

**PALMETTO BOYS STATE 2026**

**Sunday, 7 June 2026**

- 7:00 Breakfast, staff and counselors.
- 7:45 Staff Pictures
- 8:00 Counselor Pictures
- 8:30-11:30 Registration for Palmetto Boys State, Abney Athletic Center.
- 12:30 Lunch. Culinary Center - bottom floor of the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center.
- Citizens will eat by County. The order in which each county will arrive at the Culinary Center for meals will be based on a rotating schedule. Counselors will be alerted each evening as to the next day's schedule.**
- Citizens return to city area when meal completed.
- 1:45-3:15 Orientation Assembly, all citizens, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.
- Any citizens interested in participating in the band or the PBS Chorus remain in the auditorium following orientation assembly.**
- 3:15-4:00 Citizens meet by parties, Federalists will remain in Henderson Auditorium and the Nationalists will meet in the parking lot behind Henderson.
- 5:15 **DEADLINE FOR FILING FOR CITY OFFICES!!!  
(See pages 28-30 for offices.)**
- 6:00 Supper. Culinary Center
- Citizens return to city area when meal completed.
- 7:30 American Legion Night. Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.
- A. Welcome to Anderson University - Dr. Evans

Whitaker

- B. America 250
- C. We Are Boys State
- D. Presentation of Colors - South Carolina Highway Patrol Color Guard
- E. National Anthem
- F. Tribute to the American Legion - Nygel Pearson
- G. Welcome from the American Legion - Commander of the American Legion Department of South Carolina and National Vice Commander J.D. Larson
- H. Welcome from the 2025 Palmetto Boys State Governor - Zuriel Nyamutsaka
- I. Tribute to Armed Services
- J. Honored Flag Ceremony
- K. Keynote Address - Major General David Richwine, USMC (Retired)
- L. Musical Finale
- M. Director's Challenge

9:30 City Elections

**Immediately after City Election, WPBS auditions will be held in Henderson Auditorium. Anyone interested in auditioning for WPBS remain in the auditorium.**

10:45 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Monday, 8 June 2026**

**"CITY GOVERNMENT"**

7:00 Wake up.

**Rutledge, Hampton, Jackson, Marion, and Smalls will have speeches for City Offices and hold City Elections in addition to cleaning rooms and city areas before going to breakfast.**

7:15 Breakfast. Culinary Center

**Pickens, Moultrie, Calhoun, McNair, and Newman will have speeches for City Offices and hold City Elections in addition to cleaning rooms and city areas after breakfast.**

***Results to be turned in to PBS Headquarters immediately.***

8:30 Sick Call. Kingsley Residence Hall Lower Level.

8:45 Assembly, all citizens, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
- B. Introduction of our guest speaker by Director Bennett.
- C. Address by The Honorable Timothy E. "Tim" Scott, United States Senator.
- D. Recreation briefing by Quintin Hall.
- F. Briefing on talent show by Roy Costner.
- G. Briefing on Criminal Justice School, Law School, Leadership School, School of Finance, School of Professional Development, and College 101.
- H. Briefing on South Carolina Voter Registration by Tim Lewis.
- I. Winners of the City elections announced by Director Bennett.

J. Oath of Office administered to all elected City Officials.

K. Address by Mayor Terrance Roberts, Mayor for the city of Anderson and 1977 Palmetto Boys State citizen.

L. Announcements.

11:00-11:45 Classroom instruction.

SUBJECT: "CITY GOVERNMENT"

All citizens will remain in Auditorium for Classroom Instruction.

11:45-12:00 County meeting- Briefing on upcoming county elections. Counties will remain in the Auditorium to meet with County Advisors.

**FILING DEADLINE FOR COUNTY OFFICES IS 6:45 TONIGHT!!**

**(See pages 32-36 for offices.)**

12:15 Lunch. Culinary Center.

1:00 Candidates for PBS Band will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.

1:30-5:15 Citizens will assemble by cities at the Athletic Campus as directed by the Athletic Director.

Athletic uniforms - appropriate clothing required.

2:30-4:30 College Bowl, Room 201 & 202, Vandiver Hall.

2:30-3:30 Criminal Justice School - Banquet Hall A, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center

Law School - The Theatre, main floor, G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center

Leadership School - Banquet Hall C, G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center

College 101 - Watkins Room 100.

School of Finance - Banquet Hall B, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Student Center.

School of Professional Development - Watkins Room 200.

3:30-4:30 Criminal Justice School - Banquet Hall A, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center

Law School - The Theatre, main floor, G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center

Leadership School - Banquet Hall C, AU Student Center.

College 101 - Watkins Room 100.

School of Finance - Banquet Hall B, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Student Center.

School of Professional Development - Watkins Room 200.

3:00-5:00 Cities sketch out banners at the Athletic Campus Gymnasium.

3:00-5:00 PBS Store, located in Abney Mezzanine, will be open to purchase T-shirts, hats or any other PBS merchandise.

3:00-5:00 Auditions for Talent Show in Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.

3:00-5:00 PBS Choir rehearsals in Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.

**NOTE: THIS IS A GOOD TIME TO POLITIC!!!**

5:15 Retreat, citizens form by cities on the lawn adjacent to Front Street. Presentation of awards by Dee Christopher. The Ceremony of Evening Colors.

6:15 Supper. Culinary Center.

6:45 **DEADLINE FOR FILING FOR COUNTY OFFICES!!!**

**(See pages 32-36 for offices.)**

- 7:45 Assembly, all citizens, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.
- A. Pledge of Allegiance.
  - B. Introduction of guest speakers by Director Bennett.
  - C. Address by The Honorable G. Murrell Smith, Jr., Speaker of the South Carolina House of Representatives and The Honorable J. Todd Rutherford, Minority Leader South Carolina House of Representatives.
  - D. Question and Answer period.
  - E. Announcements.
- 9:30 City Caucuses by parties with Junior Counselors presiding for the purpose of the parties nominating members to be on the State Platform Committee.
- 9:45 Meeting of City elected officials to pick and notify appointees of their offices, select Platform Committeemen, and outline their respective duties and work on projects.
- 10:30 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Tuesday, 9 June 2026**

**"COUNTY GOVERNMENT"**

- 7:00 Wake up.
- 7:15 Breakfast. Culinary Center.

**Counties will report to the steps of Johnston Hall for pictures in reverse order of the breakfast rotation. As this is a busy morning it is essential that your city areas and rooms are cleaned prior to reporting for pictures.**

8:15 Sick Call. Kingsley Residence Hall Lower Level.

8:45-9:45 Classroom instruction.

SUBJECT: "COUNTY GOVERNMENT"

All citizens will assemble in Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center for Classroom Instruction.

10:00-11:30 County Party Conventions.

COUNTY NATIONALIST

Marion	Room 206, Johnston Hall
Hampton	Banquet Hall A, Student Center
Rutledge	Room 150, Sullivan Hall
Pickens	Room 001, Thrift Library
Calhoun	Banquet Room C, Student Center
Moultrie	Room 100, Watkins Hall
Jackson	Banquet Hall B, Student Center
McNair	Theatre, Merritt Auditorium
Smalls	Theatre, Student Center
Newman	Room 200, Watkins Hall

COUNTY FEDERALIST

Marion	Daniel Recital Hall, Rainey
Hampton	Room 201, Vandiver Hall
Rutledge	Room 004, Vandiver Hall
Pickens	Chapman Multimedia Room, Thrift Library
Calhoun	Room 105, Johnston Hall

Moultrie Room 138, Watkins Hall  
Jackson Room 116, Watkins Hall  
McNair Room 202, Vandiver Hall  
Smalls Room 006, Watkins Hall  
Newman Room 004, Watkins Hall

11:30 Lunch. Culinary Center.

1:00 Members of PBS Band will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.

WPBS report to Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center for daily pitch meeting.

1:15-2:30 Citizens will assemble by cities in the Athletic Complex at the direction of the Athletic Director.

Athletic uniforms - appropriate clothing required.

2:30-3:30 Criminal Justice School - Banquet Hall A, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center.

Law School - Theatre, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Student Center.

Leadership School - Banquet Hall C, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Student Center.

College 101 - Watkins Room 100.

School of Finance - Banquet Hall B, main floor of the G. Ross Anderson, Jr. Student Center.

School of Professional Development - Watkins Room 200.

2:30 The College Bowl will take place in Room 201 and 202, Vandiver Hall.

2:30-4:15 Auditions for Talent Show will continue at the Henderson Auditorium.

2:30-4:15      PBS Choir rehearsals in Henderson Auditorium,  
Rainey Fine Arts Center.

2:30-4:15      PBS Store will be open to purchase T-shirts, hats  
or any other PBS merchandise.

3:00-4:00      State Platform Committee for Federalist and  
Nationalist Parties will meet to begin  
preparation for platform. Federalists will meet  
Watkins Hall, Room 114.

                  Nationalists will meet in Watkins Hall, Room 116.  
All interested citizens can attend meetings to  
furnish input to the Platform Committee.

3:30            **CAB picks up voting forms for upcoming county  
elections.**

4:15            County meetings and County Elections. Counties  
will meet in the following locations:

Marion	Daniel Recital Hall, Rainey
Hampton	Banquet Hall A, Student Center
Rutledge	Room 150, Sullivan Hall
Pickens	Chapman Multimedia Room, Thrift Library
Calhoun	Banquet Room C, Student Center
Moultrie	Room 100, Watkins Hall
Jackson	Banquet Hall B, Student Center
McNair	Theater, Merritt Building
Smalls	Theater, Student Center
Newman	Room 200, Watkins Hall

5:30            Retreat, citizens form by cities on the lawn  
adjacent to Front Street. Presentation of awards  
by Dee Christopher. The Ceremony of Evening  
Colors.

- 6:15 Supper. AU Dining Commons, Bottom Floor of the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center.
- 7:30 Assembly, all citizens, Henderson Auditorium in the Rainey Fine Arts Center. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.
- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
  - B. Report on Boys Nation.
  - C. Introduction of Guest Speaker by Director Bennett.
  - D. Address by South Carolina District 4 Senator, Michael W. "Mike" Gambrell.
  - E. Introduction of Guest Speaker by
  - F. Address by 1985 Palmetto Boys State Governor, Anthony Livoti.
  - E. Results of County Elections announced by Director Bennett.
  - G. Results of State Bar Exams announced by Neil Alger and Cyrus Corbett.
  - H. Nominations for Supreme Court explained by Director Bennett.
  - I. Discussion of bills to come before the citizens of PBS.
- 9:30-10:45 Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives will assemble in the Daniel Recital Hall of the Rainey Fine Arts Center, for organization and Supreme Court nominations.
- Members of the Federalist State Platform Committee will meet in Room 114, Watkins Hall.
- Members of the Nationalist State Platform Committee will meet in Room 116, Watkins Hall.
- Political practice period with fellow citizens.

**PETITIONS FOR STATE OFFICE AVAILABLE FROM SENIOR COUNSELORS.**

11:15 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Wednesday, 10 June 2026**

**"STATE GOVERNMENT"**

7:00 Wake up.

7:15 Breakfast. Culinary Center.

**PETITIONS FOR STATE OFFICE AVAILABLE.**

8:30 Sick Call. Kingsley Residence Hall Lower Level.

8:45 Assembly, all citizens, Henderson auditorium in the Rainey Fine Arts Center for the PBS Honor Address. Introduction of our special guests by Administrative Director Morgan Kearse.

PBS Honor Address by Todd McDonald.

9:15-10:00 Classroom instruction.

Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.

SUBJECT: "STATE GOVERNMENT"

9:30 **PETITIONS FOR STATE OFFICES WILL BE TURNED IN TO SENIOR COUNSELORS!!!**

10:00-10:45 Citizenship Practice Period.

- A. House will assemble in Watkins Room 200, as previously to debate bills and elect the Supreme Court Justices and the Court of Appeals.
- B. Senate will assemble in Watkins Room 100 to debate and elect the Supreme Court Justices and the Court of Appeals.
- C. Federalists will remain in the Henderson Auditorium of the Rainey Fine Arts Center to debate the party platform and issues.

Nationalists will meet in the Banquet Hall in the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center to debate party platform issues.

- 10:45-11:00 Party Conventions.
- Federalist Party will remain in the Henderson Auditorium of the Rainey Fine Arts Center to select State Party Chairman.
- Nationalist Party will remain in the Banquet Hall in the G. Ross Anderson Jr. Student Center to select State Party Chairman.
- 11:00-12:30 County Caucuses for State Offices
- Citizens will assemble by county and party as in the County Party Conventions on Tuesday to caucus for each state office candidacy.
- 12:30 Lunch. Culinary Center.
- 2:15 Members of the PBS Choir will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.
- WPBS report to Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center for daily pitch meeting.
- 2:15-5:15 Citizens report to the Athletic Campus for calisthenics. Competition for team sports continue.
- Semi-finals, College Bowl, Room 201, Vandiver Hall
- 2:30-5:00 PBS Store will be open to purchase T-shirts, hats or any other PBS merchandise.
- 2:30-5:00 Auditions continue for Talent Show at the Henderson Auditorium.
- 2:30-5:00 PBS Choir rehearsals in Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.
- 4:00 Members of the PBS Band will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.

- 3:00-5:00 City and County Councils may continue their meetings if necessary in their city areas. House and Senate can meet if necessary in the same place as 10:00 a.m.
- 5:15 Retreat, citizens form by cities on the lawn adjacent to Front Street. Presentation of awards by Dee Christopher. The Ceremony of Evening Colors.
- 6:00 Supper. Culinary Center.
- 7:30-10:30 Party Conventions continue, meet in the same place as 10:45 A.M.
- 11:00 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Thursday, 11 June 2026**

**"POLITICAL RALLY"**

- 7:00 Wake up.
- 7:15 Breakfast. Culinary Center.
- 8:00-8:45 **Whistle stops - Party candidates can meet with cities as they arrive for breakfast.**
- Primary elections will be held during and after breakfast, prior to the field meet.**
- 8:30 Sick Call. Kingsley Residence Hall Lower Level.
- 9:00-11:00 Field meet, the Athletic Complex, under direction of the Athletic Director.
- Winners of Primary Election announced by Director Bennett.
- PBS Store will be open to purchase T-shirts, hats or any other PBS merchandise.
- WPBS report to Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center for daily pitch meeting.
- City and County Councils may meet if necessary in city areas.

10:30-11:15 Senate meets in Watkins Room 100 and the House of Representatives meets in Watkins Room 200, for the purpose of conducting such business as may come before these bodies.

Members of PBS Choir will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.

Talent Show participants report to Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.

11:15 **PRIMARY ELECTIONS.** Senior Counselors will turn in results of balloting to PBS Headquarters office prior to lunch.

11:30 Lunch. Culinary Center.

1:00 Assembly, all citizens, Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the flag led by the Mayor of the cleanest city.
- B. Introduction of our guest speaker by Director Bennett.
- C. Address by Major General Robin B. Stilwell, South Carolina Adjutant General.
- D. Final instruction period. Subject: "THE JUDICIAL SYSTEM IN SOUTH CAROLINA," presented by The Honorable Brian M. Gibbons, Resident Circuit Court Judge for the Sixth Judicial Circuit, State of South Carolina with assistance from Vick Meetze, Deputy Public Defender for the Twelfth Judicial Circuit.
- E. State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals introduced by Director Bennett.
- F. Written examination for all citizens of PBS on classroom instructions received during the week.
- G. Scholastic Challenge Bowl Finals.

- I. Gubernatorial Debate
  - J. Briefing on inauguration.
  - K. Announcements.
- 4:00 All statewide candidates for Nationalists Party and Federalists Party remain in Henderson Auditorium, Rainey Fine Arts Center.
- 4:30 Members of the PBS Band will report to Gambrell Choral Room, Rainey.
- 5:00 Retreat, citizens form by cities on the lawn adjacent to Front Street. Presentation of awards by Dee Christopher. The Ceremony of Evening Colors.
- 6:00 Supper. Culinary Center.  
Citizens return to city area when meal completed.
- 7:30-10:00 Joint Political Rally, Henderson Auditorium.
- Nationalist Party and Federalist Party will meet in separate locations as directed by the Party Advisors.
- Immediately following the Joint Political Rally, all cities are to return to their city areas where they hold elections for State Constitutional Officers.**
- 10:30 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Friday, 12 June 2026**

**"INAUGURATION"**

- 6:00 Wake up.
- 6:15 Breakfast. Culinary Center.
- 6:30 Sick Call. Kingsley Residence Hall Lower Level.
- 7:00 Board buses as directed by staff.
- 7:15 Buses depart on route to Columbia.

- 10:15 Buses arrive in Columbia and proceed to parade area on Blanding Street at Main.
- 10:30 Parade begins. Parade will march down Main Street to front steps of the State House for inauguration of state officials.
- 11:00 Inauguration Program - Girls and Boys State. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.
- A. Procession of the General Assembly followed by the Supreme Court.
  - B. Procession of the State of SC duly elected constitutional officers, accompanied by their newly elected PGS and PBS counterparts.
  - C. Presentation of the Colors.
  - D. Invocation - Chaplain of the PGS Senate.
  - E. Presentation of the platform guests.
  - F. Welcome to Columbia - Mayor of the City of Columbia, The Honorable Daniel J. Rickenmann
  - G. Welcome from Governor and Lt. Governor of Girls State.
  - H. Response by Governor and Lt. Governor of Boys State.
  - I. Oath of Office administered to Lt. Governors and other officials other than the Governors by PGS and PBS Chief Justices.
  - J. Oath of Office administered to their Excellencies, the newly elected Governor of Palmetto Girls State and the newly elected Governor of Palmetto Boys State, by The Honorable Leticia H. Verdin, Associate Justice of the South Carolina Supreme Court.
  - K. Address by The Honorable Pamela S. Evette, Lt. Governor of the State of South Carolina.

L. Announcements

M. Benediction - Chaplain of the PBS Senate.

12:00 Citizens of both Boys and Girls State will tour the State House and visit the offices of the Governor, Lt. Governor.

**Members of the Boys State Senate and House of Representatives will adjourn to their respective chambers to take up pending legislative matters.**

12:30 Lunch is provided for both Boys and Girls State on the Horseshoe immediately following the tour.

1:30 Girls State will depart and Boys State will police the grounds and form by cities to return to their respective buses.

2:00 Boys State will board buses for return trip to Anderson University.

4:30 Buses arrive at Anderson University.

4:30-6:00 PBS Store will be open to purchase T-shirts, hats or any other PBS merchandise.

Citizens will begin to get ready for supper and the Talent Show and Awards Banquet.

4:30-5:30 Counselors will meet with Staff for final evaluations and to discuss awards. Daniel Recital Hall of the Rainey Fine Arts Center.

Citizens will meet with their Counselors in their city areas for final briefings, to discuss Junior Counselor Applications, final reports, etc.

4:30-6:00 Final rehearsal for Talent Show in Henderson Auditorium of the Rainey Fine Arts Center.

6:00 Supper. Culinary Center.

Citizens return to city area when meal completed.

7:30-9:30 The Sinkies. Henderson Auditorium of the Rainey Fine Arts Center.

10:30 Lights out. Bed check by counselors.

**Saturday, 13 June 2026**

**"GRADUATION"**

7:15 Wake up.

7:30 Breakfast. Culinary Center.

9:00 Graduation, Henderson Auditorium in the Rainey Fine Arts Center, all citizens in attendance. Director Jamie Bennett presiding.

Graduation will be live streamed for Parents. There will be limited seating available for parents in the Student Center Theatre and Banquet Hall.

- A. Invocation.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance led by PBS Governor.
- C. Palmetto Boys State Governor's formal acceptance and appointments.
- D. Presentation of Certificates and lapel pins to the mayor of each city.
- E. PBS Choir.
- F. Retire the Colors.
- G. Final Remarks by the Director

Citizens shall turn in room keys to Anderson University Staff within their city areas and also turn in their college credit course information to their Senior Counselors.

FINAL CHECK OF BUILDING BY COUNTY ADVISORS, SENIOR COUNSELORS, AND JUNIOR COUNSELORS. **NO COUNSELOR** is to check out with the Secretary until this inspection is complete and all materials are turned in to Rev. Lewis' office at the Rainey Fine Arts Center.

11:30

Citizens Depart Campus