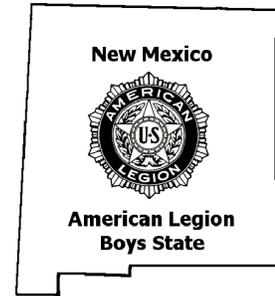


2010 New Mexico Boys' State



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Leadership

Mike Moya-Activities Director

Edwin H. Friedman said "Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future".

Here at Boys State each of you are given an opportunity to define, clarify, and expand your vision as a leader in these United States.

"Leadership can be thought of as the capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future"

When the soldiers of World War II returned home the lessons of war instilled in them the desire to insure the youth of America understood the responsibility that comes with living in a democracy. Apathy was the number one reason Adolf Hitler was able to gain control over a nation, personal gain was his priority. Apathy turned to fear and fear turned to atrocities. America is not immune to the threat of apathy. Living in this great country comes with responsibili-

ties that include participating in the political process.

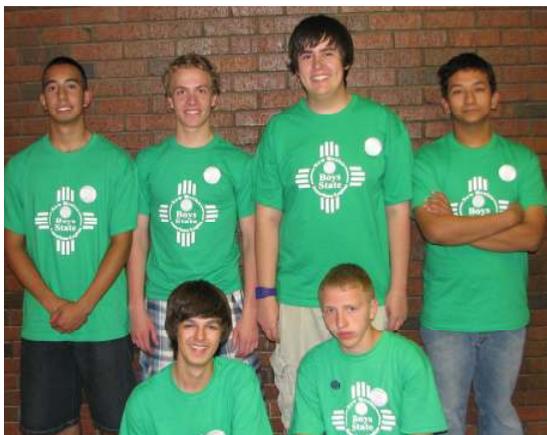
You are given the opportunity to hone the tools necessary to lead in this process and guide this country through its tenuous travels into the future. We need great leaders and given the foresight of the men who began Boys' State we have the opportunity right here to be part of that process.



ISAAC NEWTON said "If I have seen farther than others, it is because I was standing on the shoulder of giants."

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DeCastro County elected officials



DeLeon County elected officials

ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Joel Dacus

Today was a rough day for the city of Armijo, but the citizens managed to fight through the day with a spirit that cannot be compared to any other group. The spirit of Armijo has endured through the harsh pains of the day, including the heart wrenching defeat of the poster contest. I would like to thank personally everybody who served on the art committee, and the designer of the posters, Mr. Andy Rinstine, who graciously sacrificed free time and sleep in order to ensure that the quality of work was up to the standards of Armijo. Defeat from elections or competitions always leaves a bitter taste in the mouth, but what I am the most proud of is the way the citizens each handled themselves with humility and composure. The citizens have quickly washed out the taste of defeat and already moved on to bigger and better goals.

The city of Armijo already has more than six people running for state office and the elections are becoming more intense as the political parties continue to divide the city. But one thing that can never be divided is the friendships that have already been forged into a lasting brotherhood. A brotherhood that excitedly shouts out competitive chants as victory is once again achieved. The events of today have only strengthened the bond as the State Police allowed the students to show off and take pictures to prove how "bad" they look to friends and family holding police equipment. Today Armijo has proved itself not only to be a great competitor, but also a city of unity and friendship. For now the future can only hold greater things for this group of inspiring young men.



NMBS National Guard

You can't control your circumstances. What you CAN control is how you react to your circumstances and how you feel about yourself.



Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

James Walker

After Monday night's negotiations, tensions are running high between the different cities and political parties in Boys' State, not to mention the state and county elections on Tuesday.

Castillo had their daily city council meeting Tuesday morning and discussed plans for laws and the city.

"I think as a city, we are coming along great. We're getting a ton of revenue from taxes plus hopefully building a highway. We are thriving as a city," said Mayor Austin Wulf.

Negotiations between Armijo and Castillo settled down as everyone began talking things out.

"I feel Armijo had good representatives and we were all respectful and the meeting went maturely and satisfactory. I think we will see overall improvements in State as a whole," said Alex Thompson.

The talks resulted in Castillo giving up the Casino to Armijo but still taking in 15% of the taxes from the Casino.

Later in the day, DeCastro County was split into the two parties, Federalists and Nationalists, and was given the result of the morning's county elections. Out of the 16 elected officials from DeCastro, 11 were from Castillo.

Senators and Representatives were in session a big part of the day, city council worked on budget and policy, and State hopefuls worked on and planned their campaign and speeches.

In the evening, Boys' State got the chance to talk to State Police and see a light show put on by the US Marshall and New Mexico State Police.

"They were pretty open to any questions; they approached most of the questions based on their position. The presentation of the guns, police cars and equipment was awesome because we got to see it first hand and not in movies. We got to see all the guns and equipment without actually committing any crimes" said Eugeniu Prodan, Senator and Senate Pro Temp of Boys' State.



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Supreme Court

ROBERT MAZZA

For

Supreme Court Judge

Honor



Wisdom

Party with Wulf

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Governor & Lt. Governor

Christian Olivas

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EQUALITY  UNITY

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Can Do It !!

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Trujillo

City of Integrity

County of DeLeon

Paul-Michael Wolf

Third day Boy's State was possibly the most enjoyable, for a variety of reasons. There was that Trujillo and Armijo raced to the field for presentation of colors, a good many of them through the sprinklers; or figuring out exactly the groove needed to do what was needed efficiently and still have fun. Perhaps the highlight of the day, at least for Trujillo was the realization of a dream that was conceived all those days ago, to be first in the lunch line. The elation was almost tangible as we trooped off toward our plain of victory for the first time.

After our victory meal, the excitement continued as we split into party primaries were we nominated those that we felt would be fitting representatives of our party, with much jeering and prodding in good fun; But for all the shenanigans that occurred, work was done, and done well. After the copious amounts of work already done, it was time for recreation, but not before something that again showed us what Boy's State is

about. The American Sojourners presented the history of the flag that we look at every day, we salute morning and evening and our fore fathers fought and died for. It was a really touching moment to watch them build the flag in 15 minutes when in reality it took almost 200 years to gain the necessary numbers to create it the way we know it today.

Recreation was a joyous time in our chosen leisure activities in their appropriate settings, such as swimming in the pool.

After rec we had much business, most of which was a blur of ideas, approvals, and rejections by the county board and its citizens. After that and dinner, we got to the fun stuff, cops and gear. I believe that when presented with any tool or piece of gear, every male reverts to about 8 years old and goes starry eyed for the profession that lets you carry such things. I guess that's why they call it *Boy's State*.



NMBS House



NMBS Senate

However you define success, the slight edge basically means doing the right thing at the right moment. That's where it all starts, and that often takes a lot of courage!

Cortez

City of Hope

County of DeCastro

Raphael Pacheco

County elections were held yesterday. Rivals from different parties went head to head after winning their party primaries. The county election results are a precursor for today's state elections. Good luck to all candidates running for state offices.

The City of Hope is getting closer and louder by the minute. All of the other cities stand quiet so the city of Cortez is heard every day. Beg to differ? Cortez's own Larry Caffrey plays the "Star-Spangled Banner" on the trumpet every morning usually solo. Through his trumpet, Caffrey not only addresses the hope that is desperately needed in our country today but he also pronounces the pride of the city of Cortez. Remember when all hope is lost, think of the city of Hope... or talk to Saint Jude.

Yesterday all of the cities were putting the finishing touches on their city crests and their United States posters. Isaac and Walker of the city of Cortez beautifully presented the city crest poster and the United States poster respectively. And with a special thanks to Ed, the lead illustrator for the United

States poster, the city of Hope was declared the winner in the competition. This victory is only the beginning for Cortez. The Cortez Goon Squad hopes to bring back the basketball tournament victory which isn't a crazy dream because the team closed the day yesterday with an undefeated record.

Another event of interest that occurred yesterday was the law enforcement presentation. Cortez would like to thank New Mexico's finest on putting on an excellent presentation and an interactive exhibition; it's very exciting for a group of lethargic teenage boys at the end of the day.

We are reminded everyday of who we are, what we stand for, and what we have to offer. We are Boys' State 2010! As we enter the final half of our program today, we must remember to stay united as a state. In recollection of the Sojourner "Old Glory" presentation yesterday, we stand for nothing if we are divided. Instead we must all come together these last few days to make them fun, educational, and enjoyable for all delegates.





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