



# AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY

Department of Ohio

2009-2010

## JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PLAN OF ACTION

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SEND REPORT TO : Your District Junior Activities Chairman



Communication Is Key  
Martha Lee Thatcher  
2009-2010 Department President

# JUNIOR ACTIVITIES

2009-2010

Thank you for participating in the 2009-2010 Junior Activities program. We all know that this program is very important. Our Junior members are the future of our organization, an organization that we all know and love so much. Through our leadership and example, they will be learning the principles of various programs and services that are community based and involve veterans. We should strive to teach our Junior members the principles of loyalty to God and Country, justice, freedom and democracy.

This Plan of Action will list objectives and activities. Please feel free to be creative in your planning. Make it fun and interesting. We will be sending out ideas for crafts, activities and information about other programs for our Juniors in Department's bulk mailings. We are asking that you share any successful activities or interesting craft ideas with us. With your permission we will pass them on through the bulk mailing. Please be sure to include your Unit name and number and District number with each idea you submit. We will present an award to the Advisor submitting the best craft idea and the best idea for a Junior activity at the Junior Conference in May. The Juniors will judge this award. The more participation we have by you as Advisors, the more fun our Juniors will have with this contest.

There are many ways for you to involve Junior members of almost any age in most of your activities. "Communication is a Key"; communicate in several ways for everyone learns in a different way. They enjoy participating and will learn by your example. Get them busy in the kitchen doing simple tasks. Teach them how to set a proper table. Take them with you when you visit veterans in the nursing homes and ask them to bring along hand made cards. Ask them to collect comfort items for our troops. Teach them the proper way to fly our flag. Encourage them to love their Country. Have them create their own prayer book. Help them learn to conduct a meeting. invite them to some of your Unit's social events. You can teach our young members the gift of service; and that "Communication is Key" to our success. Help them "Make their Mark"!

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1. **OBJECTIVE** – To have each Junior member recruit one new Junior by the time of Department Junior Convention.

**Action Steps:**

- a. Have special recognition for each junior who works on this project; recognize at Department Convention the “Department Junior Recruiter of year” giving certificates to the top three Junior recruiters.
- b. Recognize District with largest increase of Junior members( by Department Junior Convention) at Department Convention.

2. **OBJECTIVE** – To encourage community service projects by Junior Units and/or individual members.

**Action Steps:**

- a. Encourage Junior units to plan and execute a community fundraiser and report results to the Department and National Chairman upon completion of project.
- b. To encourage Juniors to participate in the Junior Patch program and submit completed forms
- c. Recognize Junior Units that complete and report projects to Department Chairman by Department Junior Convention
- d. Help them make their mark!

3. **OBJECTIVE** – To learn and practice points from/in programs and activities related to our mission of serving veterans and their families.

**Action Steps:**

- a. To educate Junior members on being a responsible citizen by utilizing these programs.
- b. Senior members hold monthly activities targeted toward one of the programs above during Junior meeting each month.
- c. To share accomplishments of Junior members via Web site and mailing by reporting to Department Chairman.
- d. Work on good communication skills because “Communication is Key”
- e. To encourage Juniors to share with their peers what it means to be a Junior Auxiliary member.

## AWARDS

### DEPARTMENT

**MERRY LYN PLAQUE** – This is a National and Department award recognizing the dedicated service, efforts and talents of our junior members.

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

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Colleen Phillips, C-032 Road 8-B, Hamler, Ohio 43524-9785, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

**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 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 Peggy Park, P.O. Box 32, Chillicothe Ohio 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

**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.

1. Paper – 8 ½” x 11” in a three prong folder.
2. Black pencil or felt tip marker (must be hand drawn).
3. Design should be simple.
4. Include the following on the cover:
  - a. American Legion Auxiliary.
  - b. 59<sup>th</sup> Junior Convention.
  - c. May 16, 2010.
5. Include the following on the back written in pencil:
  - a. Junior’s name and address.
  - b. Class number.
  - c. Unit name and number.
  - d. District number.
6. It will be first judged at the District Conference.

District Chairmen are to mail winning entries, with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Third Member Peggy Park, P.O. Box 32, Chillicothe Ohio 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

**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 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 ATTENDANCE 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:
  - a. Americanism.
  - b. Children and Youth.
  - c. Community Service.
  - d. 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. 1,000 words or less for each category.
6. 8 ½” x 11” paper in a three prong folder for each category.
7. Typed or neatly written and double spaced.
8. Pictures and clippings may be used.
9. Cover - Juniors In Action.
10. First page - Category (example: Americanism)
11. 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 Rhonda Lurty, 94 King Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

### **JUNIOR CITATION OF MERIT**

1. Junior membership must achieve Membership Goal by March 31, 2009.
2. Must participate in three or more of the American Legion Auxiliary programs.
3. Must submit a unit report to the District Junior Activities Chairman.
4. Junior Classes:

Class I	Birth to Age -5
Class II	Grade K-3
Class III	Grade 4-8
Class IV	Grade 9-12 (Age 18)

**MEMBERSHIP GOAL RIBBON** – The 2010 Junior membership goal equals the actual Unit Junior membership paid into Department Headquarters as of July 31, 2009, plus one (1). Goal must be achieved by March 31, 2010 in order to receive a Membership Goal Ribbon. Juniors who participate in membership recruitment will receive a certificate of participation with the top three receiving special recognition.

## **OHIO COUNTY TRAVELOGUE**

1. 2010 County will be Henry County (home of Department Juniors Activities Chairman).
2. Travelogue should be written like a journal or diary.
3. Each entry should be dated and include where you might have been and what you 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. Henry County Travelogue.
  - b. 2009-2010.
  - 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 District Conference

District Chairmen will mail winning entries, with the official winner's certificate taped to the back, to the Department Junior Activities Third Member Peggy Park, P.O. Box 32, Chillicothe Ohio 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

## **AMERICAN SPIRIT CONTEST**

1. First page – “America – Keep Your Eyes On Her Grand Old Flag””
2. Narrative - 500 to 1,000 words
3. 8 1/2” x 11” paper in a three prong folder
4. Handwritten or typed and double-spaced
5. Pictures and clippings may be included
6. Essay should cover activities from April 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009
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

Submit to Department Junior Activities Second Member Rhonda Lurty, 94 King Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**.

**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 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”. Be sure to have your parent’s permission before visiting.

**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.

Please complete the Ohio Pen Pal Program Application and send to Junior Activities Third Member Peggy Park, P.O. Box 32, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601-0032, postmarked no later than **December 1, 2009**.

## **NATIONAL**

**PATCH PROGRAM** - National awards patches to Juniors who complete any or all of the following activity sheets: Americanism, Community Service, Leadership, Membership, Poppies, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation, and Physical Fitness. A minimum of 100 points is required and an activity sheet can be submitted anytime the required points have been accumulated for each patch. Signatures must be included.

Sheets are to be submitted to Department Junior Activities Second Member Rhonda Lurty, 94 King Street, Chillicothe, Ohio 45601, postmarked no later than **March 15, 2010**.

**UNIT PROGRAM OF THE YEAR AWARD** – An award presented to a Unit Chairman reporting the best overall Junior Activities Program including accomplishments in Auxiliary programs.

1. Narrative form, 1,000 words or less.
2. Typed and double-spaced.
3. Label as Unit Award.
4. Unit Name and Number.
5. Unit Junior Activities Chairman's name and address.
6. Department of Ohio.

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**NATIONAL JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PLAQUE** – This award will be given to a Unit reporting the best overall Junior Activities program.

1. Narrative form, 1,000 words or less
2. Typed and double-spaced
3. Unit name and number
4. Unit Junior Activities Chairman's name and address
5. Department of Ohio

Submit to Department Junior Activities Chairman Colleen Phillips, C-032 Road 8-B, Hamler, Ohio 43524-9785, postmarked no later than **April 15, 2010**. Please see judging criteria attached.

## **JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PLAQUE AWARD CRITERIA**

This award will be given to a Unit reporting the best overall Junior Activities program. The report is to be in narrative form, 1,000 words or less, typed, double spaced, giving Unit name and number, Unit Junior Activities Advisor's name and address and the name of the Department. Judging will be based on the following factors:

1. **AMERICANISM – 35%**
  - a. Memorizing the Preamble 5%
  - b. Memorizing the National Anthem 5%
  - c. Knowledge of Flag Code, history of the Flag, knowing & reciting correctly the Pledge of Allegiance 15%
  - d. Participation in Pocket Flag Project 5%
  - e. Proper Observance of National Holidays 5%
  
2. **VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION – 35%**
  - a. Christmas or Holiday Activities 5%
  - b. Donations and Collections 5%
  - c. Field Service/Home Service/VA Hospital Activities 5%
  - d. Poppy Activities 5%
  - e. Veteran's History Project 5%
  - f. Children & Youth 10%
  
3. **COMMUNITY SERVICE – 25%**
  - a. Safety Programs & Health Programs 5%
  - b. Ecology/Beautification Programs 10%
  - c. Senior Citizens 10%
  
4. **OTHER ACTIVITIES (See Plan of Action) - 5%**

Please do not attach pictures, scrapbook or folders of any kind. Send winning report to Department Junior Activities Chairman Colleen Phillips, C-032 Road 8-B, Hamler, Ohio 43524.

## 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).

<b><u>Item</u></b>	<b><u>Item #</u></b>	<b><u>Price</u></b>
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	

**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, 2009 to:

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