



# GEORGIA BOYS STATE

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### CRUMMY WEATHER CRUSHES SCHEDULE; SOME ACTIVITIES CANCELED



#### STORM SMACKS ATHLETICS

Subtropical Depression Alberto has been one of the most visible attendees of the Georgia Boys State camp this year. The effects on the events and schedule have been noticed by most. From the persistent light rain, even to heavy downpours, Alberto has caused several minor headaches and even violent outbursts of rage. While the weather has remained persistently bad, there are still moments of sunshine as candidates' campaign persistently through the rain.

~ John A. McWaters, Editor-In-Chief

#### STUDENTS TAKE A "CHANCE" ON GAMBLING

In this 78th session of Georgia Boys State, the 7th section of the Boys State Laws has fallen under critical review and the contempt of a number of candidates in the upcoming state elections. The aforementioned state law is as follows: "any citizen who shall gamble, or engage in any game of chance or hazard, for money or thing of value, shall be guilty of a felony. One governor candidate called the very wording of the code "indicative of a system that ignores the humane advancements of the bill of rights and the notion of innocent until proven guilty". Such strong language is often a result of fierce campaigning and perhaps is slightly out of touch. Part of the lessons to be gained from Boys State is an appreciation of the greatest legislative document in the history of the world, the Constitution of the United States, however, as leaders, Boys Staters are expected to uphold a moral code and any degradation of such a code would be at worst an affront to Boys State and at best a loss of character. The whole purpose of this course is to train young men to be the leaders of the future and moral flaws are likely to impede the leadership ability of any aspiring leader. The idea is that these rules have been long established and have a rich and tested set of reasons for their establishment and before abandoning them, one should perhaps take a deeper look into the reason for their creation and the assigned purpose of their establishment.

~ Jacob Hall, Editor

#### SPORTS DIRECTOR OPTIMISTIC DESPITE WEATHER.

Georgia Boys state continues their third day at Riverside Military Academy; every city is vying for points to win the coveted "Best City" award. Athletics has a major role in the tally. Sadly due to the inclement weather, sports have been put on hold. However, Athletic Coordinator, Mr. Clay Kicklighter is still optimistic for the program, saying "It is unfortunate that the rain has hampered our efforts, however, sportsmanship continues to be bright and shiny... Safety is our biggest concern." Mr. Kicklighter loves athletics and has been coaching sports for over fifteen years. The competition has been exiting in the days we have been able to play. With Adams County at 30 points, Jefferson has 50 points; Madison has 60 points and Washington County at 20 point.

-Harold Jarquin Ramirez, Editor

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# ELECTION RESULTS

<u>Dorsey:</u>	MAYOR JEAN-LUC CYPHER F
<u>George:</u>	MAYOR EDUARDO MENDOZA N
<u>Gordon:</u>	MAYOR NATHAN JAMES N
<u>Grady:</u>	MAYOR JACKSON BRAGG F
<u>Gwinnett:</u>	MAYOR WILLIAM BARCENA F
<u>Hall:</u>	MAYOR KADE HARROD F
<u>Harris:</u>	MAYOR RAFAEL PASCHAL N
<u>Lanier:</u>	MAYOR NATHAN JUNG F
<u>Long:</u>	MAYOR BLAKE ALAN JOHNSON F
<u>Oglethorpe:</u>	MAYORSTONE PINSON N
<u>Russell:</u>	MAYOR SUDHAN CHITGOPKAR N
<u>Smith:</u>	MAYOR TAYLOR SMITH N
<u>Stephens:</u>	MAYOR SEAN HERNDON N
<u>Talmadge:</u>	MAYOR RAYMOND QIN N
<u>Toombs:</u>	MAYOR RADFORD C WYRICK N
<u>Walton:</u>	MAYOR JONAH ROACH F

### BOYS STATE CITIZEN CHOIR PREPARE FOR GRADUATION.

The choir has been working late at night to prepare three selections for graduation on Saturday. The selections will be released at a later date, but we do know that they honor God, Country, and Culture.

Landon Dodson, a member of the choir, commented saying “[This song] means a lot to me personally, and I want to audition for the solo part because it matches my voice.”

-Joshwell Thompson, Editor