

2015 New Mexico Boys' State



Message from the Executive Director

Ralph Kemp

GENTLEMEN:

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the 2015 session of New Mexico Boys' State.

Remember that the staff will assist you in any way we can, but Boys' State is ultimately your program. Just as in everyday life, the level of success this week will be determined by the level of commitment and enthusiasm that each of you puts forward.

It is great to see the pride that you are developing in each of your cities! Keep up the good work and this may very well prove to be the best Boys' State session in recent memory.

Congratulations to all of the recently elected and appointed governmental officers. I would also like to thank every young man that campaigned for an office and encourage each of you to do so again.



Ralph Kemp
Executive Director



Conrad Candelaria,
US Marshal
District of New Mexico

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State of NM

ARMIJO

City of Loyalty

County of DeLeon

Tyler Morris

The first day of New Mexico Boys' State has been an interesting and political learning experience. As soon as the students arrived they were given their shirts and given a group name which would separate some of them from their bus companions. After that they would wait to get their ID pictures taken and then given their room number of where they would be sleeping. As soon as the students found their dorm there was no time rest. They put their luggage in their room and headed straight outside to find their group. Once done, each group was given advisors to help lead their team. Everyone got the chance to meet and learn a little bit about each other. At first the student's started off a little shy towards one another but over time they each learned to step out of their comfort zones a little and really get to bond with each other.

The students had the opportunity to learn about what government and court is all about and how it is done. They even had a little mock trial lesson that a few members performed in front of the rest of the Boys' State students. After that was done, the staff members of New Mexico Boys' State showed the students a documentary

of the War that many of our veterans fought to safe guard our future.

The staff divided us again into Federal groups and National groups. This is where a few student's got the opportunity to choose if they wanted to run for a chairman leader position. Those candidates had to step up and give a speech as to why they would be best for this position. And then for those that were not running had to vote for who they thought would be the best candidate. Once the candidate is selected, the Federalist and Nationalist went back with their original group to nominate those to a National Party Chairman, Mayor, City Clerk, Councilmen, City treasurer and Municipal Judge. Those nominated had to research their position and think of ways to campaign.

Finally, it was time for the student's to rest. They each got in their rooms, met their roommates, set up their bed and slept well getting ready for their next challenge.

Many students have already shown so much growth and friendship within the first day. It will be amazing to see how it all comes out in the end.

City Election Results:

- Mayor– Henry Stull (F)
- Councilman– Raymond Drake (N)
- Councilman– Nick Alling (F)
- Councilman– Isaac Dunwoody (N)
- Councilman– Morgan Weber (F)
- City Clerk– Lucas Cudia (F)
- City Treasurer– Michael Quintana (F)
- Municipal Judge– Marco Lueras (F)



Back: Morgan Weber, Isaac Dunwoody, Nick Alling, Henry Stull
 Front: Raymond Drake, Lucas Cudia, Michael Quintana, Marco Lueras

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Castillo

City of Perseverance

County of DeCastro

Gabriel Blea

DAY ONE

Staff Phill Mendez said "I was very impressed with the boys performance today. They are a intelligent group of guys and had a lot of good ideas and thoughts".

The Castillo team is doing very good and we will keep do our best through the week.

City Election Results:

- Mayor– Clifford Courvoisier (N)
- Councilman– Riley Finnegan (N)
- Councilman– Isaiah Thomas (F)
- Councilman– Joshua Madrid (F)
- Councilman– Jamie Kelley (F)
- City Clerk– Jonah Ng (F)
- City Treasurer– Shadi Jawad (F)
- Municipal Judge– Joshua Tario (F)



Back: Joshua Tario, Joshua Madrid, Riley Finnegan, Isaiah Thomas
 Front: Jamie Kelley, Jonah Ng, Clifford Courvoisier, Shadi Jawad

Trujillo

City of Integrity

Its eight o'clock in the morning and my first friend's car is outside my house. His step-dad is driving and his mom is in the passenger seat. I throw my bags into the back of the car and jump into the back seat with my friend. We start our five hour journey south to Portales. I've got a bag teaming with socks, underwear, and paperwork. I've packed everything I was supposed to pack and filled out all the forms, so I feel prepared. Its only as we reach Clovis that I get nervous. I'm less than an hour away from the New Mexico Boys' State Conference and I'm very anxious. I had heard a lot of things about Boys' State, but there wasn't much reliable information floating around. I felt like I was walking near a cliff while blind folded, hoping that I'd take no steps that would leave me plummeting.

Now we're in the parking lot and I wonder if I have all the correct papers with me. It would be a major bummer if my registration didn't go through. Thankfully, my papers were in order and I was now free to find my room. My friend and I went our separate ways. After taking my luggage to my room, I was free to wander around with a confused look on my face.

While still wearing an expression of wor-

County of DeLeon

risome confusion, I met the young men who made up my city. We spent a painfully long amount of time waiting for stragglers. Then we learned chants and watched a long documentary and sat through a long lecture. Although I did learn some things I was disappointed that I had done almost nothing in three hours. I soon found what I was looking for.

When afternoon arrived, I got a taste of what the week would be like. I made the happy discovery that the delegates would be in charge of many aspects of the week. The tone of the rest of the delegates and myself had shifted greatly. We split into political parties and established a chairman. I was amazed at the level of student input.

It wasn't long before we were announcing candidacy for city of Trujillo and giving speeches to our new acquaintances. The program finally picked up the momentum that I was hoping for and I was truly excited about what was to come.

Now its thirty minutes until lights out at the dorms. I still have lots of things to do to fulfill my position that I have been appointed to. I can't wait to see what tomorrow holds!!

Forrest McConnell

City Election Results:

- Mayor– Christo Luna (N)
- Councilman– Zachary Mead (N)
- Councilman– Brennan Townsend (N)
- Councilman– Noah Beavers (N)
- Councilman– Eddie Williams (N)
- City Clerk– Xy-Ian Tam (N)
- City Treasurer– Wesley Smith (F)
- Municipal Judge– Forrest McConnell (F)



Back: Forrest McConnell, Zachary Mead, Noah Beavers, Wesley Smith
 Front: Brennan Townsend, Xy-Ian Tam, Christo Luna, Eddie Williams

Cortez

City of Hope

County of DeCastro

Lathan Romero

NM Boys' State 2015 was off and running from the moment the clock struck 2:30. The delegates were sent off to their respective cities, Cortez, Castillo, Trujillo, and Armijo, and city meetings began. The boys introduced themselves, were told some basic rules and regulations, and were sent off to a room to hear lectures on more rules and regulations. After a near hour-long video informing them on the American Legion concluded, the boys were sent to city meeting rooms to be assigned a party, Nationalist or Federalist. Once the delegates were settled into their party meeting room, the boys introduced themselves and did a few ice-breakers. After that, lunch began and the stage was set for NM Boys' State 2015.

First the parties elected state party chairmen, who would be tasked with, assigning candidates, and push the party's platform. The parties then created chants to show party pride. The party meetings concluded and the boys headed back to their city meeting rooms to conduct city business. The parties in the city then elected city party chairmen to push candidates to be elected for the city. The positions available were: Mayor, City Councilmen, Clerk, Judge, and Treasurer. Each party put a candidate up to run for the office positions and elec-

tions will be held Monday morning. After official business was concluded, the boys sat down and discussed various activities about NM Boys' State. Each city had party planners who discussed and planned the party awaiting for us at the end of the week. Some of the boys organized teams for the inter-city basketball tournament that was to be held during recreational time throughout the week. City crests were also drawn up by the city's artists. After an hour of city meeting the boys were sent to the dorms to rest up for the busy week ahead.

City Election Results:

- Mayor– Daniel Garcia (N)
- Councilman– Elijah Martinez (F)
- Councilman– Jeremy Alire (F)
- Councilman– Sam Phan (N)
- Councilman– Michael Eaton (F)
- City Clerk– Kyler Daniel (F)
- City Treasurer– William Marley (F)
- Municipal Judge– Casimiro Fresquez (F)



Back: Casimiro Fresquez, Jeremy Alire, Michael Eaton, Daniel Garcia
 Front: Elijah Martinez, Kyler Daniel, William Marley, Sam Phan

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Law Enforcement

Citations

Officer Jimmy Docherty-Law Enforcement Counselor

EIGHT NEW STATE POLICE OFFICERS HIT THE STREETS WITH CITATIONS IN HAND!

The first eight State Police Officers were sworn into service tonight. After receiving training they were given their citations and are now out on the streets. The eight officers are able to issue citations on all of the Boys' State property. The officers will be issuing citations for violation of the New Mexico Boys' State General Rules and Code of Conduct as well as all new laws passed by the cities.

When issued a citation all residents are reminded that they are responsible for signing the citation. By signing the citation it is not an admission of guilt it is just a promise to appear in court. The time to dispute the citation is in court not on the streets. Once you sign a citation you will receive a Summons to appear in court with a date and time. If you fail to appear in court a warrant will be issued.

The issuance of citations is a vital part of the Boys' State program. This process allows everyone to participate in the legal system and see how it works. If it was not for this system we would have to use a "Mock Trial" system that does not allow everyone to experience the Legal System in a *true life* situation. Let's all please remember that this is intended to be a fun learning experience. Please have *FUN* with it but remember not to let things get out of control (remember the General Rules and Code of Conduct). If you are issued a citation just sign it and not cause a scene.

We as a staff look forward to everyone having a great 2015 session. If anyone has any questions regarding the issuance of Boys State Citations please feel free to contact any of the Law Enforcement Counselors at anytime. We look forward to watching the legal system in works. Enjoy and stay safe!

D-Day

June 6, 1944

Kevin Fredekind-Information Technologies

Next Saturday marks an infamous day in our history. On this Memorial Day, let us not forget:

On June 6, 1944, a date known ever since as D-Day, "Operation Overlord" commenced when a mighty armada crossed a narrow strip of sea from England to Normandy, France, and cracked the Nazi grip on western Europe.

An invading army had not crossed the dangerous and unpredictable English Channel since 1688. Within hours an armada of 3,000 landing craft, 2,500 other ships and 500 naval vessels began to leave English ports. That night 822 aircraft, carrying 13,000 parachutists or towing gliders, roared overhead to the Normandy landing zones. They were a fraction of

the air armada of 13,000 aircraft that would support D-Day.

"...you see the ships lying in all directions, like black shadows on the grey sky..... Now planes are going overhead..... Heavy fire now just behind us, bombs bursting along the shore"
-George Hicks radio broadcast from the USS Ancon

By nightfall more than 9,000 allied soldiers were dead or wounded, but more than 175,000 had made it ashore securing the French coastal villages. Within weeks, supplies were being unloaded at UTAH and OMAHA beaches at a rate of 20,000 tons per day!



U.S. infantrymen wade from their landing craft toward Omaha Beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944.

U.S. Coast Guard/National Archives, Washington, D.C.