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To: Texas Boys State Chairman <chairman@texasboysstate.com>
Subject: Update #2 (important) | 2023 Texas Boys State | 4 DEC 2022

Update #2: Texas Boys State 2023

Good morning. This is probably the most important initial update as we all gear-up for 2023!

Please disseminate across the Department.

1. **All systems a go (as of 1 December)!** Sending all to you now, so we can build more energy now, you can start to more directly connect with your community, and you can do what we need you to do in your local areas for planning.
2. THANK YOU to the Executive Committee for getting all things set so early this year!
3. For your use:
 - Attachment #1 = 2023 TXBS Brochure.
 - Attachment #2 = 2023 TXBS Fact Sheet.
 - Review this 2:17 sizzle video (2022) and share it far-and-wide (can help in your local advertising) – click here: [National Video on TXBS Onsite Return!](#)
 - Attachment #6 = some direct quotes from Statesmen, if helpful to you as you advertise. If nothing else, take a look at the quotes as they should inspire you to action . . . this Legion program changes lives. Period.
 - Attachment #5 = simple, but cool advertising poster from Post 10. And note the use of the QR code, to maximize technology!
 - TXBS website is up-to-date and is a primary source of info for you, please: www.texasboysstate.com
4. It's Takes a Village. 'Ol school military style, we humbly ask you to join our formation and get your hands dirty on this mission, and connect with your Legion teammates to bring as many Posts into the fold as humanly possible.
 - What you do locally is key to our success in finding premier talent deserving of this experience. Thank you!
 - *Where does your Legion crew stand?*
 - Attachment #3 = roll-up of TXBS attendees by District from 2014-2022 (also pasted below).
 - Attachment #4 = roll-up of TXBS attendees by Post.
 - That is over 8095 young leaders you have collectively impacted over the last 9 years! Oh yeah!
5. All prior updates from us are included in each update we send. You can thus refer back to prior updates with ease, and we don't have to repeat information. Update #1 is at the bottom of this message.
6. Our first application for 2023 actually came in on 4 OCT 22, from Alvin/Missouri City area—wow! But, now, it's officially time to surge and start your local processes.
7. Your TXBS is the 3rd largest program in the Country, with only 10 delegates separating us from #2.
 - ✓ With your help, let's take that #1 spot and hit our moonshot goal of 1200 Statesmen in 2023.

- ✓ . . . but only with the highest quality youngsters from across the state. Quality is always most important.

8. A very public thank you to Eric Mayer and the team at Post 10/District 20.

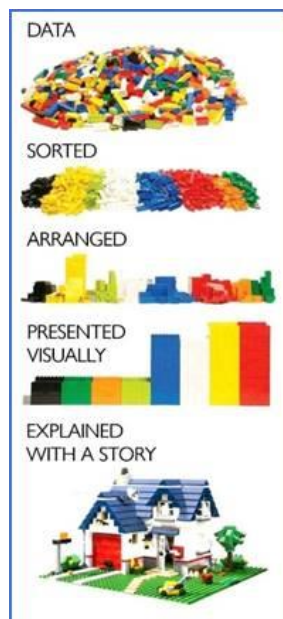
- Eric is leading the charge to work with Posts in the District to connect with at least 25 “unreached” schools in the area to generate interest.
- This is bloody-knuckles work that matters, so thank you Eric (and team) and all the others active across the State just getting it done—particularly reaching into schools in which we do not have a presence. Fabulous!

9. Boys Nation 2022. As a closeout report, if you are not already aware, our Boys Nation Senators performed magnificently in D.C. last summer – receiving particularly exceptional scores from their counselors at Nation.

- ✓ One of our Senators lost his party’s nomination for President by 1 vote!
- ✓ One Senator was his Party’s Party Chairman and the other the Senate Committee Number 2 Chair.
- ✓ They represented our Department and Texas Boys State superbly!



10. Remember, the most powerful thing you can do to influence is tell *the Boys State story*. Consider the infographic below:



11. Overall Roll-up Stats by District (attachment #3)

Overall Stats Rollup by District TXBS										
Year										Grand Total
District	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	
1	15	5	10	23	25	34	18	22	20	172
2	14	3	5	16	20	12	16	20	16	122
3	11	7	9	22	20	25	27	18	17	156
4	54	57	61	95	105	94	92	77	81	716
5	20	17	24	28	30	37	40	31	21	248
6	49	25	45	50	43	52	43	38	33	378
7	51	46	37	69	62	62	51	46	43	467
8	56	43	50	44	58	54	57	62	48	472
9	40	24	40	62	56	64	47	58	56	447
10	84	83	71	94	110	96	82	89	86	795
11	8	8	4	16	15	21	25	24	21	142
12	41	28	31	44	41	42	58	42	50	377
13	39	37	41	53	74	64	55	58	54	475
14	28	22	20	57	50	41	39	36	36	329
15	33	25	17	46	43	39	42	41	25	311
16	10	3	9	12	14	17	14	15	17	111
17	5	6	5	15	15	9	8	7	7	77
18	23	11	21	26	22	22	28	41	40	234
19	20	16	21	38	39	41	42	47	48	312
20	85	65	63	86	97	81	66	81	76	700
21	26	19	14	33	40	40	45	34	46	297
22	56	58	47	67	87	79	68	67	58	587
23	10	4	12	18	24	33	31	28	10	170
Total	778	612	657	1014	1090	1059	994	982	909	8095

We are at your service.

Wishing everyone a great holiday and exceptional 2023!

Sincerely,

Your TXBS Executive Committee

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From: Texas Boys State Chairman <chairman@texasboysstate.com>
Sent: Friday, November 18, 2022 10:16 AM
To: Texas Boys State Chairman <chairman@texasboysstate.com>
Subject: Update #1 | 2023 Texas Boys State | 18 NOV 2022

Update #1: Texas Boys State 2023

Dear Legion Leadership and others – please **disseminate this note widest** and in every way you deem best. Thank you.

Dear Warrior Legion Family across the State – good day to you.

Regarding your American Legion Texas Boys State:

1. It's time! Let us **don our helmets together** for 2023. All hands on deck!
2. Thank you, in advance, for what you will do this year for your Texas Boys State.
3. We hope to change the lives of at least 1200 youngsters, but can only hit that number of Statesmen (and beyond) with your help.
4. Last year, as we went back in-person out of COVID, **only 358 Texas schools** (~11 of all Texas schools) were represented across the 783 Statesmen.
 - **We need you.** Energize your friends, your Posts, and local schools.
 - Key to our success—always—is you doing the heavy-lifting locally finding the best young talent for the honor of this program.
 - At our next update, we will share information on which Posts have been involved and the numbers of lives changed by that involvement over the last many years.
 - In 2022, 179 Texas Legion Posts were represented at Boys State.
5. **2023 Program:**
 - **11-16 June 2023.**
 - University of Texas at Austin.
 - Tuition = \$330 per Statesmen (no change from 2022).
6. For your Use:
 - We will soon update our website for 2023 and that will be a primary place for you to find info. www.texasboysstate.com.
 - The sizzle and other advertising-type info (the 2023 flyer and such things) are in the works and we will provide to you once complete.
7. Your TXBS program changes lives and builds servant leaders that are ready to lead in the future in accordance with our Legion values.
 - ✓ “I can easily say that Boys State was the most valuable and impactful experience of my life.”
 - ✓ “I was able to grow a significant amount and learned many lessons that I will need throughout my life. I was able to improve my communication skills and leadership skills. I learned about the political process, leadership, and how to get involved and connect with others.”
 - ✓ “Texas Boys State has truly been one of the most memorable experiences of my entire life. This past week has taught me more about life than any other program I have been a part of and has made me even more excited to go out into my community and generate positive change. Boys State is a once-in-a-lifetime experience, and I am beyond grateful that I was able to participate in this exceptional program.”
8. If you wish for anyone else to be included directly on future TXBS email updates, please have them click at the link below.
 - If you received this note directly from the Chairman email, you do NOT need to insert contact data.
 - Otherwise, click here to insert contact data if you wish: <https://forms.gle/evFVCxHDsimZqK1V6>

There is no other program like this on the planet, as you know.

While sometimes it feels like the world is on fire, that is counter-balanced by what your Boys State does in building resilient, centered, values-focused, leaders of character . . . to better our future . . . because they “Learn by Doing.”

Let's get at it!

Warmest Regards,

Your TXBS Executive Committee

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