shorts, and extra T-shirts, etc.

NOTE IX: BOYS STATE RULES

If any citizen is discovered to be using or to have in their possession any DRUGS, INCLUDING ALCOHOL, his parents will be called, no matter the hour, and that citizen will be dismissed from the program. We will then notify the sponsoring organization. You are expected to behave as an adult and will be treated as an adult. Any other behavior will not be tolerated. You cannot leave the campus under any circumstance without the permission of the Director and/or the Secretary-Treasurer. Leaving without permission is grounds for dismissal.

NOTE X: SPECIAL EMPHASIS SCHOOLS

Palmetto Boys State provides the opportunity for you to gain more in-depth training and hands-on experience in one of four specific areas. We run four "schools" at Boys State: a Law School, a Media School, a Criminal Justice (law enforcement) School and a Leadership School. These schools will be interspersed with the other activities and continue throughout the week. The goal is to provide both training and the opportunity for you to actually take on the roles of lawyers, judges, police officers, reporters and news editors. Early in the week, you will be given more information and the opportunity to choose whether you would like to attend one of these schools. Please be thinking of your particular area of interest and be prepared to make your choice. In connection with the media school, if you have special gifts and skills as a photographer, and want to work in that area, please bring your digital camera.

NOTE XI: MISCELLANEOUS

If you have any special concerns or problems (i.e. physical handicap, arrival and departure problems, T-Shirt size- we have up to XXXL) about your coming to Boys State or what will happen once you are involved in the program, please don't hesitate to call me, SINCLAIR LEWIS, at my home (864-375-1474, e-mail me at drsink@charter.net, Fax me at 864-226-3134). We want to make this one of the great weeks of your life so don't hesitate to call me with your problem. If for some reason, you will arrive late, please call me or e-mail of your planned arrival time.

NOTE XII: ON-LINE REGISTRATION

There is an enclosed sheet concerning on-line registration. You are asked to follow the directions found on the enclosed sheet entitled "Online Registration." If you have problems or it will not work for you, please contact WEB SUPPORT at support@palmettoboysstate.com. If Web Support cannot help you please call me, Sinclair Lewis, at 864-375-1474.

NOTE XIII: COLLEGE CREDITS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There are many colleges and universities in South Carolina that offer Palmetto Boys State Scholarships. The list of colleges offering Boys State scholarships is included in this packet. One the web site there is also information concerning the Samsung Scholarship which is offered by the American Legion. This scholarship is competitive and to be eligible you must be a direct descendant, ie child, grandchild, great-grandchild or a legally adopted child of a U.S. veteran who served during a period of war. You can download further information on this scholarship as well as an application from the Palmetto Boys State web site. If you have problems downloading this application, please email support@palmettoboysstate.com and we will forward you a hard copy.

You will need to read the info from Clemson University that describes how you can earn three college credits for your participation in Palmetto Boys State. If you have questions about the credits please call Dr. Dave Fleming (864-774-7988) or e-mail Dr. Fleming at: dflemin@Clemson.edu.

For more information about any question you may have you can go online at: www.palmettoboysstate.com.

**PALMETTO BOYS STATE
CURRENT ISSUES**

Please list the current issues that are important to our state that you would like to see brought before the SENATE and the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PALMETTO BOYS STATE. Please use this sheet to share your views in 200 words or less. (Turn this sheet in when you register at Palmetto Boys State.)

Palmetto Boys' State Scholarships

The following colleges have agreed to provide scholarships for graduates of Palmetto Boys' State. Listed below are participating colleges and their scholarship requirements.

Anderson University

Contact: Pam Bryant, Director of Traditional Admissions
pbryant@andersonuniversity.edu (864) 231-2030
www.andersonuniversity.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to two participants of Palmetto Boys' State each year.

Qualifications: Recipient must graduate from Palmetto Boys' State, be accepted for admission at Anderson University, complete an Anderson University Boys' State Scholarship application and submit designated supplemental materials.

The Citadel

Contact: Lt. Col. Henry M. Fuller, Jr., Director of Financial Aid
fullerh@citadel.edu (843) 953-5187
www.citadel.edu

Description: The Citadel will award a \$1,000 scholarship to one graduate of Palmetto Boys' State.

Qualifications: The student must apply to and be accepted by The Citadel. The recipient is selected based on scholarship, leadership and service.

Coker College

Contact: Betty Williams, Director of Financial Aid
bwilliams@coker.edu (843) 383-8055 www.coker.edu

Description: Coker College will award to all Palmetto Boys' State participants a scholarship of \$2,000 (\$500 per year).

Qualifications: All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who enroll at Coker College will qualify for this scholarship.

Erskine College

Contact: Cory Young, Director of Admissions
young@erskine.edu (864) 379-8759
www.erskine.edu

Description: Erskine College will award a \$3,000 scholarship to each student who graduates from Palmetto Boy' State and attends Erskine College

Qualifications: The student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for renewal and complete a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year. Students can receive the scholarship for up to four years or eight semesters.

Limestone College

Contact: Chris Phenicie, Vice President for Enrollment Services
cphenicie@limestone.edu (864) 488-4549
www.limestone.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$3000 will be awarded to eligible students who have attended Palmetto Boys' State.

Qualifications: Students must have participated in Palmetto Boys' State. The students must apply and be accepted to Limestone College by May 1.

Newberry College

Contact: Office of Admissions
admissions@newberry.edu (803) 321-5601
www.newberry.edu

Description: Newberry College will award a \$6,000 scholarship to each student who graduates from Palmetto Boy's/Girl's State and attends Newberry College (\$1,500 per year).

Qualifications: The student must maintain a cumulative 2.0 GPA for renewal and complete a minimum of 24 credit hours each academic year. Students can receive the scholarship for up to four years or eight semesters.

North Greenville University

Contact: Keli Sewell, Vice President of Admissions and Financial Planning
ksewell@ngu.edu (864) 977-7001

www.ngu.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship of \$1000 will be awarded to eligible students who have attended Palmetto Boys' State. The students must apply and be accepted to North Greenville University.

Qualifications: Students must have participated in Palmetto Boys' State.

Presbyterian College

Contact: Jeff Holliday, Director of Financial Aid
jsholli@presby.edu (864) 833-8290

www.presby.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boy's State Scholarship of \$5,000 will be award to up to 15 students.

Qualifications: Students must have participated in Palmetto Boy's State and apply for admission by November 15th.

University of South Carolina, Columbia

Contact: Heather Wheeler, Assistant Director
wheelerh@sc.edu (800) 868-5872

www.sc.edu/admissions

Description: The University of South Carolina will award Palmetto Boys' State Scholarships to two students in the incoming freshman class. These awards are worth \$1,500 per year and are renewable for three consecutive years. Students must maintain a cumulative 3.0 GPA per year and not miss a Fall or Spring semester. To be considered, students must be graduates of Palmetto Boys' State, apply to the University by December 1, and be accepted. No separate scholarship application is required. Recipients will be notified by mail in March.

Qualifications: Palmetto Boys' State graduates are considered based on high school grades and SAT or ACT scores.

Wabash College

Contact: Office of Admissions
admissions@wabash.edu (800) 345-5385

www.wabash.edu

Description: The Wabash College Boys' State Scholarship is valued at \$7,500 per year, equaling \$30,000 over four years.

Qualifications: Must attend Boys' State in your home state and attend our on-campus Boys' State Scholarship Reception in August or visit campus by February 24, 2012. In addition, students must be admitted and enrolled in Wabash College.

Wofford College

Contact: Brand Stille, Vice President for Enrollment
stillebr@wofford.edu (864) 597-4130

www.wofford.edu

Description: The Palmetto Boys' State Scholarship is awarded to at least one entering freshman each year. This award is worth \$80,000 and is payable at \$20,000 per year and is renewable for three years. All graduates of Palmetto Boys' State who are accepted for admission will be considered.

Qualifications: Graduates of Palmetto Boys' State are considered based on high school grades, courses, GPA, class rank, SAT/ACT scores, activities, and recommendations.

**MEDICAL CONSENT FORM
TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARENT OR GUARD**

In the event of serious illness or accident, every effort will be made to contact the citizen's parent or guardian. However, in the event the delay in medical or surgical treatment may be detrimental to the health of the citizen, authorization for consultation, treatment, and/or surgery by the consulted physician or dentist is hereby requested.

With my complete understanding of the above, permission is hereby granted to the consulting physician, or dentist, to perform essential, routine, or emergency dental, medical, or surgical treatment during the period my son is a citizen of Palmetto Boys State. I further understand that I WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL MEDICAL, DENTAL, OR SURGICAL EXPENSES which might be incurred by the necessity of hospitalization or treatment by consulting physicians. Parent or guardian should answer the following questions.

Do you have health insurance? Yes, No.

If so, please attach a photocopy of your health insurance card. OR list:

- (1) The name of your health insurer carrier: _____
- (2) ID Number: _____
- (3) Group number (if applicable): _____
- (4) Insurer's telephone number: _____.

DATE: _____ **NAME OF CITIZEN:** _____

ADDRESS OF PARENT OR GUARDIAN:

PALMETTO BOYS STATE PHYSICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME OF CITIZEN: _____

NAME OF PARENT: _____

PARENT'S ADDRESS: _____

HOME TELEPHONE: _____ **BUSINESS TELE:** _____

RELATIVE/FRIEND TELEPHONE: _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENT

- (1) List significant medical history with special attention to recent infectious diseases:

- (2) List all medicines that must be taken routinely and any handicaps:

- (3) List all known allergies: _____

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX

____ This young man is qualified physically to participate in all phases of athletic activities: (Please complete on the second page)

____ This young man is physically qualified to participate in all phases of athletics, however, to insure his continu9ng good health There are certain things the staff of Palmetto Boys State should be made aware of:

____ This young man is NOT qualified physically to participate in all phases of athletics and should be excused from all strenuous activity. PLEASE EXPLAIN: _____

DATE: _____ **SIGNATURE** _____