

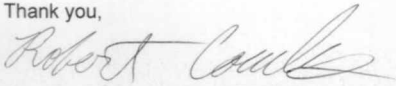
June 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Dear Lions Club:

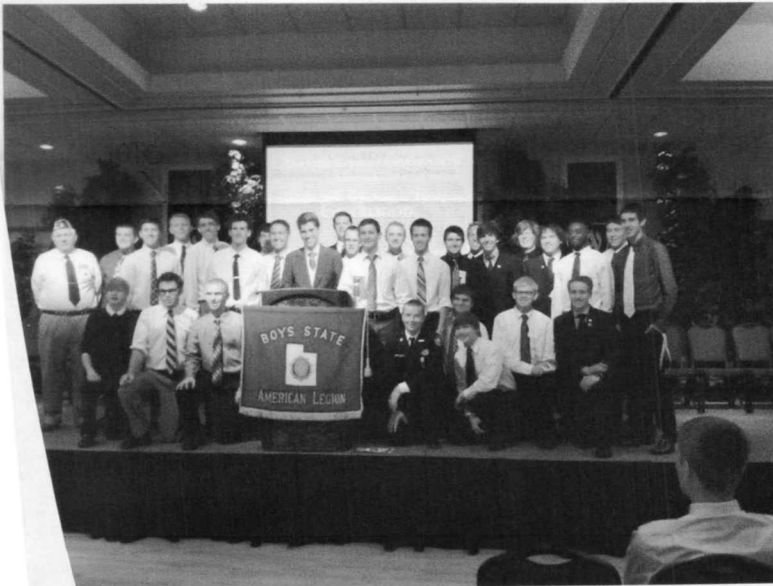
Thank you for the donation you made for my trip to Boys State. I had so many amazing experiences while there. I met so many great people and learned a lot about the way city, county, and state governments are run. I was appointed to the position of Fire Chief the first day, and was elected to the positions of county voting delegate, and state voting delegate by my party at each level. I ran for the office of County Commissioner, and Boys Nation Senator. At the end of the week my "city" won third place overall for the sports competitions that were held during the week, and I personally received a Presidential Scholarship from Weber State University.

I am grateful for your willingness to help make this experience possible. I have been inspired to be more politically active throughout my lifetime and hope to make positive contributions to my community and our nation.

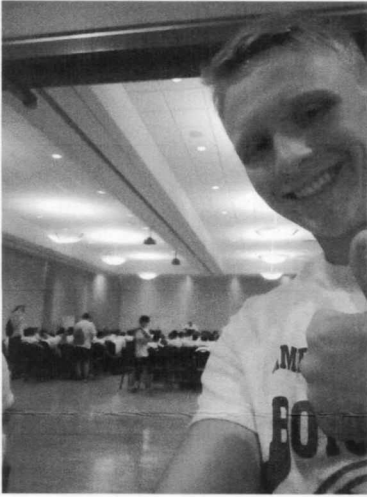
Thank you,



Robert Cowles



This is my city, "Schwartz". The first day all of the boys are separated into cities and political parties. We are nationalists or federalists. Then, we appoint a mayor and city council members. The mayor then appoints people to appointed city positions. Over the next few days we listen to speakers and do a similar process on the county and state levels. There are two cities in each county and the state consists of every boy at Boys State.



This is me outside the state caucus meeting for the nationalist party.



This is a debate between politicians from the Republican and Democratic parties. They allowed us to ask them about any topic we liked and both parties got to respond.

This is an actual polling booth that used to be used with the hole punches that were used before electronic voting was implemented.  
We voted here for every election.

