

# Maine State Grange~~ Junior Program 2017-2018

## \*\*\*Junior Grange Events\*\*\*

- March 7<sup>th</sup> 2018** Junior Committee Meeting Time: 7pm  
Location: Cole Farms, Route 202~Gray, Me.
- March 31, 2018** Location: Highland Lake Grange~~Time: 1-5  
Westbrook, Me.—. Junior Public Speaking,  
Sign-a-song, or Sign the Alphabet, Junior  
Grange meeting to follow.
- May 2018** Junior Committee Meeting Time: 7pm  
Location: Panera Bread—Auburn, Me.
- June 8 & 10** Junior Camp Location:  
Enterprise Grange #48 (Friday night optional)
- July** Family Camp-Out—Judging for junior crafts,  
Followed by Junior Committee meeting.

## \*\*\*Membership\*\*\*

Junior members are ages 5-14. Children learn important principles and values through our organization. We have all been given a challenge in our Granges, to increase our membership.

**New Contest: JUNIOR'S ONLY!!** Bring a friend to Grange each month and if he /she joins and attends for One Year, you will be entered to win \$50.00 cash.

### **\*\*\*Junior's Craft Contest\*\*\***

These contests will be judged on Saturday at Family Camp Out in July [unless otherwise noted]. General Rules: Must be a Junior Grange Member. Age Groups: 5-7, 8-11, and 12-14. Entry Forms: On the back of each item attach a piece of paper or index card with the contestant's name, age, date of birth, address, and Junior Grange name and number. Judging: Judging will be based on creativity, originality, use of material, and use of theme (if there is one) and/or other criteria as determined by the judges.

**Decorated Baseball Cap:** Use a plain white baseball cap. You may use any material (examples: markers, glitter, shapes, ribbon etc.) to decorate your baseball cap. Be very creative! If you will be going to junior camp baseball caps will be provided along with materials to decorate with or bring your own materials.

**Photography:** Photo must be no larger than 8" x 10" and no smaller than 5" x 7". You may enter as many as you wish, but will receive only one prize at the Jr. Grange level. Entries will go on to the State Lecturer's Photo contest and will be returned after State session in October 2018. (Categories: Grange, people, animals and other creatures, nature, scenery, buildings and other structures, other.) Attach an enter form to the back of each photo.

**Twine Planter:** 1. Wash and dry a cardboard food container like one in which peanuts are packed in. 2. Start at the bottom of the container and spread a little glue around the outside. Press the end of a long piece of cotton cord into the glue, and wind the cord around the container until it is covered. 3. To make a stencil, cut a small square from a greeting card box. Draw a design of your choice in the middle, cut out your design, doing the same for each stencil you make. 4. Dip a dry brush in just a little poster paint. Wipe the brush on a towel to get rid of the excess paint. 5. Hold the stencil near the base of the container. Rub the dry brush over the cutout shape. Embellish it if you want to. Size: Max. 6 x 6 x 6"

**Wooden Plaque:** Use 12 pop-sickle sticks or 12 twigs. 1. Spread a thin layer of glue on two sticks, or two twigs, place them **vertically**, glue side up, 2. Position the remaining sticks on top of the glue **horizontally**. 3. Cut a picture from an old magazine or greeting card, and glue it onto the sticks. For a hanger, glue a piece of yarn to the back.

**Seashell Planter:** Using a ½ gallon size milk jug, soak it in warm water to make it easier to cut and remove label. With Adult Supervision, cut away the top section of the bottle leaving it no taller than 5 ½", this ensures your total dimension size. Glue seashells on the bottle in any pattern and let them dry. Once dried, spread glue over the rest of the bottle and sprinkle with sand, gently pressing sand into the glue to help it stick. Max. Size: 6 x 6 x 6".

**Keepsake Box:** Cover a shoe box and lid with large brown bag or brown wrapping paper. Think of a theme that you would like the keepsake box to represent. If you like horses, for example, cut out horse pictures from an old magazine or calendar. If you like baseball, cut out baseball pictures. Decorate the outside of the box and lid with your theme pictures. Store mementoes in the box. Must use shoe box!

**Hanging Christmas Tree or Silver Bells:** Hanging Christmas Tree: Place egg cartons (in the shape of a tree) on a poster board, then glue them on the board. Once dried, glue garland in every low spot on the egg carton, then decorate. Be creative. Silver bells: Cut three pillars from a cardboard egg carton. Cover them inside and outside with acrylic paint. Sprinkle them with glitter and let dry. Attach a string to a metal bell and tie a knot about 1" above it. Poke a small hole in the top of each cardboard bell, and pull the string through the hole until the knot is against the inside of the bell. Tie a knot in the string on top of your bell. Gather all your strings together and tie a knot. Hang the bells in a window or on a door. You may do both projects, but you can only enter 1 of them in the contest. No extra points/prizes for doing both projects.

**Creative Writing:** Write a story about this year's theme: (Stand Up and Speak Out for the Junior Grange) or be as creative as you can by telling your own story. Entries must be a minimum of 2 pages long and a maximum of 5 pages. Double spaced, typed or handwritten.

**Creative Art:** Draw or paint a picture showing what the theme means to you, Theme is "Stand Up and Speak Out for the Junior Grange". Entries must be no larger than 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.

**\*\*\*Junior Camp~~June 8-10:\*\*\***

To be held at Enterprise Grange #48. Friday Night is optional, we enjoy ritual, crafts, games, fellowship and fun. Educational part will be a Guided tour of the Maine State Museum, scheduled for Saturday June 9. Agenda will be sent out with camp packets.

**\*\*\*Big E Contest\*\*\***

**Make a Planter:** Planter can be made of plastic canvas, craft sticks, duct tape etc. The size: “no larger than 6x6x6”. Make sure you decorate your planter your way. Using our Northeast Regional Grange theme: “Planting seeds at Junior Grange”.

**\*\*\*National Junior Contests\*\*\*and\*\*\*National Grange Merit Badges\*\*\***

**Check the 2017 National Program Booklet**

**for specific details.**

**Public Speaking:** Ages 8-10; 11-12; and 13-14.

**Sign-A-Song:** Manually Sign the Alphabet (5-7Yrs.) Sign-A-Song: Individual (8-14) Group: 7-14

**Creative Art**

**Creative Writing**

**Craft Contests**

-National Junior Contests will be judged at the Family Camp Out weekend.

- Judging for Sign-A-Song and Public Speaking Contests will be March 31<sup>st</sup> 1-5, Location: Highland Lake Grange. Notify the Junior Director if you are planning to enter. Junior meeting will follow the contests.

**Badges:** Level 1 (recommended for members ages 5-9)  
The Grange Adventure: Taking Part \* About Subordinate  
\*Membership Growth \* Kelly-Farm Support\* Manual Alphabet\*  
Attendance\*Postal Museum\* Grange Programs\* Helper\* Public  
Display\*. Please check out the Newest National Grange Badge  
Program. Visit [www.nationaljuniorgrange.org](http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org)

**Other Junior Contests:** Check the **CWA** and the **Lecturer's**  
**Contest** Booklets.

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