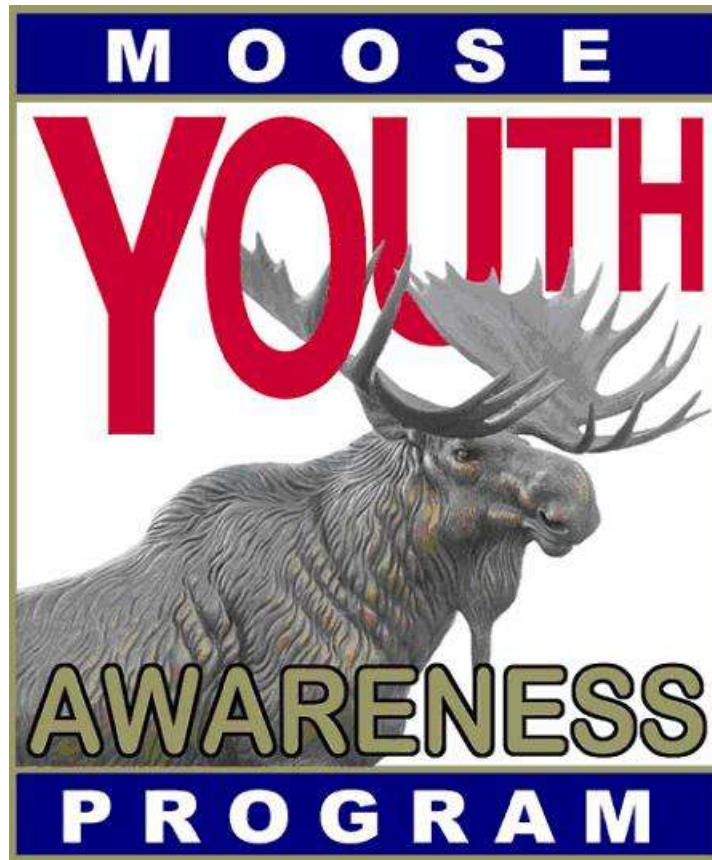


**Moose Youth Awareness Program
Lodge/Chapter Chairperson Instructions**



2011-2012

Moose Youth Awareness Program Lodge/Chapter Chairperson Instructions

- ❖ Each packet should contain: *(to open files, click on each file in the packet)*
 - Lodge/Chapter Chairman info for District (return to District Chairman)
 - Youth Awareness History/Overview, School Board Format
 - Chairman's letter and Instructions
 - Student selection Papers (for lodge use)
 - Definition of a Chaperone, special memo
 - Tentative Schedule
 - Responsibilities of a Lodge/Chapter Coordinator
 - PMA Ratings outline
- ❖ Lodge chairman, Gov., and Adm. Info to completed and returned to your District Chairman for his use.
- ❖ History/Overview, School Board format
- ❖ Chairman's letter and Student Selection form are papers to be used to recruit students for one of three congresses.
- ❖ Definition of a Chaperone is what it is, also special memo for parents
- ❖ Tentative Schedule, has dates and places of PMA youth awareness congresses for you and your students to make a selection from the list.
- ❖ Responsibilities of a lodge/Chapter Coordinator
- ❖ PMA Ratings outline for Lodges and Chapters

Thank You,

Fraternally Yours,

Deane Hamm

PMA Youth Awareness Coordinator

Moose Youth Awareness

Dear Lodge Administrator / Governor, Chapter Recorder/ Sr. Regent

Please fill out this form and return to “*your District Youth Awareness Chairman*” so we have this information for the future, for better communication.

Thank You and Fraternally Yours,
PMA Youth Awareness Coordinator
Deane Hamm & Tammy Hamm

Lodge/Chapter _____ # _____

Address _____

_____ Phone: _____

Administrator/Recorder _____

Address _____

_____ Phone: _____

Governor/Sr Regent _____

Address _____

_____ Phone: _____

Youth Awareness Chairperson: _____

Address _____

_____ Phone: _____

MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM

HISTORY /OVERVIEW

After several years of donating to local prevention programs, such as D.A.R.E, Red Ribbon and Pride, in 1986 the Loyal Order of Moose was asked to participate in the “Just Say No To Drugs” Program, by First Lady Nancy Reagan. Since that time, we have developed a positive approach and, in 1988, changed the name from “Just Say No To Drugs” to the Moose Youth and Drug Awareness Program. Knowing that there are more adverse elements in the community, we changed the name again, in 1994, to the Moose Youth Awareness Program.

The program consists of the various State and Provincial Moose Associations, on the North American Continent, holding Association Student Congresses, during October and November of each year. Lodges and chapters are encouraged to invite two high school freshmen, sophomores, juniors or seniors to those particular congresses. The purpose of the Association Congresses is to develop presentations that could be delivered to the targeted group of four to nine year olds (a target group established in 1988, following that year’s International Student Congress).

The one day student congresses, at the Association level, challenges those participating students to become a speakers bureau and to encourage each of them to present a minimum of three Moose “Kids-Talk” presentation to the target group in their own community. The student’s presentations are not scripted, as they are to prepare their own message to deliver to the four to nine year olds, to encourage them to make wise and healthy choices in life.

Moose “Kids-Talk” presentations run from October through February 28th, each year. After each “Kids-Talk”, the students are required to submit a written report telling us about their presentations. In March, students that attended the Association Student Congresses and complete the challenge of a minimum of three “Kids-Talk” presentations are judged, by their peers, and two or more from each Moose Association are invited to attend the International Student Congress.

In the past, International Student Congresses have been held in Washington, DC. Anaheim/Disneyland California; Niagara Falls, New York and Mooseheart, Illinois. At the International Student Congress, the sixty – plus teenagers explain to each other how they went about their particular “Kids-Talk” presentations. The International Student Congress is a student run meeting which encompasses about thirteen hours over a four day period. At the end of the meeting, the students vote for the top five presentations. Scholarships are then awarded as follows: first, a \$12,000 scholarship; second, an \$8,000 scholarship; third, a \$5,000 scholarship; fourth, a \$3,000 scholarship; and fifth, a \$2,000 scholarship. To date, our Moose “Kids-Talk” presenters have reached over 250,000 four to nine year olds.

School Board Format

Address the Members of the School Board

Ladies and Gentlemen: of the School District

I would like to thank you for this time.

I am the Governor of _____ and with me tonight _____

Youth Awareness Coordinator for our lodge.

Give story of the moose and your moose lodge:

- a. Moose History (see insert)
- b. Not the corner Bar
- c. Community Service
- d. Other involvements

History/Overview of Moose Youth Awareness program

This Youth Awareness program is not for kids who have Drug & Alcohol or Abuse problems. This is a program for High School freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors with both academic and leadership qualities to target 4 to 9 yr. Olds with Kids talks about awareness:

- a. Sites on education, friendship, community projects
- b. Stay away from gangs
- c. Ways to handle peer pressure other than drugs and alcohol
- d. Stranger danger, Internet safety, Bullying in schools
- e. All the awareness of today's world

Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors are role models for this age group.

We will be contacting the High school with a packet of information for the students who are interested. Awards available to students are in the form of Scholarships 1) \$12,000- 2) \$8,000- 3) \$5,000- 4) \$3,000- 5) \$2,000.

Moose History

The Loyal Order of Moose is a fraternal and service organization founded in 1888, with nearly 1 million men in roughly 1,800 Lodges, in all 50 states and four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda.

Established in 1913, the Women of the Moose provides social, sports, family and community service opportunities in a fraternal setting. Members of the Women of the Moose dedicate many volunteer hours to those in need, not only in their own Chapter and Lodges, but more importantly, to those in the community.

(YOUR LODGE / FC NAME) was chartered on _____, _____ . Then many years later, on _____, _____, earned Family Center status through its many years of various community service and family involvement. Today it still continues to make a positive mark in our community.

The Moose Community Service program of today and for the next century challenges people to become volunteers through membership in the Moose. It calls for capable and inspired leadership and for a generous giving of thought, effort and time according to the Moose Six-Point Community Service Program. Counting hours worked, miles driven and dollars donated, the Moose contribute nearly \$90 million worth of service every year to communities throughout the U.S., Canada and Great Britain.

Mooseheart, Child City & School, founded in 1913 by the Moose organization, is a 1,000-acre community and educational facility in Chicago's far-west suburbs, built and operated for children and teens in need of a stable home.

Moosehaven is a 700-acre community established and supported by the Moose organization for its members and their spouses. It is located on the banks of the St. John's River in Orange Park, Florida, 15 miles south of Jacksonville, Florida.

www.mooseintl.org

Dear Youth Awareness Chairperson:

The Youth Awareness Congresses will be held in November. The date and place are on the Tentative Schedule, you may choose any congress. The cost per student will be \$65.00 and chaperones \$85.00 per room, this will include the lodging for the students and meals. Friday night will include a pizza and dance, Saturday will be a full agenda starting at 8am and ending around 4 - 4:30pm. I have 3 rules for the students that they shall know: **1.** Students shall have fun, **2.** Their room is for them and their roommate only and **3.** Refer to rule number 1. Students caught anywhere else other than their own room may have their stay cut short with no refund. Lodge or Chapter chairperson should be the Chaperone; parents are not encouraged to participate.

Upon returning from the Congress they will be required to do a minimum of 3 Kids Talks to 4 to 9 year old children, the students will have a chance to go to the International Student Congress to represent Pennsylvania. At that point they will be eligible for a \$12,000, \$8,000, \$5,000, \$3,000, \$2,000 scholarship.

In March you received a packet of information for the schools to use as a format for the student selection process (academic students are most likely to do their kids-talks), so you may select either 2 boys or 2 girls or 4 boys/4 girls, in fall that will best represent your lodge and community.

The hotel will be as close to the Moose Lodge as possible. I have also included an agenda for you to copy for the students for their information.

Please make check payable to: PMA and send to Deane Hamm at 7484 Springhouse Road New Tripoli, PA 18066, by Due dates along with parental forms and chaperones cost for lodging. After due date an increase of \$15.00 for each student and for each chaperone room. No registration forms will be accepted after deadline date of congress.

Please encourage students to wear business casual attire, have them bring writing materials (pen and paper) to congress.

You may want to talk to your local car dealership for them to donate a mini-van for the weekend for transportation to and from the Congress. You may also want to ask your local gas station for gas to and from the Congress, since this is a community service project.

Good Luck to all!

Fraternally Yours,

Deane Hamm

PMA Youth Awareness Coordinator

Selecting Students for Association Student Congress

- A. Contact should be made to one of the following: the Superintendent, principal, guidance counselor, or any individual that oversees youth awareness programs.
- B. The schools should be given an overview of the program, and include general information on the Moose.
- C. If necessary, contact the District Coordinator to accompany you to your local high school.
- D. Selection could be made through a community-based group involved in similar or like programs, such as scouts or church groups.
- E. Contacts should be made to the adviser with a person in charge of that community-based youth group. The same information should be supplied to the community-based youth group as with the high school.
- F. Students may be selected through their relatives of Lodge and Chapter members, providing that they are freshmen, sophomore, Junior or senior in high school. The bottom line is that this student may come from the high school, a community-based youth group or a relative of Lodge or Chapter member.

“KIDSTALKS” FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

- A. Both the men and women have accepted the responsibility of assisting the students, returning from Association Student Congress, scheduled groups of 4-9 year-olds to present their “Moose Kids-talks”.
- B. The 4-9 year-old age groups could be anyone other following preschool, YMCA/YWCA, after school day-care, Sunday school, Big Brother/Big Sister, Memberships children/relatives, Daisy/Brownies, neighborhood groups, 4-H group, elementary school, boys and girls clubs, Head start programs, Tiger Cubs/Cub Scouts, youth sports leagues and local community centers.
- C. After each “kids talk” presentation this student should prepare a “Kids Talk” report. The completed form is then mailed, by this student, to the Association Coordinator and a copy given to the Lodge Coordinator. It is the student’s responsibility to see that this is completed. The Lodge coordinator should work closely with the chapters represented to ensure that the students complete the “Kids Talk” challenge of a minimum of 3 and the completion and filing of the report forms, in order to be eligible for consideration to attend the International Student Congress.
- D. The Moose “Kids Talk” report form will be the soul bias for the selection process to attend the International Student Congress. Therefore, the report form should be completed timely, with a full explanation, in detail, of the presentations.

Moose Youth Awareness Program Application for Consideration

The Western PMA Youth Awareness Congress will be held November 11th
& 12th 2011, in Franklin # 83

The Eastern PMA Youth Awareness Congress will be held November 18th
& 19th 2011, in Chambersburg # 842

(Circle one)

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Phone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

School Activities: _____

Hobbies-Other Interests & Activities: (Scouting, Community Service, Volunteer Activities)

Please answer the following questions. If additional space is needed, attach a separate piece of paper. **Please type or print legibly.**

Explain why you would like to be selected for this program.

What do you feel is the greatest danger facing the youth of our local communities? Why?

I acknowledge that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. This application is intended to express my interest in being considered as a Student Congress Representative.

I understand that this application does not guarantee that I will be selected to represent Loyal Order of Moose Lodge # _____ at the PMA Student Congress.

Signature

Date

LODGE COORDINATORS

- A. To become familiar with all aspects of the Moose Youth Awareness program
- B. To make reports to the lodge, at regular meetings, which shall include information, received from Moose International, the Association Coordinator and District Coordinator.
- C. Report to the District Coordinator the lodge's progress in the current year's program and file any and all reports or forms requested.
- D. To work closely with the Community Service Chairman and the Publication Chairman, in the lodge, and to establish and maintain a working relationship with the Women of the Moose Chapters Representative.
- E. Foster favorable relationship with school districts, local officials and the community
- F. Select two high school students to attend the Association Student Congress for selection through the school system, the community or the lodge and chapter membership.
- G. Provided transportation and lodging for the students to attend the Association Student Congress. Students must be accompanied by responsible adults, to and from the Association Student Congress.
- H. Prior to attending the Association Student Congress, the lodge should host an evening to introduce the students and their parents/Guardian to the lodge and chapter, and to explain the overall program in details.
- I. After the student returns from the Association Student Congress, the men and women of the moose will assist, in any way if necessary, in arranging the groups of 4-9-year-olds for Moose "Kids Talks" presentations.
- J. All questions concerning the Association Student Congresses should be directed to the district or Association Moose Coordinators. Questions concerning the International Student Congress should be directed to the Community Service Office at Mooseheart, Illinois at 630/966-2224

chap•er•on- an older person who accompanies young people at a social gathering to ensure proper behavior; *broadly*: one delegated to ensure proper behavior.

The Lodge or Chapter chairperson should be the Chaperone; parents are not encouraged to participate. Chaperones are required to check students into the hotel, pizza party, and Saturday's congress. They are responsible for students during the congress weekend, Friday night social, as well as attending the congress with the students. There will be no students leaving the pizza party unaccompanied by a chaperone. You are also responsible for your students and their actions in the hotel. There will be a room curfew of 11:30 PM on Friday evening.

Chaperones Responsibilities:

- Chaperones are required to transport their student representatives to and from YA Congress.
- Check students into hotel, using their names as they appear on the student form and the lodge that sponsored them to the congress. Never change rooms of students that the hotel has assigned, we need to know where everyone is located in hotel for security reasons and hall monitoring. Students must have separate room from chaperones, 2-students to a room.
- Required to remain with their student representatives during the Friday evening Social and attend Saturday's congress. Attendance will help you answer questions your students may ask you when organizing their Kids-Talks. You will also attend a chaperones meeting during Saturday's congress.
- Students are not to be dropped off & picked up at a later time.

The Lodge or Chapter chairperson should be the chaperones. They have the responsibility to not engage in the use of alcohol or tobacco products while interacting with the Youth Awareness students at all times. This includes the host meeting, any form of transportation that the lodge may provide for students, any Kids-Talk that may be in your lodge, and from the time that you leave your lodge with students to attend the Student Congress until you return them safely home. You may smoke, but not around the students. Absolutely no alcohol will be tolerated while acting as a chaperone from the time you leave your lodge until you return.

***** SPECIAL MEMO *****

In previous years there seems to have been confusion concerning parents accompanying the students to the Association Student Congress. Whether the misunderstanding was at the State, Lodge or Chapter level or wherever; the Association Student Congress is for students only. Therefore, parents should accompany the students to your lodge to assure that they are at your lodge on time. The hosting Lodge, Chapter and sponsoring chaperones will oversee the students at the Association Congress. Please discourage any parental involvement as far as wanting to accompany the student to the Association Student Congress. *(Only exception would be, if the chairperson is the parent of the student).* Please make sure the lodges and Chapters are aware that this program is for students and Chaperones only, not for parents that are non-members.

Youth Awareness Congress Tentative Schedule

November 11th and 12th 2011 Franklin F.C # 83

November 18th and 29th 2011 Chambersburg F.C # 842

Friday

3:00 pm until ? Hotel Check-In

7:00 pm – 10:45 pm Pizza and Hoagie Party with a DJ

Saturday

7:00 am – 8:45 am Breakfast & Registration

8:45 am – 9:00 am Introductions & Group Breakout

9:00 am – 12:00 pm Group Rotations

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Lunch...

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm Groups continue

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm Group Discussion & Video, workshop of kids-talks

3:30 pm PMA Officers Comments

3:45 pm Issue Moose Kids-Talk certificates & explain Qualification for International Student Congress

Deane Hamm

PMA Youth Awareness Coordinator

PMA Rating's for Youth Awareness

Moose International encourages each Lodge and each Chapter to sponsor two students to the state youth awareness congress. For the Lodges this will help with earning the Platinum Premier Lodge Award, by sponsoring a minimum of two students to the congress. If each fraternal unit continues the program and assists the students with the required minimum of three "kids-talks" presentations and submitted by February 28th deadline for the PMA Rating's system.

If a lodge or chapter sponsors two students not in combination with the lodge and chapter and they attend the congress. The rating will drop from a 9 to a 5 on the rating's chart for that unit, if a lodge or chapter only has one student attend the congress it will drop the rating from a 9 to a 7 on the rating's chart for that unit.

If the two sponsored students complete the minimum three "kids-talks" and submitted to the Coordinator by February 28th deadline, that unit will drop their rating from a 5 to a 0, if only one student completes the minimum of three "kids-talks" and submitted on time, that unit will drop their rating from a 5 to a 3. If the Fraternal unit only sponsored one student to the congress and they complete the minimum of three "kids-talks" and submitted by the deadline, this will drop their rating from a 7 to a 5.

We need your help with this program so that we can reach as many 4-9 year olds as possible. By helping us, you will be helping your unit with earning a better rating on the PMA rating system. I'm looking forward to working with everyone involved with the Youth Awareness program.

Deane Hamm