

2020-2021 Youth Activities.....SEPT 2020 Guidesheet

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AHOY MATES! We are just getting started in our fine arts journey with our youth! So make your plans on the paths your auxiliaries are taking and move into ACTION!

Schools are beginning, scouts troops are meeting, youth groups are doingwhatever the way they are meeting or doing via zoom or by inperson, find out the path you can get info to them and connect! Social media is always moving and buzzing.... Use whatever means to get the word out about the YOUTH ACTIVITIES fine arts contests....and what the VFW Auxiliaries can do to help with their endeavors too.

Fall is a very busy Patriotic season! Remember to reach over to your AMERICANISM and VETERAN AND FAMILY SUPPORT chairs in your AUXILIARIES to join efforts to bring in those YOUTH in your efforts and patriotic education to our youth. Share your knowledge about our flag, our history and our patriotism! Where are they going to learn it if we don't share what we know! That is part of our VFW Auxiliary's mission.

Community service is great avenue your VFW Auxiliaries to connect with our youth. Hold a joint a community outreach drive! School supplies, food drives, clothing drive, yard work day for veterans and or seniors...Our youth love to do this kind of community service! AND.....

DID YOU KNOW? Most youth groups require their members to do community outreach projects in as part of their programs to earn awards and recognitions within THEIR organizations. VFW Auxiliaries can join in organizing with them in helping with their efforts, Offer a building to work out of, help in transporting the items and youth, helping them pinpoint VETERANS and VFW families in the community that need help with foods, clothes, yardwork etc. I am sure you can come up with a group or groups to assist. Remember: MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK!

So in doing joint endeavors with any youth or youth groups, you have the avenue to educate our communities in what the VFW Auxiliaries do for our communities and for our veterans and their families. Is your POST hosting a dinner and or program coming up for Veterans Day? Invite not just your membership, but ask a local youth group and also youth from your Auxiliary families to help out! Have them help decorate, serve, set up and clean up the area etc. Invite a scout to lead the pledge of allegiance, sing the Star Spangled Banner, lead the dinner prayer, give a short speech thanking the veterans in attendance for their service and sacrifice.....Why not?

Please remember to write down your endeavors on your travel log (now available to print off vfwinaux.org). AS YOU TRAVEL ALONG.... Please attach or send your travel log into me along with your first reports due October 1, 2020. Ready to support, encourage and motivate our youth through your Auxiliaries. ! I know you all can!

Don't forget those contests and get information out to the community so the youth have time to create their entries in plenty of time! I'm looking forward to see how all our auxiliaries make their dreams come true!

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue! AND ILLUSTRATING AMERICA

DUE DATE MARCH 31 2021 AUXILIARY MUST HAVE their winners and send them to me by APRIL 15, 2021 !!!

Patriotism through Literacy Program check out the list of books on the vfwinaux.org and vfwinaux.org

Print off the available certificates to recognize the youth and youth groups for their patriotic endeavors and service, as you involve them in our VFW Auxiliary programs and support the youth in your community involvement. And be sure to request the special recognition citations from NATIONAL VFW Auxiliary for the "Youth Groups Supporting Veterans" !

PASS OUT those R.A.P. coins and cards when you see youth being kind to others and showing their patriotism! Till next stop on our journey....Bon Voyage! Barb Barger