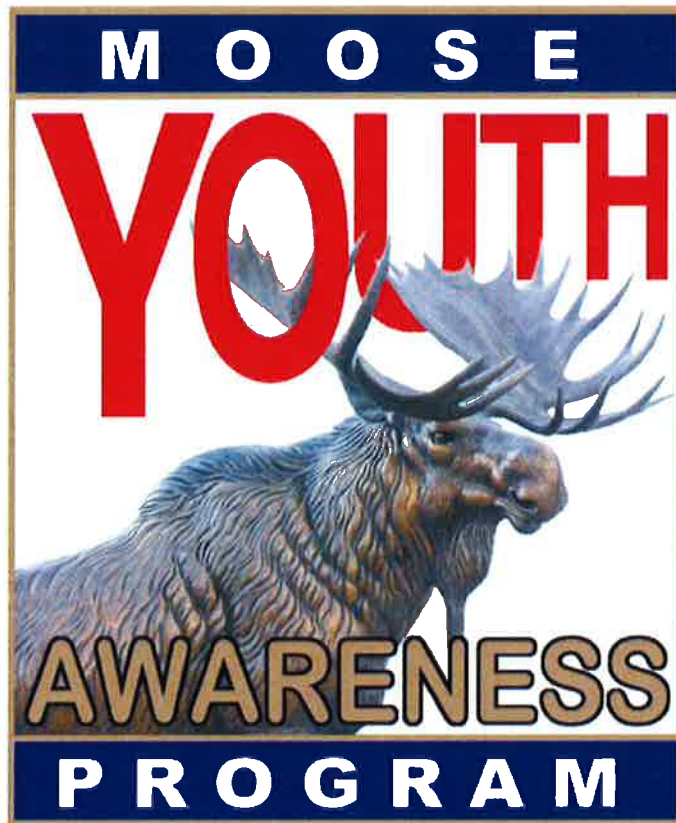


Attention Students

Would you like to take a role in
educating young people?



*If it is to be,
it is up to me*

**See your Guidance Counselor
for details**

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, the Loyal Order of Moose was asked to participate in the "Just Say No to Drugs" Program in 1986 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 throughout North America holding Association Student Congresses during the fall of each year. Lodges are encouraged to invite two high school students to those particular congresses. The purpose of the Association Congresses is to develop presentations that could be delivered to the targeted group of 4 – 9 year-olds (a target group established in 1988, following that year's International Student Congress).

The one-day Student Congresses at the Association level challenge the participating students to become a speakers' bureau and to encourage each of them to present a minimum of three Moose "KidsTalks" presentations to the target group in their own community. The students' presentations are not scripted, as they are to prepare their own message to deliver to the 4 – 9 year-olds, encouraging them to make wise and healthy choices in life.

Moose "KidsTalks" presentations run from November through February each year. After each "KidsTalks" presentation, the students are required to submit a written report telling us about their presentations. In March, students who attended the Association Student Congresses and completed a minimum of three "KidsTalks" presentations are judged by their peers, and one 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, D.C., Anaheim, California; Niagara Falls, New York; and Mooseheart, Illinois. At the International Student Congress, the teenagers explain to each other how they went about their particular "KidsTalks" presentations. The International Student Congress is a student-run meeting, which encompasses about 13 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, a \$8,000 scholarship; third, a \$5,000 scholarship; fourth, a \$3,000 scholarship; and fifth, a \$2,000 scholarship. To date, our Moose "KidsTalks" presenters have reached over 250,000 4-9 year olds.

Moose Youth Awareness Program Instructions for School Administration

- ❖ The envelope you received should contain the following:
 - Instructions for Administration sheet
 - (25) Student information packets
 - Recommendation form
 - (10) Flyers to be displayed throughout the school building.

- ❖ Display flyers in high traffic areas to encourage students to stop into office to pick up information.

- ❖ Collect completed, signed and dated applications from students as they are received. Keep all applications together in a manila folder or envelope. Last day to accept applications is _____.

- ❖ Once all applications are received, review them carefully. Take into account the student's activities and the answers to the short essay questions. Talk with teachers and other administrators to get an idea of the student's personality, attitude and attentiveness.

- ❖ After reviewing all applicants, fill out the recommendation form completely. Each high school should suggest students to be interviewed by the Lodge Youth Awareness Committee. The reason for the school administrators conducting the "pre-interview screening" is that they are the people in contact with the students on a daily basis and, therefore, can provide the fairest judgment as to which students are the best candidates for consideration.

- ❖ The Youth Awareness program is not for kids who have issues with drug and alcohol abuse. This is a program for high school students who can combine academic skills and leadership qualities to target 4 – 9 year-olds with positive messages through KidsTalks.

Moose Youth Awareness Program Student Instructions

- ❖ Each packet should contain the following:
 - Overview of Moose Youth Awareness Program
 - Applications for Consideration

- ❖ Interested students should complete application (front and back), sign and date it and return to Guidance Counselor no later than _____.

- ❖ Guidance Counselor will consult with appropriate teachers and administrators to review applications and develop a list of students to be recommended for interviews with Lodge Youth Awareness Committee.

- ❖ The Lodge Youth Awareness Committee will interview recommended students to select representatives to the Association Student Congress.

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Drug/Alcohol Abuse	Manners
Smoking	Fire Safety
Peer Pressure	Washing Hands/Hygiene
Bullying	Internet Safety
“Stranger Danger”	Stay in School
Nutrition	Dental Health

- ❖ Following the interview process, at least 2 students will be selected as representatives to the Association Student Congress. The students and their families may be invited to the Lodge to be introduced to the members at an event prior to the Association Congress.

Moose Youth Awareness Program Application for Consideration

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Home Telephone Number: _____

School: _____ Grade: _____

School Activities: _____

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

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Moose Youth Awareness Program
Student Recommendation Form

High School: _____

Address: _____

Phone #: _____ Fax #: _____

Contact person: _____ Ext: _____

Student Name

Class of

M/F

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Any comments from teachers or administrators are welcomed and may be attached on a separate sheet.