



AMERICAN LEGION ILLINOIS PREMIER BOYS STATE
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Dear Legionnaires, Supporters, Citizens and Parents,

Due to the continuing developments concerning COVID-19 (Coronavirus) within our state and nation, it is with great regret that we must inform you that the American Legion Illinois Premier Boys State program has been cancelled for the 2020 session. We want you to know that we did not take this matter lightly and that there was in depth conversations before this decision was made. We are joining over twenty other programs, including our national program (Boys Nation), across the nation to place the welfare of our staff, delegates and legionnaires first within the climate that we all currently must endure.

In the next coming weeks, we will begin planning our 2021 session in which we will be making every effort to include those students which have missed out this year. Please note that this will be a one-time addition, so we ask that you continue to recruit, apply and share this information to all that will listen in order to relay this message. All fees previously paid for sponsorship to the 2020 session will be refunded by May 1st, 2020.

On behalf of our board of directors, staff and other supportive legionnaires throughout our state, we wish you and your families all good health. Together, if we all do what is necessary, we will beat this.

For God and Country.
Christopher H. Benigno

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