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**BOYS STATE
OF KANSAS**

Parents/Guardian of 2021 Delegates Should Read This Letter and save for future reference.

Dear Parent/Guardian of a 2021 Boys State Delegate:

Congratulations on your son's selection as a delegate to the 2021 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 11:00 am – 12:30 pm on Sunday, August 1st (this date is corrected from the letter mailed to you)**, 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 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 website - **www.ksbstate.org**. Once there, click on the "2021 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 site helpful to your understanding of the camp.

As of this letter, a COVID vaccine is recommended, but not required, for your son. Proof of a negative polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test within 72 hours of attending will be required. If we have any significant changes, we will do our best to contact you and your son. The most current information on COVID protocols can be found on K-State's website, which is updated weekly: www.k-state.edu/covid-19.

And finally, due to COVID restrictions we are not allowing parents/guests to attend any of our events. However, there may be a chance that may change, and we will allow attendance at our Closing Ceremony on Saturday, August 7th from 9:30 to 10:30 am in the Ballroom of the KSU Student Union. Some of our events will be livestreamed over the internet, and more information will be forthcoming about how that will work.

Especially important! A second part of this packet is on-line at: <https://ksbstate.org/program-information/delegate-packet>. Please review it prior to your son's arrival. Finally, the camp ends, and your son is dismissed around 11:30 am on Saturday, August 7th.

Sincerely,

