BADGER BOY'S STATE REPORT

DISTRICT 1 FALL CONFERENCE, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2023

Badger Boy's State is a civic leadership program of the Wisconsin American Legion. Our program is an exciting and important part of the Legion's mission and has an 80-year history of excellence. This week-long youth leadership program is an opportunity that can change a young leader's life.

The 80th session of Badger Boys State was held from June 11-17, 2023 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

We had 681 citizens (down only 17 from last year) from 66 counties and representing 303 high schools across Wisconsin. The 1st District citizen breakdown was: Kenosha - 8 Racine - 20 Rock - 16 Walworth - 18 Waukesha - 51 Total - 113 (which was 16.6% of the total citizens)

It was a very memorable session and one that every attendee will never forget.

Next year's session will take place on June 9-15, 2024 at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Sponsorship packets will be mailed out next week. We believe the sponsorship cost will remain at \$400 p/delegate. Registration information will be sent to school leaders by January 15, 2024. Anyone having questions can contact Sheri Hicks at Legion HQ, she is the program coordinator for Badger Boys State. Her email is <u>sheri@wilegion.org</u> or call 608-745-1090.

Please start your sponsorship programs as soon as you can and be sure to ask your delegates to participate in one of the on line orientations. For a complete list of orientation dates, go to Badger boys <u>state.org/orientation</u>s.

Your sponsorship cards and total amount due should be returned by January 1, 2024. Sponsorships will be accepted after this date so long as space is available on a first come, first served basis.

Respectfully submitted by:

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