



# THE STATE OF BOYS

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## What's the Whole Bee Thing with St. Paul?

*Bergen Segedy, St. Paul*

You may be noticing that St. Paul has been doing this strange bee stuff lately, making “*Buzzzzzzzz*” noises and saying things like “Where my bees at?” or “Do it for the hive!”. Well, it seems odd, that’s for sure, but there’s more to it than meets the eye.

What started as a small joke quickly developed into an identity. Thanks to St. Pauler Dawson Blek, we have developed an identity that is relatable and meaningful for all of us. So, what is the hive and the culture it offers?

To begin with, each and every single one of us is a bee, working together with a goal to succeed and doing so with a strong sense of unity. In our hive, every bee has a role, and every role matters.

Defining our hive, we have four main terms, the first being “The Hive,” which represents our St. Paul group and our community. The second is “The Bees”, which represents all of us individually and how we work together to add to this hive. The third one being “The Queen Bee(s)”, which represents our leadership and counselors who are always there to help guide us to improve our hive. Lastly, we have the most important, being of course “The Buzz”, which is a term that represents our vibrant culture and distinguishable energy.

All of these terms may seem a little wacky to outsiders, but for us, they represent a sense of community and a larger family that we have here at Boys State. Just like bees, we are constantly building onto our hive and family together, forming memories, building friendships, and creating an epic start to our summer.

The boys repping St. Paul are not just a ragtag group of 28 people; rather, we’re one big hive, working together for the ultimate success of not just ourselves, but each other.

So, where my Bees at?



# Catching the Bees

*Carter Rossman, Minneapolis*

The Cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul have always had animosity between each other. Being named the twin cities and also the biggest cities by population in the state places a lot of competition between them. This rivalry comes to a head at Boys State in Minnesota as The Busy Bees of St. Paul begin to get caught by new The Beekeepers of Minneapolis.

On the first day of Boys State, St. Paul declared themselves as The Busy Bees in one of their city meetings. They even came up with a catchphrase of buzzing on command. There has also been a bit of "buzz" between the two cities about a possible rivalry.

The next day, after the elections within the cities, Minneapolis decided to combat St. Paul's new mascot by creating their own: The Beekeepers. Nick, one of Minneapolis' counselors, was named our head mascot as the beekeeper himself.

Boys State won't "bee" hearing much buzzing now!



## The First Day of Sports

*Kort Booth, St. Cloud*

As we know; basketball, volleyball, and kickball have all “got the ball rolling” with their first day of competition! Congratulations and job well done to all winners! And for the people who lost their games? Keep trying! This isn’t over yet, so please try to remain steady and alive and remember to leave nothing on the table! We pretty much have the whole week ahead of us so eat well, sleep well, and well... stay well!

**SHINE BRIGHT**



## The Buzz Around Campus

*Bergen Segedy, St. Paul*

Congratulations! We have all made it through our first full day of Boys State. We have now experienced what the typical day will look like, and it’s a lot. From our schools of instruction to our assemblies to our choir and athletics, day two has already done more for us than we could’ve ever imagined.

Yesterday, we learned skills every one of us will continue to use throughout this week. While Parli Pro and local government (sexy) will be the most





obvious examples, I would like to recognize the education that will dock with us forever, even outside government. Yesterday, we were given the opportunity to learn about expectations. While we learned plenty about the negatives of expectations, I would encourage all of us to expect great things moving forward throughout the week. Boys State offers so many great opportunities to do something amazing, but it is up to us to take those opportunities. As we advance into country and state opportunities, I would advise all of you to put aside your negative expectations and go for it. Take advantage of all your opportunities. As our panel said yesterday, “if you try and you fail, you didn’t truly fail.” The important thing for all of us is that we try.

**Question: How do you feel following City elections? What are you looking forward to entering into County and State coordination?**

The position I have been given I have strongly advocated for myself. I have brought my voice as my strongest aspect of leadership. I’m looking forward to meeting new like minded people and gaining further insight into spreading the ideas and legacy of my city.

**Jacob - St. Paul**

## Fast Facts

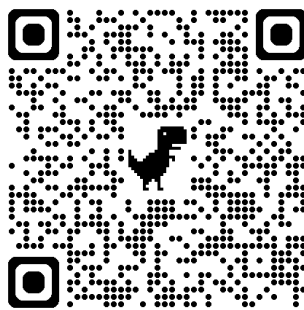
Activities engaged in by Boys’ Staters over the years include table tennis, tennis, softball, basketball, volleyball, newspaper, band, and chorus.

The highest attendance at Minnesota Boys’ State was \_\_\_\_\_

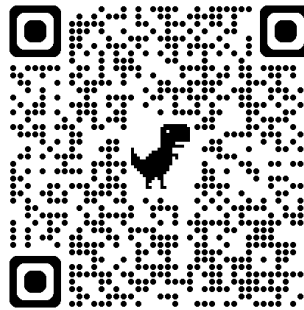
At one time, there was an exchange program with Canada. Two boys from Minnesota attended in Canada, and two Canadians attended Minnesota Boys’ State.

## Youtube Videos

Check out this Youtube content created by your fellow delegate, *Shyam Manikandan, Winona* !



[Video Link 1](#)



[Video Link 2](#)

## Editorial Note

To our confused or concerned reader,

No, you haven’t been stung in the head. Yes, every headline in this issue is, somehow, about bees. Why? Because a St. Joseph mayor explained to our delegation he voted against his own sponsored ordinance about beekeeping, and like any responsible journalistic institution, we responded with dignity, grace, and a full thematic spiral. So here we are: one buzzword led to another, and suddenly the entire paper became a hive of activity. Whether you’re a drone for politics, a queen for drama, or just here for the pollen-tics, we hope you find this issue un-bee-lievably informative.

Signed,  
The Editorial Board of *State of the Boys*

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