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1st Full Day of Boys State: A HUGE Success...

Memorial Day was full of activity on Monday, May 30th. This day is very busy for all personnel within the Boys State organization. Delegates start each full day with Calisthenics. These exercises consist of stretching, along with the famous “**Boy’s State Squat Jumps.**” In the drill, all delegates are split into 2 large groups. As each group drops to the ground, they jump up while yelling “BOYS” alternating with “STATE”. Boys Staters can be heard miles away with a chant like this. Other drills include side straddle hops.

Here’s a brief rundown of what took place on Monday:

- Arkansas Representative **Will Bond** challenged the delegates to “**Live the Dash**” as they grow up and mature throughout life. The dash is so important to him because he explains how we can all relate to a dash. Everyone’s tombstone will someday have a dash between our date of birth and the date for which we’ll die. It’s important that we live our lives to fullest, filling up that dash we possess.
- Deputy Executive **David Sachar** gave an insightful presentation titled “*3 Things I’ve Learned since Boys State ’86.*” In this he emphasized how preparation outweighs talent in regards to his experience as a professional in the legal field. Throughout this time, Sachar explained that he’s preferred criminal cases over traditional civic cases.

Throughout the day, the political process continued to progress. The County Convention took place for both Federalists and Nationalists along with school board elections, City meetings lead individually by all 20 mayors, along with county elections taking place after speeches were given. The night finished off with the County Judges discussing problems within their respective county.



Legion Night had a FABULOUS turnout. Dozens of Legionnaires came out to be a part of this commemorative night. We were excited to see local media come out and capture this special event for the surrounding communities to see. Also in attendance was **Chuck Gatlin**, a Nashville recording Artist currently residing in Little Rock.

Here’s what’s coming up TODAY: Tuesday, May 31st

- ❖ 8:30am: Mock Trial Presentation (Various local attorneys)
- ❖ 2:00pm: Party Platform Delegation Meeting
- ❖ 6:30pm: **Shane Broadway** – Interim Director ADHE

Other Political events taking place throughout the day are District Conventions, Party Platform Delegate Meetings, District Elections, followed by the nightly Leadership Discussions (by County) which are monumental to this program and its founders.

For further information or directions to various events, contact media relations coordinator Craig DePew at: (479) 236-6144, or visit the Arkansas Boys State website for all the **LATEST ELECTION RESULTS at www.arkansasboysstate.com. We welcome reporters to come and experience the excitement taking place at Boys State 2011.**

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