

2010-2012
Youth/Young Adult Contests

The Pennsylvania State Grange Youth Department offers a wide variety of programs and contests, designed for Grange members of all ages. The Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song contests are open to all ages. We have revised the contests and programs again this year. We have added some new contests and we have kept some of the old. If you have any questions please check out the Youth Website at [/www.pagrang.org/departments_youth.htm](http://www.pagrang.org/departments_youth.htm).

The Youth program helps to build leaders by offering the Youth Ambassador Program for single males and females, and the Young Couples Program. The State Grange Youth Department is very proud of its past. Please join in the action by participating in these programs. Everyone is encouraged to get involved.

YOUTH MONTH

April is the month for special recognition in the Youth Department. Choose a meeting night in April so that your Youth Department can conduct the meeting or present a portion of the program. This program could involve some type of “community action” project. If you cannot do a program at this time of the year, another time is just as appropriate. You should consider giving a financial contribution to the State Youth “GROWING” Promotional Fund and the National Youth Leadership Fund during this month. These funds help support the Youth Department activities, leadership conferences, etc.

YOUNG COUPLES

Couples competing must have been: Grange members for a minimum of two years and married for a minimum of two years as of November 1 of the year they will represent PA at the National Grange Convention. Also, neither spouse may have reached his/her 35th birthday by November 1 of the year they will represent PA at the National Grange Convention.

Contestants must be present at the Young Adults/Young Marrieds Weekend where the judging will be held. Judging will be based on an interview, ambassadorship qualities and a written test of Grange knowledge.

The selected Young Couple helps to promote and generate enthusiasm for the Youth Department programs and contests.

The Young Couple will serve on the State Grange Youth Committee for one year.

YOUTH AMBASSADORS

Rules for Youth Ambassadors: One male and one female Youth Ambassador may be chosen each year. Previous Ambassadors are not eligible to compete again.

1. Ambassador candidates must be members of the PA State Grange for at least one year and in good standing. If not 6th Degree members, Ambassadors must be willing to become 6th Degree members during their reign.

2. Ambassador candidates must have their parents' consent to compete if under the age of 18.

3. Ambassador candidates must have observed their 16th but not their 22nd birthday by November 1 of the year they will represent PA at National Grange Convention.

4. Ambassador candidates must be single, never have been married, and have no children to be eligible to compete. They must not marry, become pregnant or father children during their reign.

5. Ambassadors must be properly dressed for all Grange related events and must represent the Grange appropriately at all times.

6. Ambassadors must be willing to attend various Grange and agricultural events throughout the state and their region during their reign. These events include State Grange Convention, Farm Show, Planning Meeting, Royalty Trip, Youth Camp, Family Festival, and Ag Progress Days. Other events, local and statewide, may occur during their reign and Ambassadors may be asked to participate in them.

7. Ambassadors must be able to attend the Youth Activities Days at the National Grange Convention to represent Pennsylvania. This convention would be in November following the end of their reign.

8. Ambassadors must be willing to promote the Grange Youth Department activities and contests.

9. Ambassadors will be selected during Youth Camp. Judging is based on ambassadorship, an interview, speaking ability, and a written test of Grange knowledge.

10. Youth Advocates (the 1st runners-up) must be willing to step in should the Ambassador not be able to finish his/her term.

11. Eligibility to run and hold Ambassadorship, and all decisions regarding the Ambassador program are final and will be made with the approval of the State Grange Executive Committee.

This program gives recognition to the outstanding Grange Youth in Pennsylvania.

The Ambassadors serve on the State Youth Department Committee for one year.

YOUTH ACTIVITY DAYS

“State Grange Youth Days” were developed to encourage the Youth and Young Adults from across the state to attend, participate, and learn about the workings of the State Grange Convention. A team of youth officers will be selected to open or close a session at the State Grange Convention. An application will be printed in the Advocate. Each Youth Officer will be in charge of their State Office for the day. They may be invited to serve on a state committee; should attend the meetings, shadow the State Officer for the day and attend Drill Practice. This is a very rewarding experience.

Activities are planned where the Youth/Young Adults can participate. Fun, fellowship and activities are the elements of the State Grange Youth Days, plus making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones.

ACCOMPLISHED DREAMS

Rules:

1. 8 1/2" X 11" sheet of paper
2. Write an article about a Grange event that you participated in and include a picture of the event
3. One event per page
4. You may submit as many pages as you like

Awards:

*** This contest is not judged. Awards are as follows:

1. 3-5 accomplishments

T-shirt

2. 6-7 accomplishments

Sweatshirt

3. 8-10 accomplishments

Sweatshirt and \$10.00 cash

Bring your Accomplished Dreams to State Grange Convention or mail them to the Youth Director by September 30.

YOUTH CAMP

This is a weekend of education, fun and fellowship geared towards the youth of the Grange. Watch The Advocate for the application form and details for the weekend.

Camp Dates: 2011: July 1-3

2012: To be Announced

Camp Location: Camp Sylvan Hills, Centre County

Fee: TBA (the Jonathan Sattazahn Fund will cover \$10.00 of each camper's fees).

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The Public Speaking Contest is an outstanding program that builds leadership in all those who participate. There is no Theme or Subject for this contest. This program is open to Grangers of all ages. There are three age groups. The contest will be held at the Annual State Grange Convention. All first place state winners of the Prepared Speech category are eligible to compete in the National Grange regional contest held the following spring. If the 1st place winner cannot attend the Eastern Regional Youth Conference, the 2nd place winner will be asked to take their place.

There will be three categories this year along with three age divisions as follows:

1. 13-19 years of age
2. 20-29 years of age
3. 30+ years of age

The age of the contestant on the date of the contest will determine the age group. NO PROPS (posters, power point presentations, etc.) are permitted.

Category A: Prepared speech

Contestant's choice of topic - Contestants in Category A will be required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech. The questions will be related to the contestant's chosen speech topic.

Contestants are required to submit three (3) copies of their speech outline. These outlines are not judged; they are for "reference only" by the panel of judges. The copies must be given to the Director(s) before the beginning of the competition.

Time:

Minimum: 4 minutes

Maximum: 7 minutes

Prizes:

1st - \$20.00

2nd - \$15.00

3rd - \$10.00

Category B: Elevator Speeches

You've met someone in an elevator or have been stopped in a restaurant and asked, "What is the Grange?" Your task is to explain what the Grange is to this person in one and one-half minutes (90 seconds).

Prizes:

1st - \$15.00

2nd - \$10.00

3rd - \$5.00

Category C: Impromptu Speeches

An impromptu speech is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. No note cards are used, and topics are generally randomly drawn.

* We hope that by establishing an impromptu speech category members will build confidence and, in the future, participate in the prepared or elevator speech categories.

* Impromptu speeches should be at least one minute in length and not longer than 7 minutes.

* Timekeeper will hold up their hand when the 1-minute mark has been reached and when 6 min. 30 sec. mark has been reached so the speaker knows when he/she can stop.

* Participants will draw two topics, select their choice of the two and return the other topic.

Impromptu speaking will be judged on the following criteria:

Voice – spoke clearly, easy to understand

Stage Presence – dressed neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.

Expression – Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion

Confidence in speaking, content of speech, clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic

One point will be deducted for every 30 seconds a participant is under or over the time established.

Score sheet will be returned to entrants.

Prizes:

1st - \$10.00

2nd - \$5.00

3rd - \$3.00

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The judging for the following contests will be held at the annual State Grange Convention. Entries must be delivered to the Display Room by 10 A.M. Saturday morning of the Convention. If you are unable to attend the Convention, your entries may be sent with a representative from your area.

The entries in the contests at State Grange Convention must be submitted with the following information:

Name

Address

County

Telephone Number

E-Mail Address

Grange Name and Number

Contest Title

Class, Category or Division

NEW

START WITH A CAKE MIX

Rules:

1. Start with a commercial cake mix
2. Add additional ingredients to create a cake only, not a dessert (no creams or puddings - due to spoilages) No refrigeration available.
3. Must include recipe for judges to review
4. Must have visible label information attached to the top

Categories:

- A. Chocolate Variation
- B. White/Yellow Variation
- C. Spice/Fruit/Nut/Variation

Judging guidelines:

- A. Appearance and texture 40 pts.
- B. Taste 30 pts
- C. Uniformity 30 pts.

Prizes:

- 1st: \$20.00
2nd: \$15.00
3rd: \$10.00

The cake is to be prepared and delivered to the State Grange Convention as a finished product. All cakes will be auctioned at the Saturday evening Youth activities at State Grange Convention.

SCRAPBOOK PAGE

Use your own creative ideas and enter the Scrapbook Page contest. The pictures must be Grange related.

Rules:

1. A 12" X 12" (standard) scrapbook page – Grange related
2. Entries may be put in a page saver sleeve.
3. No kits or patterns from magazines or other commercial sources will be accepted.

Judging will be based on general appearance, creativity, neatness, and the skillfulness of scrapbook page technique.

Divisions:

- Juniors 5-13
Youth 14-22
Adults 23+

Prizes:

1st: \$20.00

2nd: \$15.00

3rd: \$10.00

All scrapbook pages are due to the Youth Director by 10 A.M. Saturday during the State Grange Convention. The scrapbook pages may also be mailed to the Youth Director by September 30.

RECYCLED BEVERAGE CONTAINER CONTEST

Rules:

1. 80% of entry must be made with recycled beverage container(s).
2. Nothing requiring electricity to operate is allowed.
3. No perishable materials allowed.
4. Maximum of 16" long by 16" wide and 20 " high.

Categories:

1. Plastic
2. Aluminum
3. Glass
4. Mixed

Classes:

- Junior 5-13
- Youth 14-22
- Adult 23+

Prizes:

1st: \$20.00

2nd: \$15.00

3rd: \$10.00

Entries will be judged on workmanship, creativity, design and general appearance.

NEW

BUILDING BLOCK CREATION

Rules:

1. Size – 16” long by 16” wide by 20” high
2. No kits
3. Individually designed creation using interlocking plastic blocks
4. No motorized items

Categories:

- A. Junior: 5-13
- B. Youth: 14-22
- C. Adult: 23-?

Prizes:

- A. 1st - \$20.00
- B. 2nd - \$15.00
- C. 3rd - \$10.00

Entries will be judged on creativity, design and general appearance.

NEW

GRANGE ADVERTISING

Categories:

- 1. Banner/Poster
- 2. Clothing (T-Shirt/Sweatshirt/Sweatpants)
- 3. Radio/CD or DVD digital media

ALL CATEGORIES MUST INCLUDE THE WORD "GRANGE".

Rules:

- 1. Banner/Poster: No bigger than standard poster size
- 2. Clothing: include T-Shirt, sweatshirt, and sweatpants
- 3. Radio/CD or DVD digital media: no more than one minute

Classes:

- 1. Juniors: 5-13
- 2. Youth: 14-22
- 3. Adult: 23-?

Prizes:

- 1. 1st - \$20.00
- 2. 2nd - \$15.00
- 3. 3rd - \$10.00

PUBLIC SPEAKING – STATE CONTEST ONLY
VISUAL AID PUBLIC SPEAKING

Have you ever thought of participating in the prepared public speaking contest at State Session, but discovered you were unable to use a visual? Well, dust off those school power point presentations, posters, or tri-folds because the Youth Department is sponsoring a Public Speaking contest using some sort of visual aid at Youth Camp.

Rules:

- 1. Speeches must have some form of visual aid to make the presentation more interesting and understandable

2. You may use power points, posters, tri-folds, glogsters, wikis, or other forms of media for your visual aid. The medium you choose to use must be approved by the Youth Director prior to camp.
3. Speeches must be a minimum of 4 minutes; a maximum of 7 minutes

Judging will be based on the following criteria:

1. General appearance, design, creativity and neatness of the visual aid;
2. How helpful the aid was to the overall presentation,
3. Proper demonstration of public speaking skills:
 - Voice – spoke clearly, easy to understand
 - Stage Presence – dressed neatly and appropriately, posture, nervousness, etc.
 - Expression – Delivered speech with enthusiasm and emotion
 - Confidence in speaking, content of speech, clarity of thoughts and ideas on topic

Prizes:

1st: \$15.00

2nd: \$10.00

3rd: \$5.00

****Please be aware that the winners of this contest will not go on to the regional level as this is a State only contest; the National youth department does not sponsor a visual aid speaking contest****