



**AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY**  
**Department of Ohio**

**2010-2011**  
**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**  
**PLAN OF ACTION**

**Department of Ohio Junior Activities Committee**

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**REPORT DUE : April 1, 2011**

**SEND REPORT TO : Your District Junior Activities Chairman**  
**(address on back of this page)**



**High on Patriotism**  
**Linda Close**  
**2010-2011 Department President**

# **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES**

**2010 - 2011**

The Mission of the American Legion Auxiliary is to serve veterans, their families and their communities. What better way to get the interest of eligible young women (under the age of 18) to continue their membership throughout adulthood through positive experiences of mission-based volunteer opportunities that instill the ideals of the Auxiliary and present opportunities to teach the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

Americanism should be a major focus for Juniors and being “High on Patriotism” they can be taught patriotism, citizenship, and loyalty to God and Country. Remember to review or ask for other Committee’s Plan of Works for programs and activities your Juniors can participate in.

Some time back every Unit in the Department of Ohio was given one (1) Junior to obtain membership goal, as we are “Traveling State Route 1 for Membership” this committee asks each Unit to fulfill this challenge. You will be amazed what “The Power of One” Junior can accomplish in the Patch Program, being a Pen-Pal, adopting a Grandparent, the Veterans History Project, and so much more. But why stop with one? As we all know the more the merrier - so organize or re-organize your Junior Unit, and to those already established, please continue your good works and welcome to Junior Activities 2010 - 2011!

Serving as 2010 - 2011 Honorary Department Junior President:

MichaelAnn Chapman  
4069 Siefer Dr  
Rootstown, OH 44272

Serving as 2010 - 2011 Honorary Department Junior Vice President:

Danelle Langley  
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1. **OBJECTIVE** - To encourage participation in service projects that serve our military, veterans and their families.

**Action Steps:**

- A. Juniors create and implement a service project centered around helping service members and their families during the holidays such as veterans gift shop, adopt a deployed company, babysit for deployed soldier's spouse, etc.
- B. Volunteer with your local Operation: Military Kids, VA or hold a mini-Kids Canteen at your Department or local level.
- C. Invite friends and family to participate when you volunteer. You just might end up with a new member and new friend.
- D. Participate in the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project by interviewing a veteran's family member or friend to help collect, preserve and make accessible personal accounts of American war veterans so the future generations may hear directly from them and better understand the realities of War.

2. **OBJECTIVE** - To promote the National President's Scholarship peer-to-peer, by raising awareness of the rules and application process in schools, communities and on military bases.

**Action Steps:**

- A. Post information about the National President's Scholarship on your social Networking sites and/or Unit website.
- B. Distribute scholarship information to your local high school counselors and/or School districts, youth organizations and churches.
- C. Promote the scholarship to your friends and family members and get them to tell five of their friends or family members. Communicate!

3. **OBJECTIVE** - To empower our Juniors members by seeking their assistance to increase the use of technology (such as e-mail, Internet, Facebook and other social Networking sites) in promoting Auxiliary programs.

**Action Steps:**

- A. Have Junior members teach Unit and Department leaders the basics of e-mail and Internet.
- B. Junior members help create and educate Unit and Department leaders about social networking sites such as Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, etc.
- C. Have Junior members work with Unit and Department leaders to create and maintain ALA websites.
- D. Teach and actively practice Internet safety.

## **AWARDS**

### **DEPARTMENT**

**MERRY LYN PLAQUE** - Junior Member of the Year Award. This is a National and Department award recognizing the dedicated service, efforts and talents of our junior members.

1. Current year membership dues must be paid, only junior members in good standing are eligible.
2. Each Unit is limited to one nomination.
3. Selection should be based on the outstanding contribution the junior has made through a program or project outlined in the Plan of Action and other than the Office she is holding (based on the current year ONLY).
4. Her Junior Group will select the Junior nominee with the assistance of the Unit Junior Activities Advisor.
5. Nominee may not be serving as Honorary Department or National Junior President.
6. Length of membership is not a criterion.
7. Each Junior Group will submit to the Department Junior Activities Chairman the following information:
  - A. Name and complete address of nominee.
  - B. A narrative typed essay, double-spaced, not to exceed 500 words, describing nominees accomplishments during the current administrative year.
  - C. Nomination must be signed by the Unit Junior Activities Advisor and the Junior Group President.
  - D. Pictures may be included with the essay.

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Peggy Park, P O Box 32, Chillicothe, OH 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

**DOROTHY MCCULLOUGH AMERICANISM PLAQUE** - A plaque will be presented to the Junior Advisor having the most outstanding Americanism program during the current year.

1. Narrative not more than 1,000 words describing the program.
2. Typed or neatly written and double-spaced.
3. Paper - 8 ½" x 11" in a three (3) prong folder.
4. Cover - Dorothy McCullough Americanism Plaque.
5. Last page:
  - A. Unit advisor's name.
  - B. Unit name and number
  - C. District number.
  - D. Number of words.

Judging Criteria:

- 10% - Memorizing the Preamble.
- 10% - Knowledge of 16 points of the Flag code, history of the Flag, understanding and reciting correctly the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

- 5% - Memorizing all verses of the National Anthem.
- 10% - Proper observance of National Holidays.
- 15% - Good Citizenship - History of County, State and Nation.
- 50% - One or more projects promoting Americanism to the Community.

Submit to Junior Activities Third Member Sharon McClain, 1334 Forest Glen Dr, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

**DEPARTMENT JUNIOR CONVENTION COVER** - One winner from each of the five classes will be selected. Winning entries to be copied and used in the Department Junior Convention Program. It should include the Department President's theme and Department Membership theme on it.

1. Plain white typing/copy Paper - 8 ½ " x 11", placed in folder
2. Black pencil or black felt tip marker
3. Design should be simple. (must be hand drawn)
4. Include the following on the cover:
  - 60<sup>th</sup> Department Junior Convention
  - of the American Legion Auxiliary
  - May 14, 2011
5. Include the following on the back written in pencil:
  - Junior's name and address
  - Class number
  - Unit name and number
  - District number
6. It will be first judged at the District Junior Conference.
7. District Chairmen are to mail winning entries with the official winner's certificate taped to the back

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**HELEN SLOAN PLAQUE** - A plaque shall be awarded to the Junior advisor reporting the best year round Junior Activities program

1. The Junior Unit must be goal.
2. Narrative form describing the year's programs and accomplishments.
3. Describe at least three American Legion Auxiliary programs in which Juniors participated.
4. No more than 1,000 words.
5. Typed and double-spaced on white paper in a three (3) ring folder.
6. Pictures and clippings may be used. Insert them at the end of the narrative.
7. First page - Helen Sloan Plaque
8. Last page:
  - A. Unit name and number.
  - B. District number.

- C. Junior Advisor's name and address.
- D. Number of words.

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**MARTHA VAN HORNE PLAQUE** - Number of Juniors from the Unit in attendance at Department Junior Convention multiplied by the round trip miles traveled to the convention. To be presented at the Department Junior Convention.

**ERWINA EHRESMAN DEPARTMENT ATTNDANCE AWARD** - The Unit with the highest percentage of Junior members in attendance at the Department Junior Convention. To be presented at the Department Junior Convention. Eligibility is as follows:

1. Junior Unit has a minimum enrollment of five.
2. Juniors participated in the following four Auxiliary programs: Americanism, Children and Youth, Community Service, and Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation.
3. Must submit a Unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman by deadline date.

### **JUNIORS IN ACTION CONTEST**

1. Four separate narratives on the work done by the Junior group.
2. The categories are as follows: Americanism, Children & Youth, Community Service, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.
3. The advisor may have an entry in any one or all of the categories.
4. Material should be different for each category.
5. The narrative should be 1,000 words or less for each category.
6. 8 ½" x 11" paper in a three (3) prong folder for each category.
7. Typed or neatly written and double-spaced.
8. Pictures and clippings may be used.
9. Cover titled Juniors In Action: Category (example: Americanism).
10. Last page:
  - A. Unit advisor's name.
  - B. Unit name and number.
  - C. District number.
  - D. Number of words.

Submit to Junior Activities Second Member Kathy Barnhart, 38 Page Rd, Chillicothe, OH 45601, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

### **JUNIOR CITATION OF MERIT**

1. Junior membership must achieve Membership Goal by March 31, 2011
2. Must participate in three (3) or more of the American Legion Auxiliary programs.
3. Must submit a Unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman by deadline date.

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| 4. Junior Classes: | Class I   | Birth to and including 6 yrs    |
|                    | Class II  | Ages 7 to and including 9 yrs   |
|                    | Class III | Ages 10 to and including 12 yrs |
|                    | Class IV  | Ages 13 to and including 15 yrs |
|                    | Class V   | Ages 16 to and including 18 yrs |

**MEMBERSHIP GOAL RIBBON** - The 2011 Junior membership goal equals the actual Unit Junior membership paid into Department Headquarters as of July 31, 2010, plus one (1). Goal must be achieved by March 31, 2011 in order to receive a Membership Goal Ribbon.

### **OHIO COUNTY TRAVELOGUE**

1. 2010 - 2011 County will be Hocking County
2. Travelogue should be written like a journal or diary.
3. Each entry should be dated and include where you visited (or might have visited) and what you saw (or might have seen that day).
4. Maps, pamphlets, and pictures may be included.
5. Information obtained from the Internet may be used to create entries in your Travelogue, but you must write your own words in describing your tour.
6. Use an inexpensive journal.
7. Front cover should be blank.
8. First page should include the following:
  - A. Hocking County Travelogue
  - B. 2010 - 2011
  - C. Class number
9. Last page should include the following:
  - A. Name of Junior
  - B. Birth date
  - C. Unit number
  - D. District number
10. Travelogues will be first judged at Junior District Conference

**District Chairman** will mail winning entries, with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Activities Third Member Sharon McClain, 1334 Forest Glen Dr, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

### **AMERICAN SPIRIT CONTEST**

1. First page - "The American Way - My Privileges and Duties"
2. Narrative - 500 to 1,000 words
3. 8 ½" x 11" paper in a three (3) prong folder
4. Typed or handwritten, double-spaced
5. Pictures and clippings may be included
6. Essay should cover activities from April 1, 2010 through March 31, 2011
7. Last page should include the following:
  - A. Junior's name and birth date
  - B. Unit name and number

- C. District number
- D. Number of words in essay

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**ADOPT-A-GRANDPARENT** - Juniors, go visiting. Many veterans do not have regular visitors. Visiting a neighbor who lives alone can be a wonderful time for them and an educational experience for you. Their younger years are now history that you can only learn about from media or from their stories. Ask about their lives from youth to present. Learn from "Living History".

**OHIO PEN PAL PROGRAM** - Juniors write to Juniors. Ohio has many different lifestyles. Find out how others live by corresponding with Junior Auxiliary members in Ohio. A new Pen Pal Application must be completed each year.

Complete the Ohio Pen Pal Program Application and send to Junior Activities Third Member Sharon McClain, 1334 Forest Glen Dr., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221, postmarked no later than **December 1, 2010**.

## **NATIONAL**

**PATCH PROGRAM** - Junior members can be active participants of the organization with the 2010 - 2011 Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she belongs to an active Junior group, Junior Auxiliary members are able to serve their communities, veterans and learn about patriotism, membership, fitness and leadership through this program. Each sheet explains the criteria and what a Junior must do in order to earn her patches. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form for verification.

There are 3 levels of patch criteria:

- Red Level: Kindergarten through 3<sup>rd</sup> grade
- Gold Level: 4<sup>th</sup> grade through 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Blue Level: 9<sup>th</sup> grade through 12<sup>th</sup> grade (or 18 years)

Send completed forms to Department Junior Activities Chairman Peggy Park, P O Box 32, Chillicothe, OH 45601-0032, can be submitted anytime but postmarked no later than **March 31, 2011**.

**UNIT PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD** - An award presented to a Unit Chairman in each Division reporting the best overall Junior Activities Program with at least one (1) action step from each of the three objectives as stated in the Plan of Action.

1. Typed in narrative form
2. 1,000 words or less
3. Label as Unit Award
4. Unit Name and Number
5. Unit Junior Activities Chairman's name and address

6. Department of Ohio
7. Pictures may be included.

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Peggy Park, P O Box 32, Chillicothe, OH 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

**NATIONAL JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PLAQUE** - This award will be given to a Unit reporting the Best Overall Junior Activities Program with at least two (2) action steps from each of the objectives as stated in the Plan of Action.

1. Typed in narrative form
2. 1,000 words or less
3. Label as National Plaque Award
4. Unit name and number
5. Unit Junior Activities Chairman's name and address
6. Department of Ohio
7. Pictures may be included

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Peggy Park, P O Box 32, Chillicothe, OH 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

**DEPARTMENT AWARD (NEW)** - An award presented to a Unit reporting the Largest Increase of Junior Members participating in electronic social networking, giving a brief description of how the Unit is promoting the Junior program objectives through social networking.

1. Typed in narrative form
2. Less than 1,000 words
3. Name of Junior member(s)
4. Name of social networking sites
5. Pictures may be included

Entries will be verified by Department Junior Activities Second member Kathy Barnhart, 38 Page Rd, Chillicothe, OH 45601, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2011**.

## RESOURCES

Resources are available from The American Legion Flag & Emblem Sales, PO Box 1050, Indianapolis IN 46206. For more information or to place an order call 1-888-453-4466 or order online: [www.emblem.legion.org](http://www.emblem.legion.org).

<u>Item</u>	<u>Item #</u>	<u>Price</u>
Junior Activities Handbook	355.208	\$1.50
Junior Activities Certificate of Participation	333.107	\$1.00
Unit Handbook	355.200	\$9.95
Flag Etiquette Book	755.200	\$1.00
Junior Leadership Correspondence Course	355.209	\$2.95
Official Membership Pin	315.101	\$3.95
Junior Attachment	315.110	\$5.95
Past Junior President Pin (Unit, District, Department)	315.323	\$10.95
Past Junior President Charm (Unit, District, Department)	314.505	\$10.95
Junior President Pin (Unit, District, Department)	315.322	\$9.95
"Pledge of Allegiance" Comic Book	755.302	\$0.75
"Have A Safe Halloween" Coloring Book	355.300E	\$0.60
"Our Country's Veterans" Comic Book	755.304	\$0.75
"Light of Liberty" Comic Book	755.301	\$0.75
World Geography Coloring & Activity Book	755.303	\$0.50
Junior Membership Brochure	Department Headquarters	
Tiny Tot Promotion Graduation Certificate	Department Headquarters	
<a href="http://www.alaohio.org">www.alaohio.org</a>	Internet	
<a href="http://www.legion-aux.org">www.legion-aux.org</a>	Internet	
<a href="http://www.facebook.com/alajuniors">www.facebook.com/alajuniors</a>	Internet	

**OHIO PEN PAL PROGRAM APPLICATION**

Junior Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit Name and Number: \_\_\_\_\_ District #: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Advisor City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Junior Member's Hobbies: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior Member's School Activities: \_\_\_\_\_

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Junior Member's Participation in Other Organizations: \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send this form by December 1, 2010 to:

**Department Junior Activities Third Member  
Sharon McClain  
1334 Forest Glen Drive  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221**