

Calendar of Events

This is a partial list of some of the 2017 activities of the Youth Department. Keep a lookout for more details and other activities as they are announced!

February 11 – Winter Youth Rally

March 19 – State Grange Bowling Tournament

June 2-4 – June Youth Rally

July 7-9 – Northeast Youth Conference, Massachusetts

September 24 – Grange Day @ Big “E”, West Springfield, MA

November 7-11 – 150th National Grange Convention, Spokane WA

NH STATE GRANGE YOUTH PROGRAM 2017 REPORT:

PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL * ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES DENOTE CONTESTS/ACTIVITIES THAT HAVE NO AGE REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE OR PARTICIPATE!

***2017 YOUTH REPORT FORM**

20 POINTS

Your Grange should submit a Youth Report to the State Youth Director by September 25, 2017. In addition, Subordinate Youth Chairmen should send a copy of their report form to the Pomona Youth Chairman by September 20th, 2017 so that he/she has all the needed information to compile and submit an accurate Pomona youth report to the Youth Director by the due date.

***2017 YOUTH REPORT BOOKLET**

50 POINTS

Each Grange is encouraged to submit a Youth Report form in a booklet that includes photographs, newspaper clippings, souvenirs, etc. about your Grange’s youth activities. This is due to the State Youth Director by September 25th, 2017.

***WINTER YOUTH RALLY**

40 POINTS

This event is tentatively scheduled to be held on February 11, 2017. Please watch for details in the mail and the *Granite State Granger*. Scheduled activities may include Grange Knowledge Test, Community Service project, workshops, a Youth Association Meeting, and meals throughout the day.

***JUNE YOUTH RALLY**

Full Weekend/50 POINTS..Partial/25 POINTS

This event will be held June 2-4, 2017 at a location to be announced. Activities will include workshops, Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Contests, a Youth Association meeting, awarding of Youth Officers and Ambassadors, and election of youth officers. Watch for a future mailing, the State Grange website, and the *Granite State Granger* for detailed information.

***NORTHEAST REGIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE Full /70 POINTS.. Partial /35 POINTS**

This event will be hosted by Massachusetts on July 7-9, 2017. Regional Grange Jeopardy, Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song, and the Drill Team contests take place here. Workshop presented by the National Youth Director and Drill Competitions will be held at the conference. More details to come.

DONATIONS: All State Youth donations must be made by September 15th, 2017 to the State

Youth Director. Checks should be made payable to “NH State Grange Youth Committee”.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE STATE GRANGE YOUTH FUND 20 POINTS**

The activities of the State Grange Youth Committee are greatly enhanced by the monies that each Grange contributes to the Youth fund. These donations can be funds raised by some project of the Youth Committee of your Grange.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE RANDALL RICHARDSON MEMORIAL FUND 20 POINTS**

Randall Richardson was an active member of NH State Grange. He served as a Deputy State Master, was an elected state officer and was appointed the first Membership Chairman of the NH State Grange by State Master John L. Saturley. He was a strong supporter of the NH Youth Program and would often financially help any youth that was not able to attend youth activities because of the cost. A fund was established after his death at the request of his family to help meet the costs of youth travel, such as youth members attending National Session, especially for Youth Ambassadors, Youth Officers, and Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song winners. The Youth committee receives donations each year from individual Grange members, Subordinate and Pomona Granges and the donations are added to the fund. From this fund we are able to use the interest earned to cover the cost of youth travel.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE JODI BAILEY YOUTH FUND 20 POINTS**

Jodi Thomas Bailey (1967 – 1991). This Youth fund was named in her honor, because it was her idea and desire that financial aid be offered to all Grange youth, that they could enjoy the fellowship and advantages gained from attending youth conferences. She was a very active member of the Grange and especially of the Youth program. Some of her accomplishments were: NH State Grange Female Ambassador in 1987, National Female Ambassador in 1988, Chairman of the Deaf Activities Committee, and Sign-a-Song winner who competed at the National level. With her courage and commitment she stayed very active during her brief lifetime. It is through the donations by Granges that this fund is able to keep giving in her memory. Members age 14-35 may request financial aid to attend Summer Youth Rally or Northeast Regional Youth Conference.

Applications must be submitted to the Youth Director by May 1. They must be signed and sealed by the Subordinate Secretary, signifying that the member is in good standing. All requests are confidential. The amount of funds available will be limited to 50% of the funds in the account as of January 1, 2017. The Youth Director will notify recipients the amount of their award.

***CONTRIBUTE TO THE NATIONAL YOUTH FUND 20 POINTS**

Donations to The National Grange Youth Leadership Foundation are extremely important, as they provide crucial support to the National Youth Program. There are many wonderful programs offered on the National level. Donations should be sent directly to the National Youth Development Director, Charlene M. Shupp Espenshade, 213 Black Swamp Rd, Bainbridge, PA 17502

***PAPER CRAFT CONTEST 20 POINTS EACH**

This contest is open to all Grange members. Using paper as the foundation, you may use any materials to adorn or construct your entry. Your project may not be any bigger than 14 inches in height and width. Entries may consist of any type of paper construction or decoration that does not qualify for an entry in the Lecturer’s Art Contest. Scrapbook pages, ornaments, gift bags, gift boxes, origami, quilling, scherenschnitte, paper mache, are some ideas to get you started.

Members may enter more than one project, as long as each entry features a different craft genre. Bring entries to the 2017 State Grange convention for judging and sign them in before 10 AM on the Friday morning.

***T-SHIRT CONTEST**

20 POINTS EACH

Decorate a T-shirt with paint, fabric, or any suitable material and bring it with you to the 2017 State Grange convention for judging! Entries must be signed in before 10 AM on Friday morning. There are two categories: A) Grange Promotion B) Open Topic.

***GRANGE KNOWLEDGE TEST**

20 POINTS EACH

This is a fun way to test your knowledge of Grange history, ritual, personalities, and such. It is given at the Winter Rally meeting and also serves as the written test portion of the Youth Officers' Contest and the Ambassadors' program. It is open to all Grange members.

GRANGE KNOWLEDGE TEST STUDY GUIDE

The following is a list of items that you should study if you are interested in taking the Youth Officer Test, Ambassador Test, Outstanding Young Adult Test or the Grange Knowledge Test.

- *NH State Grange Roster
- *Subordinate Grange Manual
- *Grange Youth Program
- *Grange Digest and By-Laws
- *The Grange, Friend Of The Farmer 1867-1947 By Charles M. Gardner
- *The Grange: First Century of Service and Evolution 1867-1967 BY W.L. Robinson
- "The Grange: A Century of Service in NH" By John L. Saturley
- *The Grange: Fifteen Years In The Second Century In New Hampshire By John L. Saturley.
- *The Grange: 1873-1998, 125 Years in NH By John L. Saturley.
- *People, Pride, and Progress 125 Years of the Grange In America By David H. Howard.

***PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST**

40 POINTS EACH

When: June Youth Rally

Who: Open to all Grange members

How to enter: Submit entry form to the State Youth Director by June 1st, 2017.

Rules:

- > Three Age Categories: 1. 14 – 21 2. 22 – 35 3. 36 and over
- > The age of the contestant at the first competition will determine the age group the contestant will enter.
- > Categories:
 - A: Prepared Topic: Contestant's choice. Each contestant is required to answer an impromptu question at the end of their speech, which will be related to the contestant's chosen topic.

Time Limit: Must be a minimum of 4 minutes and a maximum of 7 minutes.

B: Radio Spot: This is an advertisement promoting the Grange. Pretend you are a Radio DJ doing a commercial for the Grange. Be original and creative. Spoken words, operating of music and any background must be done by the contestant. No outside help is allowed.

Time Limit: Exactly 60 seconds

C: Impromptu Speeches: This is delivered without preparation or thought ahead of time. Any member may sign up for the Impromptu Speech Contest at the state and regional conference, however no funds are available to aid these contestants with travel and registration costs to attend.

Time Limit: At least one minute but not longer than 7 minutes

> State winners in Category A&B will compete at the Northeast Youth Conference. Some of the winner's expenses may be paid by the state Youth Committee. National Grange will provide ribbons to the top three entrants in each division and age category along with cash prizes. One overall winner from the region will be selected to showcase at the national Grange Convention. Refer to the National Youth Program for complete details on rules, awards and scoring or contact the Youth Director for a digital or hard copy of the rules.

***SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST**

40 POINTS EACH

When: June Youth Rally

Who: Open to all Grange members

How to enter: Submit entry form to the State Youth Director by June 1, 2017.

Rules: You must be a member of Subordinate Grange for a minimum of 1 year. (Junior Grange membership counts.)

Categories: A). Novice- beginning to learn sign, no more than 3 sign language classes, not entered contest more than two years. B). Hobbyist-signs on occasion for fun, and entered the contest more than two years. C). Group- two or more people signing. D). Expert-one who signs professionally. Ineligible for Best of Show award.

Time Limit: 5 minutes

>Participants are to supply three copies of the words to the song they are signing.

>Participants must provide their own music. A CD player and speakers will be available. Refer to the National Youth Program for complete details on rules, awards, and scoring or contact the Youth Director for a digital or hard copy of the rules.

NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE GRANGE YOUTH AMBASSADORS CONTEST

MALE/FEMALE, YOUNG COUPLE, and MALE/FEMALE YOUNG ADULT

AMBASSADORS

50 POINTS EACH

The Ambassador program (known as the Horizon Leadership Ambassador Program at the National level) develops and recognizes the achievements and leadership abilities of young adults.

Those wishing to compete for Male or Female Ambassador must have observed their 16th birthday, but not their 22nd birthday by December 31st of 2017. These individuals must also be single, never been married, may not have children and must not marry and/or have children during the term of service. If under 18, must have parent's consent.

Young Couples and Young Adults must be between the ages of 22-35, having observed their 22nd birthday, but not their 36th birthday by December 31, 2017.

All participants must have been a Grange member for a minimum of 1 year. State winners must be willing to work to help promote the Grange Youth Program, as well as, represent our state at the National Grange convention in Spokane, WA, November 2017, for which ambassadors will receive partial funding to attend.

Requirements:

- :) Complete a notebook about your Grange, School, Home and Community activities.
- :) Take a written test with a score of 85% or higher on Grange history, personalities, etc.
- :) Take part in a personal interview. The interview and written test will be conducted at Spring Fling or the Lecturer's Variety Show, definite date to be determined.
- :) Participants must complete the requirements for 4 National Grange Achievement award seals by April 1, 2017. (The Public Speaking Achievement is highly recommended.)
- :) Each must have attended a Northeast Regional Youth Conference within the past 3 years.
- :) State winners shall complete all other requirements for the National Horizon Leadership

- Recognition Program. (A complete guideline for National Participation will be provided.)
- :) NH Ambassadors must agree to provide a workshop at Winter Youth Rally in 2018 to pass along the information learned at National Grange.
 - :) Applications (available in this booklet) and notebooks are due to the State Youth Director by April 1st, 2017.

NH YOUTH OFFICER CONTEST

40 POINTS EACH

The purpose of this award is to recognize our members between the ages of 14-35, who do outstanding ritualistic work in the office of: Master, Steward, Assistant Steward, and Lady Assistant Steward, or Ceres. This honor requires that each officer be present at Youth Association events, including rehearsals. The office is held for one year and can be held only once. Complete an application, available in this booklet, and send to the Youth Director, **postmarked by January 15, 2017.**

REQUIREMENTS

- Take a written test on Basic Grange knowledge. Test is given at Winter Rally Meeting.
- Participate in the opening and closing ritual of the Subordinate Grange.

Youth Officers will be announced in June and will be the Youth Officer of the New Hampshire State Grange Youth Association for the coming year. Remaining Youth Officers will be elected at the Summer Youth Rally.

DRILL TEAM CONTEST

30 POINTS EACH

The New Hampshire Youth Drill Team will compete at the Northeast Youth Conference in Massachusetts on the morning of July 9th. The drill team is an 8 to 16 person team, and is open to all youth ages 14- 35. One quarter of the team may be over the youth age of 35, but youth age team members get first preference. The team meets in the spring and early summer for multiple practices and will perform an 8-10 minute marching drill set to music for the competition. This is a highlight of the regional youth conference and the first place prize is highly coveted by all the states in the region. Please let the Youth Director know you are interested by March 1, 2017.

***HOLD YOUTH/ACTIVITY NIGHT**

75 POINTS

Youth Nights are to be conducted by the Youth Committee of each Grange. The program should be well rounded and a copy must be included in your report. An activity or event can be planned in place of a youth night program. An event can be a dance or activity that would include local youth who are not Grange members. One or more Granges can combine to hold a youth/activity night or program. Send invitations to neighboring Granges. Please make sure to send your Youth Night date to the Youth Director so we can schedule a representative to attend.

***YOUTH NIGHT VISITING**

30 POINTS

Each Grange is asked to visit at least three other Youth/Activity Nights. Any member of your Grange may make these visits. Please be sure to report about your visits at your next Grange meeting. Also report to the State Youth Director in your year-end report what office you held, or games you played or any other way you participated or assisted.

NEW YOUTH MEMBERS

40 POINTS EACH

Youth membership must be encouraged at all levels of the Grange. There ARE young people in the world today that are interested in the values exemplified by the Grange. Get out into the community to let others know about Grange.

SUBMIT YOUTH MEMBERS' MAIL/EMAIL ADDRESS **10 POINTS EACH**

The success of our program depends greatly upon our ability to communicate with each other. The Youth Committee desires the ability to send emails and mailings directly to all youth members, thus enhancing the quality of our communications. Please send the name, mailing address, email address, and if possible, the phone number of each of your Grange's youth members to receive this credit.

***YOUTH REPORT AT EACH MEETING** **40 POINTS**

The Youth Committee should be a Standing Committee in every Grange. This committee should report at each meeting the activities of the young people in the area including Grange, school, 4-H, FFA, JROTC, scouts, church groups, etc. Also report the events of the Youth Association, as there are activities happening throughout the year.

***PRESENT A RITUALISTIC PROGRAM** **50 POINTS**

Present or provide a ritualistic program in your Grange. This can include trivia or any bits of **interesting** information. To take credit a complete copy of the evening's program **must** be included in your Youth Report.

YOUTH ASSOCIATION OFFICERS **10 POINTS EACH**

Any member age 14-35 can be elected or appointed in 2017 to fill an office in the Youth Association for one year. This honor requires that each officer be present at State Grange, Winter Rally, June Youth Rally, and other Youth Association meetings.

***ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS** **5 POINTS EACH SEAL**

The National Grange offers achievement awards that can be earned by **all ages**, with a couple of exceptions. It's a great way for all members to participate and encourage participation in the community and in the Grange. A certificate is awarded and a seal is given for each level met. Look for detailed information on each award and also see the full list, go to the National Grange Youth website... http://nationalgrangeyouth.org/?page_id=6

The National Grange Youth Program

The National Youth Department sponsors a slew of other contests and programs for our Grange youth members. They are too many to print in our state booklet, due to the astronomical printing bill that would create! So, instead of describing all the programs here, we are offering you a check list that you are encouraged to use if you care enough to take the time to look up this additional information at www.nationalgrangeyouth.org.

Here is the complete list of programs and contests offered by National Grange:

- Pi² – Encourages youth to take an active leadership role in his/her own Grange
- NJHA Horticulture Identification and Judging Contest
- Grange Youth Focus Areas – Develop a Program on a) Deaf/Hearing Loss Awareness
b) Agriculture Advocacy/Education c) Get out the Youth/Young Adult Vote
- Grange Parliamentary Procedure Contest – Team of six youth to compete at National Grange
- Grange Jeopardy – NH sends a team of three contestants to the Northeast Region conference at which time the three top scorers are selected to compete in Grange Jeopardy at national convention.
- Apathy Not Allowed: Grange Grassroots Activism Award
- Photo Essay Contest – selected essays will appear in the 150th Anniversary Grange history and culture book that will be published in 2017.
- National Grange Writing Contest - selected essays will appear in the 150th Anniversary Grange history and culture book that will be published in 2017.
- GROW Club – “Go Right on Working” is comprised of all former state Prince, Princess, Young Couple, and Ambassador contestants who represented their state at National Grange.
- GROW Club Scholarship – Sponsored and administered by the GROW Club
- Youth Membership Representative Program
- Youth Grange Member Recruitment Award -
- Folding Display Contest – Entries to be brought to State Session, winner goes on to National
- Right on Target Youth Committee Award: setting/accomplishing a community project
- Leadership Award for Outstanding Youth
- Achievement Awards – certificates with sapphire, emerald, silver, ruby, gold level seals to earn and attach by completing requirements covering a broad range of interests/skills
- Horizon Leadership Ambassador/Young Adult Program – partially described on pages 4 & 5.
- John Trimble Youth Legislative Experience – work with delegates at National Session to set Grange policy
- National Grange Youth Officers Team – apply to be selected to serve on Youth opening team at National Session (some expenses are covered by state and national funding programs)
- Regional Public Speaking/Sign-A-Song Contests – Best of Show winners go on to National
- Subordinate/Pomona Grange Distinguished Youth Program
- Digital Photo Scavenger Hunt

If someone from your Grange is curious to learn how to participate in any of these contests/programs, your Youth Director and Youth Committee members will be happy to assist and accommodate your interest! Just contact us with your questions!