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Parents/Guardian of 2017 Delegates Should Read This Letter and save for future reference.

Dear Parent/Guardian of a 2017 Boys State Delegate:

Congratulations on your son's selection as a delegate to the 80th anniversary session of the American Legion Boys State of Kansas Leadership Academy, one of the top youth leadership programs in the nation. **Check-in is from 11:30 – 12:30 on Sunday, June 4th**, in the Atrium of Rathbone Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. A map is enclosed. If your son plans to leave a car with us during the week, please email me at the address below so we can reserve a space. We cover the cost of the parking permit. His vehicle will be parked in a patrolled lot several blocks away. Your son will **NOT** have access to his car during the week.

By attending the Boys State program your son is being recognized as a leader in his community. Boys State is a week that our past participants have cherished for the rest of their lives. I realize that your involvement in your son's life must have helped lead him to this point of recognition. On behalf of our organization, I congratulate you and your family and welcome you to the Kansas Boys State family, over 60,000 strong.

Boys State is based on a 'learning-by-doing' model of education. Your son will role-play a position that is partially our creation but mostly his. What he gets out of the program is directly connected to what he puts into the program. This is not a 'sit-on-the-sidelines' kind of summer camp. This is the best chance your son will have this summer to see what college life will be like (meeting many total strangers from all across the state, residence hall life, group participation, social challenges, diversity, etc.). I appreciate, in advance, your support of our program and our goals.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact me:

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For those of you with access to the Internet, we encourage you to follow the activities of the week on our *program* website - **www.ksbstate.org**. Once there, click on the "2017 Session" button. We will be updating the page as often as possible throughout the week. Prior to state, I would encourage you and your son to visit the site and see what past delegates have experienced. You may also find the 'Program Video' on our *pre-state* site (**www.kansasboysstate.org**) helpful to your understanding of the camp.

And finally, you are invited to attend any of the following events that are highlights of the week. All events are in McCain Auditorium on the K-State campus. Guest seating is located in the balcony.

Opening Ceremony—Sunday, June 4th, 2:45 p.m., McCain Auditorium

State Candidates' Debate—Tuesday, June 6th, 7:15 p.m., McCain Auditorium

Boys State Talent Show—Wednesday, June 7th, 7:30 p.m., McCain Auditorium

Flag Retirement Ceremony/Band & Chorus Concerts—Thursday, June 8th, 7:15 p.m., McCain Auditorium

Closing Ceremony—Friday afternoon, June 9th, 12:00 p.m., McCain Auditorium

Please note that all times are approximate whenever you move 500+ people from point A to point B.

A tour of the K-State campus for parents will be available after registration prior to opening ceremonies. If you are interested, e-mail me to reserve a space. Additionally, I invite you to look over the other information included in this packet. It should help to answer any questions that you or your son may have about the upcoming week at Boys State. If you still have questions after reading the information, I encourage you to contact me. I look forward to seeing you and your son in Manhattan.

Very important! A second part of this packet is on-line at: www.kansasboysstate.org/packet

Please review it prior to your son's arrival. Finally, the camp ends, and your son is dismissed around 3:30 p.m. on June 9th.

Sincerely,