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Dear American Legion Members of Post 252,

My name is Chance Brayman and I was your 2011 Boys State delegate. Let me first thank all of you for this amazing opportunity. This has easily been the best week of my life. Without the help of you I could have never been exposed to the knowledge here at Boys State. The day I arrived at SAC State we had a General Assembly where two men from the first ever Boys State. It was amazing to hear the stories of how Boys State was run in a Barn buck. Then I was honored to have been able to listen to them speak, they truly are legends. While here I was elected Superior of the County of Chambers. It was an eye opening experience that helped me to realize and understand how difficult it is to run our County. For the first time ever in Boys State there was a 1 vote difference in the Secretary of State office. I'm sure this was a learning experience for everyone because it taught us all that every single vote counts. As soon as I'm 18 I promise to register to vote, and I will vote for every possible office because every position counts and has a role to play. But this week was about more than just Government, it taught me about friendship and equality as well. All 950 of us came here on the same level, our race, income, skills, and family life didn't matter. We all learned to accept each other for who we are as a person. I know friendships made here will last a lifetime, and I'm grateful for each and every boy I met this week. I also spent a day at the Capitol. It really is a beautiful place and it made me proud to be from California. Thank you again for this amazing opportunity as a California Boys State delegate.

-Chance Brayman