

Boys' State BULLETIN

2005 newspaper staff selected

By Andrew Culp & Brian Hernandez -Newspaper Advisors

Boys' State Bulletin is ready for another exciting year. The Bulletin has served Boys' State needs since 1998, everything from weather and election updates to town reports, sports and so much more. Don't leave for breakfast without reading it.

The Bulletin would like to congratulate its newly appointed editorial board: **E. Alexander Munson** of Gettysburg will be our editor-in-chief. **Carl Lund** of Manila Bay and **Phong Tran** of Belleau Wood are the new layout technicians. **P.J. Gardner** of Bataan, **Michael Harpster** of Alamo and **Jordan Schlake** of Yorktown were chosen to be grammatical experts.

Registration runs smoothly

By Christopher Andersen
From Manila Bay

A line of boys waited anxiously outside of Harper Hall as the time changed from morning to afternoon.

I was surprised by the assortment of colored T-shirts that were being worn or carried around the residence hall.

Astonished to see how many people I knew and how many friends I could make, I smiled. That smile soon faded, though, as I saw the line ahead of me.

However, my frown changed as I walked over to pick up my T-shirt.

The men passing the shirts out put a smile on my face as jokes flew from one end to other end of the table.



Overall, the registration process took no time at all, and I was in and out in less than five minutes which helped the first day of Boys' State go even better.

Running for governor?

Think again

By David Groth
From Belleau Wood

The hubbub among the Boys' Staters that I have conversed with seems to be that they all want to run for governor.

It is awesome that so many would love to lead our entire Boys' State government, but there are so many other positions that one could run for.

You could be a state representative, the secretary of state, or even the attorney general, just to name a few.

There are more than four hundred guys here, and the chances of being the governor are slim to none.

There is nothing wrong with going for the kill, but please keep in mind, there are many other options, and there is one that will fit you.

If you are worried about running, just go in for the kill, try it!

Be an individual, express your views, and be aggressive.

While winning the governor position guarantees a trip back to Boys' State in 2006, there are other ways to shine in order to come back as a junior counselor, too.

All in all, there are more positions than the governor. You may even find one that you like even more.

Explore your options, and run!

★ 2005 Boys' State Bulletin Staff ★				
<u>Alamo</u>	<u>Bataan</u>	<u>Editor-In-Chief</u>	<u>Belleau Wood</u>	<u>Bunker Hill</u>
Rob Farris	Paul Gardner	E. Alexander Munson (Gettysburg)	Josh Campbell	Steven Westlake
Michael Harpster	Matt Varon	<u>Layout Technicians</u>	David Groth	Gage Bowder
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<u>Gettysburg</u>	<u>Manila Bay</u>	<u>Grammatical Experts</u>	<u>Valley Forge</u>	<u>Yorktown</u>
Khoa Chu	Carl Lund	P.J Gardner (Bataan)	Kristopher Wilcox	Alex Kim
Alexander Munson	Cobus Block	Michael Harpster (Alamo)	Nicholas Hobbs	Joshua Gall
	Chris Anderson	Jordan Schlake (Yorktown)		Jordan Schlake

Rocky trip to Boys' State

By Cobus Block
From Manila Bay

Many of those who have come to attend Boys' State had the good fortune to arrive at their destination in good health and without any mishaps.

The bus coming from the Hershey area did not. The first incident contained exchanging buses and then waiting with our bus driver, "Norm" in the parking lot for five minutes for lord knows what.

Thinking this would be the end of our adventures, we popped in a DVD and relaxed. Unfortunately, the sound system in our bus refused to cooperate, and we were stuck with a silent screen.

As soon as all attention was taken from the screen we began to realize how incompetent our driver truly was. His narrow misses and minimal errors (i.e. driving up a one way street in busy Lincoln THE WRONG WAY) soon were wracking all our nerves. Luckily we arrived without many casualties and Norm dropped us off saying, "Well, I don't know the way from here."

Diversity at Boys' State

By Khoa Chu
From Gettysburg

Stepping out of the car, my first reaction was "Jeez, there are a lot of people here."

There were boys from everywhere around Nebraska coming to this spot in Lincoln to enjoy what Boys' State has to offer.

I thought that I would be the only person here that was of a minority race, but it turns out that I wasn't alone, and that there are many other boys just like me at Boys' State.

For the first day, I have met many new friends already, and I'm looking forward to meeting more.

Your Opinion Counts!

Submit a letter to the editor.

The Boys' State Bulletin welcomes brief letters to the editor and guest columns but does not guarantee their publication.

Submit all letters to the Boys' State "Letters to the Editor" box located at the front desk of Harper Hall.

Those who submit letters must identify themselves by name and Boys' State town.

Town Reports

Alamo

By Michael Harpster

Upon arriving here at Boys' State, many of the Boys' Staters were confused and disoriented. However, we've figured one thing out for sure: Alamo, located on the seventh floor of Harper, has perhaps the tallest average height of all the Boys' State towns. Three of our members are at least six feet-six inches tall. If you're looking for us around campus, just look for red shirts and unusually tall guys.

Despite some of our rather intimidating appearances and heights, our town has been pretty quiet, so far. It seems as though everyone is very reserved and not quite comfortable with their surroundings yet. However, our counselors are encouraging us to open up, and we're beginning to get to know one another. By the end of the week, Alamo should be one of the closest and strongest towns at Boys' State.

Bataan

By Matthew Varon

All is well in the town of Bataan. Everyone has his room and is ready and prepared for the upcoming week at Boys' State. Following the general assembly and welcome ceremony everyone participated in the first Bataan town meeting.

Belleau Wood

By Joshua Campbell

The citizens of Belleau Wood (BW) are called the Smurfs because of their light blue shirts, and I agree because BW is Smurfin' awesome. BW was told that no group had come out of its shell more quickly. BW was the most enthusiastic town at the general assembly, jumping up and calling out their town name. They even held competitions to determine their pentathlete. Being on the tenth floor, BW's introduction to Boys' State was that the "Cream of the crop always rises to the top." It seems to have been proven true.

Manila Bay

By Carl Lund

Say "Hey" for Manila Bay! First off, green rocks, and it is the color that we were presented. Plus, we've got a guy who can vertical jump 37 inches. Talking about extraordinary, that is what we plan to be.

Bunker Hill

By Steven Westlake

On the first day of Boys' State, the town of Bunker Hill got acquainted and learned more about the program. The first activity was the introduction, where we were introduced to Ed Farr, the president of Boys' State, as well as the directors and counselors. Soon after, we met back in our town and decided whether we were doing band, newspaper or sports.

Gettysburg

By Alexander Munson

When any of the young men at Boys' State first walk into registration, they are greeted warmly and might get the impression that this experience might not be so bad. However, when they begin listening to the lowdown on what kind of activities are included or required, they may start to think of either "What am I going to try to get into?" or "What have I gotten myself into?" As time goes by, though, different areas of Boys' State start to sound pretty good again, especially when Girls' State is mentioned.

Valley Forge

By Kris Wilcox

Valley Forge is proud to be one of the "elite eight" towns of Boys' State. Sporting black shirts, they march back and forth from our events confident in themselves and the rest of our town. We look forward to having a great week under the direction of the most excellent counselors. While they come from all across the state, we know that friendships will draw us together by the end of the week. Members of Valley Forge know we can achieve success. We hope to share that success with the other towns, and anticipate a great week.

Yorktown

By Jordan Schlake, Josh Gall and Alex Kim

After the Yorktown boys went through the silent social act of watching television, Tony Lechron introduced the icebreaker. Each boy said his name, town, interests and other miscellaneous facts. The benefits of this activity were evident in the walk to the first general session. Townmates would approach one another and initiate conversations using information from the icebreaker introduction.