

Gov. Walker: Speaks with participants of the 77th Annual Badger Boys State in Ripon

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Governor Walker proclaims June 9-16 Badger Boys State Week throughout Wisconsin

RIPON – Governor Scott Walker today addressed attendees of the 77th Annual Inauguration Ceremony at Badger Boys State. Approximately 870 young men from throughout Wisconsin were selected to participate in Badger Boys State in an effort to give them hands-on experience learning about city, county, and state government functions.

“Badger Boys State is a great opportunity for young men to learn the many puzzle pieces that come together to effectively and efficiently run a government,” said Governor Walker. “As someone who attended Badger Boys State, this program taught me the importance of public service, patriotism, and hard work. I’m sure this outstanding program will have the same impact on these young men.”

Students are nominated to attend Badger Boys State, and local American Legion Posts usually serve as the clearing center for sponsoring organizations. Badger Boys State was first held in 1939 at St. John’s Military Academy in Delafield. It has been held annually ever since but was moved to Ripon College in 1941.

Governor Walker attended Badger Boys State in 1985 when he was a student at Delavan Darien High School. He selected as one of two from Wisconsin to attend Boys Nation that summer. Later, he served on the staff of both programs while attending college.

Governor Walker has also proclaimed the week of June 9 – June 16 as Badger Boys State Week. A copy of his proclamation is [here](#).