

2020-2021 Youth Activities.....August 2020 Guidesheet

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Our youth and our VFW Auxiliaries are about to cast off in the fine arts journey. Ready to support, encourage and motivate our youth though your Auxiliaries. ! I know you all can !



Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

New this year, ages 6-16 youth can compete in an individual national anthem singing contest! This contest is geared to have our young patriots learn the words to “The Star Spangled Banner” while expressing their creativity as well showcase their vocal talent while promoting patriotism.

How can your VFW Auxiliary help? First by getting the word out about this great opportunity by distributing flyers and promoting and sharing the contest with your local communities via newspaper, radio, social media, facebook, websites etc. Media press releases , contest flier, and the contest rules and judging sheets are all available on the vfwauxiliary.org/resources under Youth Activities....Then hold a local contest in your community with awards determined by your Auxiliary by March 31, 2021. Then forward your Auxiliary's 1st place winner entry to me by April 15, 2021! One winner for the Dept. of Indiana will be sent on to the next level.



So singing is not your youths' talent. The artistic patriot can bring AMERICA alive in this contest. Get your elementary and middle/junior high students excited to express our America through their eyes and minds into their drawings and paintings. Details for the submissions are on the vfwauxiliary.org website. There are 3 grade divisions: 1-2, 3-5, and 6-8 ; Older than 8th grade?, look up the Young Creative Arts Contest in the Scholarship Resource page!



Patriotism through Literacy Program

So singing is out, drawing is limited to stick figures, there is still another artsy way to show your youths' love of the art of reading and sharing that love to others. This is not a contest, but your Auxiliary should promote this endeavor with the youth in your communities. Be the avenue, that your youth can share and connect to their veterans and the younger youth. How? Work with your schools in getting the patriotic book list to the various grade levels. Host a book review club ... find that Auxiliary member that share the love of reading and put their thinking caps to support this fine art!

Recognitions: There are great ways to show your Auxiliaries' appreciation to our youth and youth groups showing their patriotism. There is a certificate you can print off to recognize a special YOUTH WITHIN A YOUTH GROUP OR INDIVIDUAL YOUTH that goes over and above showing their patriotism in their volunteerism. Don't forget to pass out those R.A.P. coins and cards available ! Keep those handy for those random times! There is also a special citation called the “Youth Groups Supporting Veterans” citation which must be requested by your Auxiliary from National. This award is for youth groups specially doing community service for a veteran or veteran facilities! Caroling ,care packages, shovelling snow, delivering groceries, etc just to name some amazing ways our youth support our veterans! Those request forms are also on the resource page at vfwauxiliary.org!

Till next stop on our journey....Bon Voyage! Barb Barger