

Juniors

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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.

Rules for ALL Junior Grange Contests

1. All entries must be labeled. Label as follows:
 - Name and address of the contestant
 - Age as of January 1 of the contest year and birth date
 - Jr. Grange name and number
 - Jr. Leader name
 - Category of entry: ex. Baking age 5-9.
2. In each contest there are two age groups, 5 to 9 and 10 to 14 year olds.
3. ALL WORK MUST BE DONE COMPLETELY BY THE JUNIOR.
4. Eliminations will be held in the local Junior Grange.
5. Each Junior Grange **may send three entries per age division per Junior Grange. ONE** entry per Junior per contest.
6. Any entry that does not comply with the rules may be disqualified.
7. For those Jr. Grangers who belong to the PA State Jr. Grange, bring entries directly to the State Session for judging.
8. 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 January 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 for State Contests:

- 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)

Recycled Craft

- 2015- 2 liter-soda bottle
- 2016 – Clothing

Recycling is one way in which to help our environment. How many of us truly recycle all that we can? This is one way Junior Grangers can help. We want you to make a useful item.

Size limitations: Max. 24x24x24 inches

Judging guidelines:

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

Baking Contest

- 2015- Fruit Muffins
- 2016 – No Bake Cookies

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 when necessary.

Rules:

- a. NO PRE-MIXED OR BOXED BATTER.
- b. Arrange SIX items on a paper plate, cover with clear plastic wrap.
- c. Include the recipe.
- d. Must have visible label information attached to the TOP.
- e. MUST not require refrigeration

Judging guidelines:

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

Creative Writing

2015: Explain why you are a good friend

2016: What I like best about where I live

Rules:

- a. Entries must use the above topic.
- b. The entry must be typed.
- c. No more than 5 pages.
- d. Entry can be a poem, song, or story.
- e. Must be an original writing of the entrant.

Judging guidelines:

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

Sculpture Creation

Categories:

1. Knex, Legos, Building Blocks, etc
2. Any other material

Size limitations: Max. 10 x 10 x 10 inches

Rules:

- a. Must be free standing.
- b. Be creative
- c. Creation can be made of anything: legos, paper mache, clay, etc

Pumpkin Decorating

Categories:

1. Neck Pumpkins – Max. 24” long
 - a. Paint only
 - b. Any other materials
2. Field Pumpkins – Max.15” diameter
 - a. Paint only
 - b. Any other materials

Rules:

- a. No gourds will be accepted.
- b. DO NOT CARVE THE PUMPKIN.
- c. No Junior Grange elimination required, all entries can enter at State Session.
- d. Acrylic paint is suggested, but any kind can be used

Judging guidelines:

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

Foam Craft

Make a useful item using craft foam. Your creation should be 10 inches X 10 inches X 10 inches or smaller. The entire creation must be made using foam, no other medium may be used or added

Judging guidelines:

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness
- c. Usefulness

Origami

NEW CONTEST: Origami comes from the Japanese words ORU meaning to fold and KAMI meaning paper. There’s nothing like the joy of transforming a piece of paper into a container, flower or animal. Origami is fun, easy, inexpensive and great for sharing with others.

Size limitations: Max. 10 x 10 x 10 inches

Rules:

- a. Entire creation must be made of paper.
- b. No other medium may be used or added.

Judging guidelines:

- a. Originality
- b. Neatness of folds
- c. Finished product

Promotional Poster

We want to promote our amazing organization and share how wonderful the Junior Grange is.

Rules:

- a. Use 10 x 15” Foam Board
- b. Use any medium, i.e. paint, markers, etc.
- c. Photos ARE allowed.
- d. Entries will NOT be returned.
- e. All entries become the property of the PA State Jr. Grange.

Judging guidelines:

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

Art and Photography

Please see the Lecturer's section for the rules and judging criteria.

Art – any medium, must be framed, no glass, ready to hang. ALL art may be entered at State Session, no need for a Junior Grange elimination.

Categories:

1. People
2. Animals
3. Landscape
4. Other

Photography – framed, no glass, ready to hang.

Categories:

1. My Family
2. Scenic America
3. Those Crazy Animals
4. Junior Grange
5. Event Collage

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 ½" x 11" 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

Contest will be held at Family Festival. Contestants must pre-register with the PA State Junior Grange Director by June 15th.

Categories:

1. Vocal – individual and group acts
2. Instrumental – individual and group acts
3. Other Acts – individual and group acts. (Any performance that involves dancing, gymnastics, portrays an entertaining act using body movements, skill, timing and gracefulness; also includes oral presentations such as skits, readings, etc.

Time limit – Max. Six minutes.

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.

Note: First place winners from the previous year may not compete in the same category and age group. They may compete in another category, age group or as a group/individual.

Any act thought to be inappropriate will NOT be permitted to perform.

Junior Grange Prince & Princess

Our Junior Grange Royalty is chosen at Junior Grange Camp. All 13 and 14 year old Junior Grangers (as of January 1 of the contest year) are eligible to compete for this title. The finalists are selected using the results of a Grange knowledge 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 are required to attend Family Festival, Ag Progress Days, State Grange convention, PA Farm Show, Winter Committee Planning meeting, Royalty trip and State Junior Camp. All Contestants Parents MUST sign a permission form before the Junior Granger can compete.

Junior Grange Camp

Camp Location: Camp Sylvan Hills, Howard PA

Fee: TBD for Campers, Helpers and Counselors
Watch *Pennsylvania Grange News* for details.

Any Junior Granger who is in good standing and is at least 7 years of age by January 1 may attend camp. As a Junior Grange, you may bring one non-Granger to camp with each year.

Anyone attending camp over the age of 15, as of January 1, will be a Helper, IF accepted by the Director.