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TO: Post Adjutants

**FROM: Mike Bredeck, Boys State Director &
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SUBJECT: 2011 Legion Boys State Information

2011 Legion Boys State will be held June 12-18, 2011, on the campus of Southwest Minnesota State University, Marshall, Minnesota. Reservations are being accepted at Department Headquarters now. The fee for 2011 is \$260.00. If your Post plans to participate, you and your Boys State Chairman should carefully read this bulletin and the enclosed Boys State brochure, and follow directions explicitly.

The following are steps you should take immediately:

- 1) Authorize and have a check drawn, made payable to the Minnesota American Legion Foundation (Fund 77), at the rate of \$260.00 per boy. Please note Boys State Registration in the memo portion of the check.
- 2) Name your Post Boys State Chairman and return the enclosed form with his complete mailing address, and home and work phone numbers. Be sure to enclose your check. All future correspondence will be with the Post Boys State Chairman.
- 3) Notify your school of the reservation(s) made and ask for their cooperation and participation in selection of your Boys Staters. **PLEASE NOTE:** A Post may send as many Boys as they can afford, as long as the Boys meet the qualifications set forth in the Boys State Brochure. A Post may send Boys from more than one school. **More than one Post can send boys from the same school.**

We **DO NOT NEED** the name of your Boys Staters at this time. We **DO NEED** your application and accompanying check **as soon as possible**. Confirmation will be made to your Boys State Chairman, along with further instructions and other materials.

Enrollment is open to 450 boys. Applications will be considered on a "first come, first served" basis when accompanied with proper fee and form. Deadline for making application is **APRIL 1, 2011**; and for completing registration, **MAY 1, 2011**.

For the \$260.00 registration fee, your Boys Stater receives a full week of intensive training in city, county and state government, as he participates in establishing real life examples in government at each of these levels. A Boys State T-shirt is given to him upon his arrival and materials to help him become deeply involved in the week's activities. All living expenses are provided. At the end of the week, he is presented a certificate and Boys State pin and is later sent a Boys State Annual, which records the week's activities in word and picture. We remind you that **outside financial assistance may be accepted; however, sponsorship must remain with the Post.**

2011 Boys State will open Sunday, June 12, 2011. Registration begins at 1:00 P.M., and the first City meeting is at 3:00 P.M. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to contact Jennifer Kelley at Department Headquarters at 651/291-1800 or toll free at 866/259-9163 or boysstate@mnlegion.org.

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