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Subject: Update #1 | 2024 Texas Boys State | 27 AUG 2023

Hello Legion Friends –

Below please find **Update #1** for **Texas Boys State 2024**.

Please share everywhere, along with attachments.

Remember one of the attachments (**attachment #4 in this note**) is always the updates (in PDF form), for ease in access to the links and the messages, as things get forwarded.

In no particular order:

1. **Thank you**, in advance, for all you will do for the 2024 program.
You are key to success.
2. As always, **quality** remains most important.
Thank you for selecting the very best, of the very best, for this life-changing week.
3. To get you **fired-up** as you start to think about 2024, please see the attachments.
Your program has **unbelievable impact**.
 - a. Report from your Texas Senators about their Boys Nation experience (**attachment #1**) . . .
 - “Attending Boys Nation was like diving into a pool of overachieving and hyperactive piranhas.”
 - “It was apparent that just artificial networking or asking people to vote for you with the shake of a hand wasn’t going to cut it . . .
instead, true connection had to be made, and that was the first “jolt” for me.”
 - b. Some powerful post-program thoughts from 2023 Statesmen (**attachment #2**) . . .
 - “Imagine 30, 17-year-old strangers, gathered in a room charged with the task to agree on hot topics like immigration, abortion, and gun laws.”
 - “Boys State . . . was one of the best experiences of my life . . . that will stick with me . . . and shape who I am for the rest of my life.”

- “As a 6’3, 2-year varsity offensive lineman,
I am not intimidated by face-to-face showdowns,
but I was quiet.” (see attached for more of this story).
 - c. Article from Governor TG Barwa on his experience (**attachment #3**)
... “The crowd erupted in cheers as friends I had made over the week celebrated with
me,
making me feel as though I had known them for years.”
 - d. “The constant exposure to differing viewpoints compelled us
to step out of our comfort zones and engage in constructive conversations
with others who held opposing beliefs.”
 - e. And look at the fantastic picture with TXBS Governor Barwa at the end of the article
(Governor Barwa with Lieutenant General Stuart Risch, graduation speaker).
1. Please click below to see the **2023 yearbook**.
is too large to send via email.
 - a. Thank you to counselor Jim Bynum for assembling that top-shelf document.
 - b. Thank you to counselor Matthew Hartmann for the exceptional photos!
 - c. Click here: [2023 TXBS Yearbook](#)
 1. Tentative dates for 2024 Texas Boys State is **9-14 June 2024**.
 1. If you wish to receive email updates regarding TXBS 2024,
please complete the attached 3-question form at this link:
[Distro List 2024 Link](#)

We will share more as we fire up our systems in the coming months.

Cheers!

Your TXBS Executive Committee

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