



State of the Boys

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A Great Start to Boys State 2023!

Over 200 delegates from all across Minnesota streamed into the halls of Saint John’s University to begin their life-changing week of learning, working, and making friends from Luverne to Grand Marais, Hallock to Caledonia. Follow along here each day for summaries and updates written by the delegates of the Boys State.

Welcome from the Director



On behalf of the Boys State Staff and the Minnesota American Legion welcome to the 74th Minnesota American Legion Boys State. Today you are embarking on a week that has the potential to change your life as long as you are willing to put in the effort.

We dedicate this week to our fallen comrades who gave the last full measure of devotion to preserve our republic. We also dedicate this week to the memory of Legionnaire and long-time Boys Staff member Bert Marth who transferred to the Post Everlasting.

Department Commander Addresses Boys State



Department of Minnesota Commander Jennifer Havlick served as the first speaker to the 74th American Legion Minnesota Boys State. Commander Havlick provided greetings and words of encouragement to the 2023 Delegates. Commander Havlick also spoke of the mission of the American Legion and its programs.

Years of Service Recognized

Neil Kruse



The 2023 Session of Minnesota American Legion Boys State marks Neil Kruse's 40th year as a staff member. Neil serves as a Political Counsellor within the program leading the state-level Federalist Party Convention and the Senate.

Kevin Barth



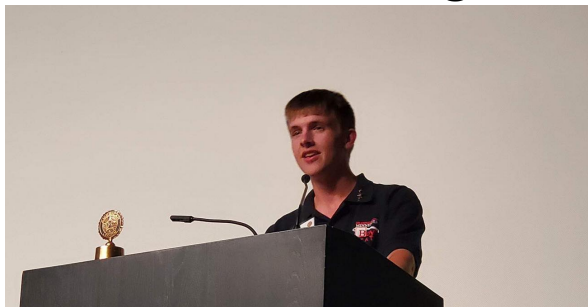
The 2023 Session of Minnesota American Legion Boys State marks Kevin Barth's 10th year as a staff member. Kevin serves as a Lead City Counsellor within the program leading the City of Rochester this year. Kevin is a 2010 Boys State Delegate.

Isaac Schultz



The 2023 Session of Minnesota American Legion Boys State marks Isaac Schultz's 10th year as a staff member. Isaac serves as a Lead City Counsellor within the program leading the City of Austin this year. Isaac is a 2009 Boys State Delegate.

2022 Boys State Governor Addresses 2023 Delegation



2022 Minnesota American Legion Boys State Governor Nathaniel Janssen delivered his inaugural address to the 2023 Delegation. Governor Janssen greeted the Delegates and encouraged them to take the opportunity to take part in the political process throughout the week through thoughtful debate and collaboration to find innovative solutions. Governor Janssen also spoke of his Boys State experience and its impact on him.

2023 Shirtgate!



The debate rages! What color is the Governor's shirt!? Some claim black and some blue. Where do you stand?

PLAY BALL!

The 2023 season for Boys State Athletics is set to kick-off on Monday afternoon with the matchups between the cities of Minneapolis vs Mankato, St Paul vs Austin, St Cloud vs Rochester, and Winona vs Duluth.

Date	Early Games (4PM)	Late Games (5PM)
Monday	Minneapolis vs Mankato St. Paul vs Austin	St. Cloud vs Rochester Winona vs Duluth
Tuesday	Rochester vs Mankato Duluth vs Austin	St. Cloud vs St. Paul Winona vs Minneapolis
Wednesday	St. Cloud vs Mankato Winona vs Austin	Rochester vs Minneapolis Duluth vs St. Paul
Thursday	Winona vs St. Cloud Minneapolis vs St. Paul	Duluth vs Rochester Austin vs Mankato
Friday	Consolations	Championships

