



AMERICAN LEGION POST 490

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On Thursday, September 20, 2018 we will be hosting our 28th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament. All of the funds generated from the golf tournament are earmarked for the American Legion Post 490 Children and Youth programs.

American Legion Baseball was founded in 1925 and has a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic leagues. 75% of all college and over 50% of all pro baseball players participated in the American Legion Baseball Program. It allows boys from all economic backgrounds to play ball. Scholarships are awarded at the national level to one player from each state.

Boys State was founded in 1935 and is among the most respected and selective educational programs of government instruction for U.S. high school students. It is a participatory program in which students become part of the operation of local, county and state government. Legion posts select high school juniors to attend the program. Here in Texas they go to University of Texas – Austin for a week. Boys State activities include legislative sessions, court proceedings, law-enforcement presentations, assemblies, bands, choruses and recreation programs. The students learn the rights, privileges and responsibilities of citizens. The 2 top students from each state will attend Boys Nation in Washington D.C. Last year we were able to send 7 boys to Austin thanks to generous donations.

The Oratorical Contest is open to high school students. It is a Constitutional speech contest and was first started in 1938. The program teaches important leadership qualities, the history of our nation's laws, the ability to think and speak clearly, and an understanding of the duties, responsibilities, rights and privileges of American citizenship. The students prepare a speech on some aspect of the U.S. Constitution with emphasis on the duties and obligations of citizens to our government. The speech must be 8 to 10 minutes long. Then an impromptu speech will be given on an assigned topic that will be 3 to 5 minutes long. The students start at the post level and proceed to District, Division, State and National. The winner of each level earns scholarship funds. The winner from each state will go on to National.

Post 490 participates in the American Legion School Awards which makes presentations to the graduating top male and female students at the local high schools, intermediate and elementary schools. There are also Scholarship Funds available for members and their families that are enrolled in college or technical school.

We would greatly appreciate any donation you or your company could give; either merchandise, memorabilia, cash donations, hole or cart sponsorships. We will be having BBQ at the Post after the tournament where your donations will be publicized. Your business name will be seen by golfers & sponsors on the day of the event. Post 490 has close to 2500 members who support businesses that assist with our fund raising events to fund our Children & Youth programs. The American Legion is a 501(C) 19 non-profit veterans' organization and all donations are tax deductible, a tax exemption letter can be provided.

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