

PA State Junior Grange Contests

"Improvement" the Junior Grange motto, encourages all Junior Grangers to improve through programs and contests. . All Junior Grange activities help our young Junior Grangers to build character and self-confidence. The Junior Grange provides leadership training at all levels. Junior Grangers are encouraged to explore their creativity, initiative and talents through our many contests. While our contests are varied to appeal to many, the goal is the same - to develop respect, responsibility and cooperation by competing with their fellow Junior Grangers.

Here are the 2011 and 2012 Junior Grange contests, there are several changes, please read this guide carefully. GOOD LUCK

STATE-WIDE COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Mark your calendars for the week of April 10, 2011 and 2012. We are encouraging ALL Junior Granges to do some sort of community service during this week. Plan a book drive, pick up trash, bake cookies, make greeting cards for a Vet's home.....these are just a few of the activities Juniors did last year. Please take digital photos and send them to Karen Mohn to include in the Advocate.

RECYCLED CRAFT 2011 - Neckties 2012 - Socks

Recycling is one way in which to help our environment. How many of us truly recycle all that we can? We feel this is one way in which the Jr. Grange can be of help. We want you to make a useful item. Be Creative...

Rules:

- a. Size limitations: No bigger than 24 inches by 24 inches by 24 inches.

Judging guidelines:

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness
- c. Creativity

ACTIVITY PAGE CONTEST

Create a Junior Grange activity page for in the Advocate. The page should be no larger than 8 1/2 by 11 inches. The pages will be judged on originality, neatness and creativity. By entering this contest, you give permission to the Junior Grange Committee to use your entry in an upcoming *Advocate*.

BAKING CONTEST - 2011- Marshmallow or marshmallow fluff 2012 - Cocoa

This project is provided so that Junior Grangers will have the opportunity to learn basic baking skills. It also teaches them how to follow directions. We urge all parents to keep a watchful eye on their children as they participate in this project and to assist your child whenever necessary. Your recipe must include the ingredient for the year's contest.

Rules:

- a. Contestant will use his or her own recipe. NO PRE-MIXED OR BOXED BATTER.
- b. Send six of your marshmallow creations on a paper plate covered with clear plastic wrap or a bowl of your marshmallow creation.
- c. Include the recipe.
- d. Must have visible label information attached to the TOP.

Judging guidelines:

- a. Appearance and texture
- b. Taste
- c. Uniformity

CREATIVE WRITING

This contest is to encourage our children to read and write.

2011 Topic: My favorite beach activity and why.

2012 Topic: My favorite Junior Grange activity and why.

Rules:

- All creative writing entries must use the above topic.
- a. The entry must be typed.

- b. No more than 5 pages.
- c. It can be a poem, song, or story.
- d. Must be an original writing of the person submitting the entry.

Judging guidelines:

- a. Creativity and originality
- b. Content
- c. Neatness

SCULPTURE CONTEST

Make a free standing creation out of anything. Use legos, paper mache, clay, etc

Size not to exceed 10inches X 10inches X 10 inches

Show us your creative designs

Judging guidelines:

- d. Creativity and originality
- e. Content
- f. Neatness

PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST

Note: No gourds will be accepted. DO NOT CARVE THE PUMPKIN. No Junior Grange elimination required. All entries may be brought to State Grange.

Categories:

1. Neck Pumpkins - Not to exceed 24 inches.
 - a. Painted - Paint only, nothing but paint should be used on the pumpkin.
 - b. Most Creative - any materials may be used.
2. Field Pumpkins - Not to exceed 15 inches in diameter.
 - a. Painted - paint only, nothing but paint should be used on the pumpkin.
 - b. Most Creative - any material may be used

NATURE ART

Use your imagination and create something using items found in nature. No larger than 10 inches X 10 inches, no endangered species and no live animals. It will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.

ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Please look in the Lecturer's section of this Program Booklet for the rules and judging criteria.

ART - any medium may be used, must be framed with no glass

- a. Portraits
- b. Animals
- c. Still life
- d. Other

Photography - must be framed with no glass, includes digital photos

- a. People
- b. This is My Country
- c. Those Crazy Animals
- d. Digital graphic artwork
- e. Junior Grange pictures

MINI-Junior Granger ART Gallery

To encourage our mini Juniors (anyone under the age of 5 as of January 1st), we will hold an art gallery just for you. Any art medium may be used. The size of your artwork should be 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ inches X 11 inches or smaller. ALL entrants will receive an art supply, certificate and a ribbon. This "showing" is open to everyone that fits the age requirements. One art piece per child, please.

JUNIOR GRANGE TALENT CONTEST

Categories:

Vocal - individual and group acts

Instrumental - individual and group acts

Other Acts - any performance of a group or individual that involves dancing, gymnastics, etc. Any performances portraying an entertaining act using dexterity of body movements, skill, timing and gracefulness. This class also includes any performance that involves an oral presentation, such as skits, readings, etc.

Contest will be held at Family Festival. **CONTESTANTS MUST PRE REGISTER with the Junior Grange Director by June 15th.**

FIRST PLACE WINNERS FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR MAY NOT ENTER THE FOLLOWING YEAR IN THE SAME CATEGORY, UNLESS IT IS IN A DIFFERENT AGE GROUP OR IF ENTERED IN THE WINNING YEAR IN A GROUP AND ENTERS THE CURRENT YEAR AS AN INDIVIDUAL OR VISA VERSA.

Time limit - no more than six minutes.

ANY ACT DEEMED INAPPROPRIATE WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PERFORM.

Judging guidelines:

- a. Stage presence 15 pts.
- b. Appropriate dress 5 pts.
- c. Skill of presentation 60 pts.
- d. Suitability of the number 15 pts.
- e. Audience appeal 5 pts.

A Best of Show will be chosen from the category winners.

OTHER CONTESTS MAYBE OFFERED TO JUNIORS FROM THE OTHER DEPARTMENTS. PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THROUGH ALL THE CONTEST AREAS TO TAKE FULL ADVANTAGE OF ALL THE PROGRAMS.

MERIT BADGES

Information will be sent upon request or go to pagrange.org and link to the National Grange website or link to the PA State Jr. Grange website.

www.pagrange.org

STATE JUNIOR GRANGE PRINCE AND PRINCESS CONTEST

Our Junior Grange Royalty is chosen at Junior Grange Camp. All 13 and 14 year old Junior Grangers (as of January 1) are eligible to try for this title. The finalists are selected from the results of the test given at camp. The contestants are then judged on: Individual interview, impromptu question, and judges' preference. Their responsibilities are to promote the GRANGE as well as the JUNIOR GRANGE. Be enthusiastic! Junior Grange Royalty will be required to attend Family Festival, State Grange convention, PA Farm Show, Winter Committee Planning meeting, Royalty trip and State Junior Camp. ALL CONTESTANT'S PARENTS' MUST SIGN A PERMISSION FORM BEFORE THE JUNIOR CAN COMPETE.

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMP

2011 Theme: Come to the Grange Islands

2012 Theme TBD at 2011 camp

Camp Location: Camp Sylvan Hills

Fee: TBD for Campers, Helpers and counselors

Camp date: July 3-9, 2011

Any Junior Granger who is in good standing and is at least 8 years of age by Jan. 1, 2011 /2012 may attend camp. You may bring a non-granger to camp one year.

Anyone attending camp over the age of 15, as Jan.1, will be a Helper, IF accepted by the Director. All those attending camp, that are over 18 will be considered Counselors or Workshop leaders. These persons must have their Act 34 and 151 clearances done and copies to the Camp Director by May 31st. These forms can be obtained from the State Jr. Grange Director. A mandatory training will also be held for these persons, prior to the start of camp.

Camp is a great time to meet new friends, learn and have fun!!!!

Watch the Advocate for more information.

JUNIOR JAMBOREE

This jamboree will be held in conjunction with State Grange, in October. Activities will begin Saturday afternoon and may include various activities in the host county. These activities are completely planned and financed by the host committee. The Host Committee is to keep the State Jr. Committee up to date on the planning process. Sunday's activities include the Junior Degree, State Talent Show and introduction of the Junior Grange Royalty to the delegate body. Details will be published in the *Advocate*.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

A beautiful ceremony to honor those Junior Grangers who have attained the age of 14 and have decided to become Subordinate Grange members can be found in the Junior Grange Manual. Graduation and Membership certificates are available by contacting the State Jr. Director.

ACHIEVEMENT REPORT

The purpose of this report is to recognize outstanding achievements by Junior Granges. It also helps the State Jr. Grange Department plan activities for the coming years, based on participation from the prior year.

Awards:

Winners will be recognized at State Grange.

All participants will receive an Achievement Certificate.

NATIONAL GRANGE PROGRAMS

**All entries must be sent to the National Director by October 1.
2011 theme - "I Make a Difference"**

Please refer to the National Grange website for monthly activity suggestions, Merit Badge information, The Dictionary Project, other National JR. Grange contests, and to order Jr. Grange merchandise.

www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

The following rules apply to **all State Junior Grange** contests.

1. All entries must be labeled. Label as follows:
 - a. Name and address of the contestant
 - b. Age as of 1/1/2011 and birth date
 - c. Jr. Grange name and number
 - d. Jr. Leader name
 - e. Category you are entering: ex. Baking age 5-9.
2. In each contest there are two age groups 5 to 9 and 10 to 14 year olds.
 - a. ALL WORK MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY BY THE JUNIOR.
 - b. Eliminations will be held in the local Junior Grange. Each Junior Grange may send three entries per age division per Junior Grange. ONE entry per Junior per contest.
 - c. Any entry that does not comply with the rules may be disqualified.
 - d. For those Jr. Grangers who belong to the PA State Jr. Grange you can bring your exhibits directly to the State Session for judging.
 - e. Once a Junior Grange member has joined the Subordinate Grange at any time through out the year they can no longer compete in Junior contests. This rule takes precedence over the age qualification as of Jan. 1. Example: If a Junior is 14 on Jan. 1, but joins the Subordinate Grange during the year, that Junior can no longer compete as a Junior Granger in the contests.

Awards on the state level:

1st place a ribbon and \$5

2nd place a ribbon and \$4

3rd place a ribbon and \$3

4th place a ribbon and \$2

These awards will be give in each age group (5 to 9, and 10 to 14)

