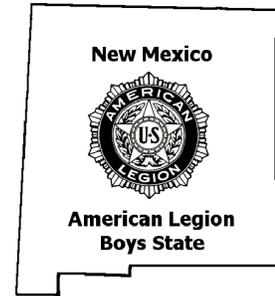


# 2011 New Mexico Boys' State



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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.

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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 responsibilities 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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# ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Brady Bloomfield

The city of Armijo has passed three new city ordinances today. Mayor Cameron Rist, along with the rest of the city council, agrees that while all three ordinances benefit the city as a whole, one stood out as most important. That ordinance is Armijo city ordinance No. 17.

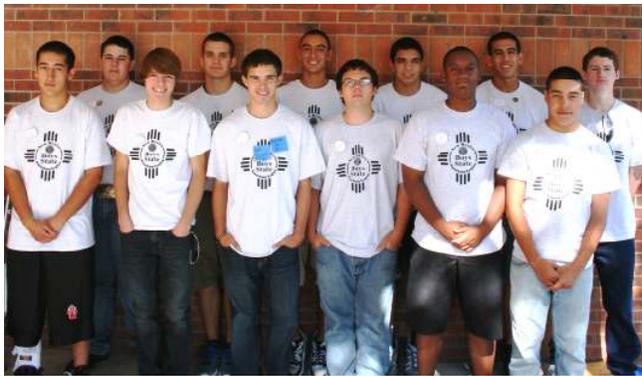
Ordinance 17 focuses on the drought that has been plaguing citizens statewide for several years. It proposes specific times in which water can be used for recreational purposes. It divides residential homes in a simple, yet effective way- odds and evens.

Odd numbered houses such as 425 or 401 are now only allowed to use water on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The term 'recreational purposes' includes all water use. That means showers, sprinklers, sinks, and water wars will have to wait for designated days. Of course, this means that Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays are reserved for residential houses with even address numbers. Sundays have been declared 'dry days'. This means no water, period.

Mayor Rist has stated that Ordinance 17

will not affect ranchers and farmers that already have established water rights. This move has made Mayor Rist rather popular with the citizens of Armijo.

In other news, the citizens of Armijo are encouraged to remember to pay taxes. These funds will help benefit candidates running for state positions.



DeCastro County elected officials



DeLeon County elected officials

*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

Jeremy Gurule

The state elections began to take off today and things are becoming much more exciting. As it begins to get closer to state elections, things are getting much more interesting around campus. The individuals running for state are campaigning and preparing for the election later today. So far the competition is very stiff and it seems that the voters have a hard decision to make tomorrow morning.

We started off the day with the flag raising as usual and went to vote for the

county elections. After breakfast we broke up into our cities and the state representatives as well as the state senators were broken up and introduced to our jobs where we were taught about the many aspects of being a state senator. We then went to lunch, after lunch we were escorted to the formation ballroom where we were taught many interesting facts about the U.S, including facts of its history as well as the symbolism the flag has. After recreation and before supper, there was a flag retiring ceremony, in which a flag was retired and burned. After sup-

per the cities were broken up and were given put in real life situations that cities must deal with on a daily basis.

Lastly, we saw a presentation in which we were taught of the duties and many other interesting facts about the state police. All in all today was a very successful and productive day here at Boys' State we not only learned about many of the aspects of our government, but we participated in it as well.

# Trujillo

City of Integrity

County of DeLeon

Salomon Wright

## As Things Pick Up

Many of us thought yesterday was a full day, I can honestly say I had an 19 hour day including the time I had to spend after hours. Some of you have put in more. I am here to remind you that the countless hours of brain numbing lectures, meetings, and presentations will be archived in your memories as great ones. You young men at boys state are making a difference. The work you do while you're here may not necessarily pass legislation in our state, or influence our governor, however it actually has a much deeper and more relevant contribution to our state and nation.

Mr. Baca always asks who are you, and we respond with Boy's State 2011, and that is true. We are Boys State, but that is just the name of a camp. But who are you really? We are most certainly the future. We are the future... We are the future; I want you to grasp that thought. The countless hours we spend here that will not likely have any effect on our actual state in the short run; but in the long run, the future, we are the future. We were selected among many candidates to learn important skills. We are learning how to lead; by example, and by taking control we are planting seeds. These seeds will sprout into leaders; and with leaders sprout a

strong society. So when are asked who are you really? You need to comprehend how you truly are the future. You, all of you have the opportunity to be the difference your city, county, state, nation, and even, the world.



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

Colby Perciado

As our third day has come to an end, I think that I can safely assume that every one has gained a certain degree of adaptation and comfort with our daily standards and procedures. The presentation given to us by the Sojourners was an intriguing experience. The deep complex history and symbolism of the American Flag was something of the least expected, and its own personal evolution has built it up to the most perfect motif of our country.

As I have walked around the campus, I

have noticed so much meticulous work around the dorms and other buildings. I've observed myriads of creative campaigning posters and materials, art in progress, and petition forms being passed around everywhere. We truly made progress yesterday compared to our first and second day at Boys' State. I feel that our effort and focus has become much better, and I myself have become much more involved. Bravo, for the hard work everyone!

Note to all citizens: please refrain from posting campaign material in any place, other than the designated bulletin boards, such as the stairwell, walls, and doors. If you have posted in places other than the bulletin it should be removed. Also, remember that the staff are our superiors and they deserve our sincere respect for the time and effort they put into this program.



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