

2024-2025 Youth Activities Program

PROGRAM PARTICIPATION:

Posts are encouraged to review the following examples of possible activities within each youth activity category. Each represents an opportunity for Post sponsorship or support.

Category 1: Sports/Athletics - Track, basketball, softball, baseball, bowling, soccer, swimming, Special Olympics, hockey and any sport/athletic sponsorship.

Category 2: Scouting/Organization - Boy Scouts, Explorers, Ventures, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, Daisy, Boys and Girl Clubs of America, Naval Sea Cadets, Civil Air Patrol, JROTC, Future Farmers of America, 4-H clubs and any other youth organization sponsorship.

Category 3: Contests/Special Events - Parades, talent shows, picnics, dances, fishing derbies, walk-a-thon, rifle/pistol competitions, bike-a-thons, VOD and Patriot Pen

Category 4: Educational /Instruction - Ceramics, stamp collecting, model building, leather craft, missing children (child ID).

Category 5: Recognition/ROTC/JROTC/Civil Air Patrol/Naval Sea Cadets - Achievement award, (medal and citation), Eagle Scout Award Certificate, Gold Award, Honor Certificates for students or other Trophy/Plaque Presentation. Honor Certificates for young people doing heroic deeds such as saving a life.

Category 6: Projects/Others - Build or repair baseball diamonds, soccer fields, playgrounds, donate equipment, and VFW National Home, Camp Trotter contributions. Use your imagination in this category.

PROGRAM REPORTING:

Support the youth in your community and report your activities as soon as a project is completed or a monetary contribution is made. Our goal is to have all Posts reported by the Fall Conference.

All projects must be reported using the Department Online Reporting Form.
DO NOT SEND WRITTEN REPORTS TO THE DIRECTOR.

- Be sure you read your programs and due dates for each program.
- When reporting your Youth Activities remember to do the following:
- Report all activities by the 10th of the following month.
- Keep a copy of all your reports.
- Check your Department Activities Report regularly to ensure your report was received.

PROGRAM AWARDS:

Due to the time needed in preparing the awards for the 2025 State Convention, judging will be based on the May 1, 2024 through April 30, 2025 Department Activity report.

Awards will be based on the following point system:

- Three (3) Points for each month a youth project is credited on the Department Activity Report
- Ten (10) Points for sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Voice of Democracy entry. Taken from the All-American dashboard.
- Ten (10) Points for sponsoring or co-sponsoring a Patriot's Pen entry. Taken from the All-American dashboard
- Ten (10) Points for sponsoring each Scout of the year entry.
- Ten (10) Points for sponsoring each Cadet of the year entry.
- Ten (10) Points for volunteering time or money to the National Home for Children.
- Five (5) Points for each child sponsored to Camp Trotter for children.
- Ten (10) Points for volunteering time or money to Camp Trotter.
- Ten (10) Points for recognizing a Youth Hero. (Must contact Director)

A citation will be presented to the top three Posts in each membership division as shown below. The Post membership divisions are based on the June 30, 2024 National membership report.

Division I **10-65**
Division II **66-125**
Division III **126-225**
Division IV **226 & OVER**

A citation will be presented to the District with the highest average per Post point total.

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