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American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State Gearing Up

(Lincoln) May 14, 2024 - Nearly 270 high school juniors from across Nebraska will be participating in American Legion Cornhusker Boys' State, June 2 – 8 at the University of Nebraska Lincoln downtown campus. The annual citizenship program, sponsored by the Nebraska American Legion, is designed to provide youths with a better understanding of how city, county and state governments operate. Each boy is sponsored locally by an organization such as an American Legion Post, or by some other patriotic, civic, fraternal or religious group in cooperation with the local American Legion Post.

Cornhusker Boys' State is set up as a functional "51st state" and each boy learns how government subdivisions operate by actually doing the job. Participants will campaign for offices, hold elections, compete in athletics, and be involved in other varied activities as part of the citizenship training program.

Citizens of American Legion Cornhusker Boys ' State are instructed in the duties of various public offices - they learn the functioning of each office and its powers and limitations. They set up their own state government, draft bills, and are taught the proper method of law enforcement.

Textbooks are provided explaining the practical operation and function of government agencies. Special lectures and addresses are delivered by experienced public officials and professional leaders including Supreme Court Chief Justice Michael Heavican, Secretary of State Robert Evnen, and Nationally acclaimed motivational speaker JoAnne Owens-Nauslar.

Graduation will be held on Saturday, June 8, at 10:00 a.m. at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln.

The American Legion is dedicated to the motto of “Veterans Strengthening America.” Chartered by Congress in 1919, The American Legion is committed to mentoring youth and sponsoring wholesome community programs, advocating patriotism and honor, promoting a strong national security, and continued devotion to servicemembers and veterans. Legionnaires in more than 12,500 posts across the nation and regions overseas serve their communities with a devotion to mutual helpfulness.

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