

Badger Boys State is a civic leadership program of the Wisconsin American Legion. Our program is an exciting and important part of the Legion's mission and has an 80-year history of excellence. This week-long youth leadership program is an opportunity that can change a young leader's life.

The 80<sup>th</sup> session of Badger Boys State will be held **June 11-17, 2023** at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire. It is our hope that we may count on your sponsorship. The cost of sponsorship for the 2023 session will be **\$400 per delegate**. Your generous donation ensures that we can welcome citizens to our program at no cost to them.

A sponsorship card is enclosed. The card is to be used to make reservations for delegate(s) to be sponsored from your community. The completed card and total amount due for each delegate should be returned by January 1, 2023. We will accept sponsorships after that date so long as we have space available. Sponsors are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.

The sponsorship card must include the name and address of your point of contact. This will allow us to send the thank you letter from the Badger Boys State delegate to you. Please also be sure to indicate your assignment preferences on the card so that we can best match your sponsorship fee to interested students. Registration information will be sent to school leaders by January 15, 2023.

We will work closely with you to ensure all reserved slots are filled and that the opportunity for an interested student to attend is not lost. Please note that refunds for unused spots will **NOT** be issued after March 31, 2023.

Qualifications for delegate selection are outlined in the brochure. As a sponsor, you may reach out to the school to assist in delegate selection if you would like. This, however, is not a necessary part of being a sponsor as our staff will be actively working with all schools to help them select delegates. If your school does not name a delegate, your funds can be used to support a delegate on the waiting list who wants to attend Badger Boys State but does not yet have a sponsor.

We cannot stress enough the importance of delegates participating in orientations prior to the program. Please encourage your delegates to attend one of the online orientations. For a complete list of orientation dates, go to **badgerboysstate.org/orientations**.

Badger Boys State will begin on **Sunday**, **June 11**, **2023**. The Badger Boys State session will conclude after the final morning assembly on **Saturday**, **June 17**, **2023**. Badger Boys State is an intensive hands-on experience in citizenship, and each participant is a valued member of their respective city and county. Our program is most effective when students actively participate from start to finish. For this reason, we recommend that an alternate be selected in place of a potential delegate who cannot attend the full seven days.

Your sponsorship and support will be greatly appreciated. We hope we may hear favorably from you.

Sincerely,

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Bill Cosh Director, Badger Boys State