

Stand UP & Speak OUT

FOR THE JUNIOR GRANGE

Junior Grange
Program Guide
2018



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Dear Junior Grange Members, Leaders, and State Directors:

I am excited to take this journey with you as dive into the 2018 theme and we Stand Up and Speak Out for the Junior Grange.

At National Session 2016 in Washington D.C. I asked for a show of hands for those who began their 'Grange life' in Junior Grange. The results were astounding as more than ½ of the delegate body raised their hands.

The programs we develop today in the Junior Grange not only help a child to become a leader but it begins the process of laying a foundation for them that they can carry on for the rest of their lives.

Within this 2018 Program Guide you will find quite a few new things: changes to the requirements for JG Ambassador, Super JG Requirements, JR Grange Jeopardy, a Legislative Junior Experience, Handy Craft Contest, new Awareness Project theme, also, we have added a 12 month guide for your meetings. This could be something to help a new or struggling Junior Grange get on their feet or just simply take the stress off of a Junior Leader as they plan for their next month's meeting!

Throughout 2018 I look forward to meeting many more of you and working to be present in your Grange community, either virtually or in person! This is the beginning of a new era in the Junior Grange program and I am excited for this opportunity to serve you from the Great State of Texas, the same place that the Junior Grange was created.

Thank you all for your continued support and dedication to the Grange! If ever you need to contact me do not hesitate! I am here for you!

Fraternally yours,

Samantha Wilkins

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National Junior Grange Director

JUNIOR GRANGE PROGRAM - AGE REQUIREMENTS

Junior Grangers ages 5-14 are welcome to participate in all programs within the Junior Grange Program.

With exceptions to earning their Super JG and participating in the Ambassador Program. However, they are still welcome to work on achieving those goals before they reach the appropriate age.

DATES AND DEADLINES

The LAST day to postmark (or email when available) entries is by the date shown.

AUGUST 15th

Ambassador Program Application

Super JG Award Application

October 1st

All entries may be completed any time during the year from October 1 of previous year to October 1 of current year.

Creative Art

Creative Writing

Mini-Scrapbook

Photography

Handy-craft entry

Awareness Award Submissions

State Director Reports

Junior Leader Reports

November 1st

Public Speaking

Sign A Song

Junior Grange Jeopardy

Contestants must have submitted the following info by **Nov. 1**

Name

Category (ie Speech, Sign-A-Song, Jeopardy)

Song or Speech Title (if applicable)

Age

State

Mailing address/name of Junior Grange

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2018 Theme

Stand Up and Speak Out For the Junior Grange

2018 Theme created by Alexandria 'Jomni' Tarbell, National Junior Ambassador 2017

Purpose:

- To encourage Juniors to find something they are for or against and to do something about it.
- To learn how to use the Junior Grange to bring attention to an issue and as a means to make an improvement to their community, our country, and our world

Junior Grange Activities:

- Design programs to help Juniors identify community needs or regulations which need to be enacted or revised
- Help the Juniors work together to develop solutions to the issues
- Design posters for a public area such as a library and/or write letters to newspaper editors to educate the community about the issues

Junior Grange Meeting:

- Invite a grange legislator to teach Juniors about the resolution process and help them write a resolution.
- Present the resolution during a business meeting using Parliamentary Procedures

Celebrate Leadership in the Junior Grange:

- Set goals to help Junior Members develop a team plan for legislative based activities.
- Recognize what goals the Junior Grange has and develop goals that you feel are good based on your common interest.

2018 HOST STATE

State of Vermont

Facts:

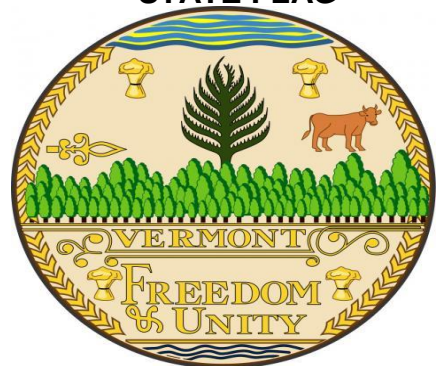
- Capital: Montpelier
- Entered the Union: March 4, 1777
- Vermont was the 14th State
- Motto: Vermont, Freedom, and Unity
- Flower: Red Clover
- Tree: Sugar Maple
- Bird: Hermit Thrush
- Insect: Honeybee
- Song: "These Green Mountains"
- Nickname: Green Mountain State



Vermont on the map



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2019 HOST STATE

State of Minnesota

Facts:

- Capital: Saint Paul
- Entered the Union: May 11, 1858
- Minnesota was the 32nd State
- Motto: "L'Etoile du Nord" (Star of the North)
- Flower: Showy Lady's Slipper
- Tree: Red Pine
- Bird: Common Lune
- Insect: Monarch Butterfly
- Song: "Hail! Minnesota"
- Nickname: The North Star State



Minnesota On the Map



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JUNIOR GRANGE LEGISLATIVE EXPERIENCE

The purpose of the Junior Grange Legislative experience is for Junior Grangers from across the country to come together to learn about how the Grange functions on the legislative side.

Junior Grangers will learn to Stand UP and SPEAK Out for the Junior Grange.

During the National Grange Legislative Fly-In (typically held in Late April/Early May) Junior Grangers are invited to come and get an up close and behind the scenes look at what Government is and how it operates in Washington DC.

Junior Grangers, their leaders, and parents are invited to attend the Fly-In!

WE will meet with different legislative departments (such as the Department of Education, the Department of Agriculture, etc), possibly meet with congressmen and senators from your state, possibly take a tour of the capital, and visit a museum or two.

PLAN ON JOINING US TODAY!

CONTACT YOUR NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE DIRECTOR FOR MORE INFORMATION:

JUNIOR@NATIONALGRANGE.ORG

ONCE YOU CONTACT Samantha Wilkins a schedule of events and more information will be sent to you regarding the Legislative Fly-In.

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Pen Pal Program

How fun is it to meet new Grangers from across the US. But what happens when we meet them at a National, Regional, or State Event? Do we keep in contact with them? Or do we just hope that we will get to see them the following year at another Grange event?

Well it is time to help solve that. It is time to build Junior Grange relationships across the nation! By implementing the new Pen Pal Program we will be working to promote Grange health, developing and bettering handwriting skills, and making use of the United States Postal Service.

To Sign up for the Pen Pal Program and be matched with another Junior from around the United States Please send:

A: Your name

B: Age

C. Grange Name

D. State

E. Mailing address

To the National Junior Grange Director

Junior@nationalgrange.org or Samantha Wilkins

National Junior Grange Director

21578 Pleasanton Rd

San Antonio, TX 78264

2018 Project AWARENESS AWARD

2018 Awareness Award Theme: **POLLINATOR AWARENESS**

Complete the following tasks to receive your 2018 Awareness Award!

1. Research the different types of pollination and who our pollinators are. Talk to a local Master Gardener about their importance and what you can do to help.
2. Create a pollination diagram and a flyer about the importance of Pollinators; place the flyers up at your Grange Hall, local businesses, and/or grocery stores.
3. Encourage friends, family, and neighbors to not use toxic chemical pesticides
4. Find out what plants pollinators are drawn to and plant a small (or large) pollinator garden. Or help a local gardener or small group plant a garden.
5. Build a 'bee condo' or an 'insect hotel' or bird house/ butterfly house (instructions on how to build a bee condo are available on www.pollinator.org)
6. Speak at your Junior Grange and/or Subordinate Grange about the importance of pollinators!

Submissions for Award:

- Submit a copy of your flyer and diagram
- Submit pictures of your 'bee condo'
- Any written testimonials about your efforts to bring awareness
- Junior Leader must submit a letter stating your efforts.
- Submit pictures of your efforts to bring awareness! (Talking to neighbors, at your Grange meeting, hanging flyers, etc...)

The Awareness Awards will be presented during the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session. If you are unable to attend National Session we will mail your certificate.

- All Articles Submitted **MUST** have the Juniors
 - Age
 - Name
 - Grange Name & No.
 - State
 - Mailing Address
 - Will you be attending National Session?

SUBMISSIONS FOR AWARD MUST BE MADE BY OCTOBER 1.

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JUNIOR GRANGE JEOPARDY

Junior Grange Jeopardy is an exciting event that brings together Junior Grangers interested in Grange trivia and history.

Individuals have the opportunity to gain knowledge about the Grange and Junior Grange, its history, and impact on rural America.

Junior Grange Jeopardy gives you the opportunity to expand your knowledge of the organization in many different areas, while enhancing your critical thinking, problem solving, communications and listening skills.

Age: 5-14 years of age by December 31 of the competing year!

Preparation In Jeopardy, individuals compete against each other earning points for correctly answering questions about the Junior Grange/Grange and rural issues.

HOW IT WORKS:

- Each State may send up to 3 representatives to compete in Junior Grange Jeopardy to National Convention.
- Each contestant will compete on an individual basis.
- Contestants will earn points for each correct answer and lose points for incorrect answers.
- There will be 3 rounds
 - 2 regular rounds
 - Final Jeopardy
- Contestants may **only** move on to final Jeopardy if they have at least '1' point on the score board.

The top 3 contestants with the highest scores will win a cash prize.

Contestants information must be submitted no later than Nov. 1 to the National Junior Grange Director at junior@nationalgrange.org

Name

Age

State

Junior Grange Name and Number

Mailing Address

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HANDY CRAFT CONTEST

Create your own Junior Grange themed cross-stitch pattern and execute your design into a framed picture.

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member
2. Decide on an image of your own creation that represents the Junior Grange
3. Trace the pattern you would like to execute onto graph paper
4. Use colored pencils to fill in your design. Use from 3 - 7 colors
5. Execute your pattern on cloth into an 8 count stitch pattern using a 5x40 grid. (your piece should be 6.25x5 inches, keep in mind that you will want to add two(2) to three(3) inches all around for framing.
6. Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age (and birthdate)
 - c. State
 - d. Grange name and number
 - e. Mailing address

Submissions must be postmarked by **October 1st** of current year to be entered into National Competition.

AGE: Will be broken down into 3 age categories:

Group 1: 5-7

Group 2: 8-10

Group 3: 11-14

Judging will be based on creativity, originality, and use of theme.

Awards:

Cash prizes for 1st-3rd place winners in each age category will be awarded during the Junior Breakfast at National Session. Winners not present will have their awards mailed to them.

NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

The National Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest will be held during the National Grange Convention held every November. This contest will be open to all State Junior Grange Public Speaking winners and will be judged at National Session. Winners will be announced at the Evening of Excellence and Best of Show winners will give their speeches at the Junior Grange Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Requirements:

-Age: 5- 14 years of age

- **Participants** must have achieved First Place in their State Junior Competition, or Best of Show at their Regional Competition. One participant from each category may represent their state at National Convention. And the Best of Show winner may represent from their region.

Names, age, speech title, and State name must be turned in by November 1st to the National Junior Grange Director at juniors@nationalgrange.org

Categories

Impromptu-(only at Regional Conferences) The contestant will draw 2 topics from a mystery bag and select one of those topics to give their speech on. The contestant must meet a minimum of 1 minute with no more than 3 minutes for their speech.

Short Story- The contestant may present a short story or poem of their choosing. The contestant must meet a minimum of 1 minute with no more than 3 minutes for their story.

Prepared- Deliver a prepared speech on one of the following topics:

- 1) The Junior Grange theme of that year
- 2) Any topic of their choice

The contestant must meet a minimum of 3 minutes with a maximum of 7 minutes for their prepared speech.

Judging Criteria:

Time	10 points
Content	40 points
Voice Control.....	20 points
Body Language	10 points
Eye Contact	10 points
Appearance	10 points
TOTAL POSSIBLE:.....	100 Points

National Competition Winners:

1st-3rd place winners in each age category will receive cash prizes. A Best of Show winner will also be announced and given the opportunity to present their speech at the Junior Grange Breakfast.

Note no funding will be provided to attend the National Grange Session

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NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE SIGN-A-SONG CONTEST

The National Junior Grange Sign-A-Song Contest will be held during the National Grange Convention every November. This contest will be open to all State Junior Grange Sign-A-Song winners and will be judged at National Session. Winners will be announced at the Evening of Excellence and winners will give their presentations at the Junior Grange Breakfast on Saturday morning.

Requirements:

- **AGE-** 5- 14 years of age
- **CATEGORIES:** Novice, Hobbyist, Group
- All National Junior Grange competition participants must have achieved First Place in their State Junior Competition, or Best of Show at their Regional Competition. One participant from each category may represent their state at National Convention. And the Best of Show winner may represent from their region.
- Names, age, song title, and state must be turned in by November 1st to the National Junior Grange Director at juniors@nationalgrange.org

Judging Criteria:

Utilization of total communication.....	30 points
(Sign language, ability, signs clearly with creative interpretation)	
Body expression, display of emotion	30 points
Presentation, interpretation with confidence	30 points
Clarity of music selection	10 points
Total Possible	100 points

National Competition Winners:

1st-3rd place winners in each category will receive cash prizes

A Best of Show winner will also be announced and given the opportunity to present at the Junior Grange Breakfast at National Session.

Note no funding will be provided to attend the National Grange Session

CREATIVE ART CONTEST

Using the theme for the appropriate year draw or paint a picture showing what the theme means to you. ‘

The themes a) The CURRENT Junior Grange theme or b) any creative art piece that relates to the Junior Grange.

Rules:

7. Must be a Junior Grange Member
8. Maximum size is 8 ½ x 11 inch paper.
9. May use any medium they choose (i.e crayons, pencil, markers, paint, etc)
10. Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age (and birthdate)
 - c. State
 - d. Grange name and number
 - e. Mailing address

Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year to be entered into National Competition.

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Awards:

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CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST

Topic:

Write a story about the CURRENT Junior Grange Theme.

OR

Be as creative as you can by telling your own story.

RULES:

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member
 2. Length- Each entry must be a minimum of 1 pages long and a maximum of 4 pages. Double spaced, typed or handwritten.
 3. Each entry must be labeled on the back with an index card stating, in clear handwriting or typed, the following information
 - a. Name
 - b. Age (and birthdate)
 - c. State
 - d. Grange name and number
 - e. Mailing address
- Submissions may be sent via e-mail as PDF documents by October 1.
 - Mailed submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

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MINI-SCRAPBOOK CONTEST

Purpose:

To capture the activities of the Junior Grange member throughout the year.
What did you do? Where did you go? What did you participate in?

This is your journey- Use the current Junior Grange Theme to design your pages and be as creative as possible.

Rules:

1. Junior Grange Member.
2. Scrapbook must be on standard 8 ½ x11 paper
3. Maximum 15 pages, excluding cover sheet
4. Include a Scrapbook cover sheet with
 - a. Name
 - b. Age (and birthdate)
 - c. State
 - d. Grange name and number
 - e. Mailing address
5. Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

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Awards:

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Photography Contest

Take a photograph of what you think represents the theme for the year.

Rules:

1. Must be a Junior Grange Member
2. Minimum photo submission size is a 5x7 and maximum 8x10.
3. Photos may be submitted in black and white or color.
4. On Back of photo include:
 - a. Name
 - b. Age (and birthdate)
 - c. State
 - d. Grange name and number
 - e. Mailing address
5. Submissions must be postmarked by October 1st of current year.

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SUPER JG AWARD

The Super JG Award is the highest level of achievement an individual Junior Grange member may obtain. This award is set to prove that the candidate can demonstrate a superior knowledge of the Junior Grange.

This award is supervised and administered by the National Junior Grange Director. All candidates are expected to submit a completed application and all required documentation.

A special pin and certificate will be presented to each Junior Grange member who meets requirements. The Super JG application and documentation will be displayed at the National Grange Session and those receiving the award will be recognized during the Junior Grange Breakfast.

All of the following must be submitted/obtained to receive the award.

1. Must be a JG member for a minimum of 2 years.
2. Submit a copy of Super JG written test
 - a. Test may be scored by State Director. But, score will be confirmed by National Junior Grange Director. A score of 80% or higher is required to pass.
3. Must be able to recite the Junior Grange Pledge and display the Junior Grange Grip
4. Enter 4 or more National or State sponsored Junior Grange contests within the past 2 years.
5. Recruit a new Junior Grange member
 - a. Junior Leader is to confirm
6. Be able to adequately explain procedures used when opening and closing the Grange (opening the Bible, Flag presentation/retiring, and retiring the emblem)
7. Complete a minimum of 5 merit badges from each category (Grange Adventure, Team Up America, and Discovery Network)
8. Organize a community service project and submit information on the project along with pictures.
9. Submit 2 letters of recommendations (1. Junior Leader, 2. Educational leader (Teacher, Sunday school teacher etc))

Requirements must be certified by Junior leader, Subordinate Master, or Junior Deputy.

Award applications must be submitted and postmarked by August 15th.

Super JG Award recipients will be recognized during the Junior Grange Breakfast at the National Session.

Super JG Award Application

Member Name	Date of Birth:	Age and Tshirt Size	Date Joined Jr. Grange
Address	City	State	Zip
Subordinate Grange	Number	Staate	Master Name
Junior Grange Name	Number	State	Type of Membership: Jr Grange Member: o 1+Member o
Junior Leader	Phone	Addresss	City, State, Zip

Requirements	Requirements Met/Certified by	Date Completed
1. Junior Member at least 2 years		
2. Attach completed Super JG test		
3. Ability to recite the JR Grange Pledge and display Grip		
4. Enter 4 State/ National Contests		
5. Recruit new Jr Grange Member		
6. Able to explain the opening and closing procedures		
7. Merit Badge completing: 5 badges in each category		
8. Organize community service project-include pictures		
9. Attach 2 letters of recommendation (1) Junior Leader (2) Educational Leader		
As Junior Leader I certify that _____ has qualified for the Super JG Award, having met all requirements for this award.	Signature of Jr. Leader:	Date Submitted:

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NATIONAL JUNIOR GRANGE AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

The purpose of the National Junior Grange Ambassador program is to provide an opportunity for outstanding Junior Grangers, selected by their State Grange, to attend the National Grange Convention and build their leadership potential. They will be given the opportunity to build relationships with other Junior Grangers and Grangers across the Nation. They will receive vital training that will be instrumental in developing the Junior Grange programs within their state, as well as preparing them for their future in the Grange.

A maximum of 2 Junior Grangers per state, one male and one female, may be chosen to represent their State at the National Convention. One candidate will be chosen through a process of interviews and observations made by a council of judges. The candidate that is chosen will be selected as the National Junior Grange Ambassador and will be a representative of the National Junior Grange program for a 1 year term.

All applicants are required to meet the following criteria:

1. Must be a Junior Grange member for a minimum of 3 years.
2. Must be between the ages of 10-14 years, having observed their 10th birthday, but not their 15th by December 31st of the year they attend National Session.
3. Ambassadors must be able to attend National Convention to represent their state during Junior Grange activity days (Thursday-Saturday)
4. Junior Ambassadors must have a parent or guardian attend National convention with them.

Applicants must submit the following:

1. 4 letters of recommendations from:
 - a. State Master
 - b. State Junior Director (if applicable)
 - c. Junior Leader (if applicable)
 - d. Educational Leader (i.e. teacher, sunday school teacher etc)
2. Headshot- a photograph containing only yourself
3. 1 page biography telling about yourself, your family, and your Junior Grange Achievements.
4. Applicant must have completed and passed the Super JG knowledge test.
 - a. Attach a copy of the test or a copy of your Super JG Award.
5. Attach a 1 page essay on "Why you would like to represent the National Grange as the NJGA"
6. Applicant must have obtained a minimum of 10 Merit badges from each category (The Grange Adventure, Team Up America, and Discovery Network)

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT APPLICATION: AUGUST 15th

Each State Grange may send one male and one female representative.

****At this time all Ambassadors must be able to attend National Convention and all Junior Activities at their own cost****

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National Junior Grange Ambassador Application

Member Name	Date of Birth:	Age and T-Shirt Size	Date Joined Jr. Grange
Address	City	State	Zip
Subordinate Grange	Number	State	Master Name
Junior Grange Name	Number	State	Type of Membership: Jr Grange Member: o 1+Member o
Junior Leader	Phone	Address	City, State, Zip

Requirements	Requirements Met/Certified by:	Date completed
1. Meets membership requirement. 3 year member and between 10-14 years old.		
2. 4 Letters of Recommendation		
3. Attached Biography and headshot		
4. Attached copy of Super JG Test or Award		
5. Attached Essay "Why would you like to represent the National Grange as NJGA?"		
6. Required Merit Badge Achievement:		

<p>Parental Permission:</p> <p>I certify that my child, _____, has my permission to apply to become the National Junior Grange Ambassador. We will be able to attend National Grange Convention as needed and will be able to cover any costs associated with attending convention. I also give my permission for my child's photograph to appear in appropriate publicity for the National Grange and the Junior Grange Program.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X _____ Date: _____</p>
<p>Junior Leader Certification</p> <p>I Certify that _____ qualifies for the National Junior Grange Ambassador Program and has met all of the program requirements.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">X _____ DATE _____</p>

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KELLEY FARM PROJECT

The Oliver Hudson Kelley Farm in Elk River, Minn., is home of one of the founders of our Grange Order. They could use the aid of the Junior Grangers from across the country to help feed the animals at the Kelley Farm. With workhorses, oxen, milk cows, pigs, sheep, and chickens to feed every day of the year, all donations large or small are greatly appreciated and will help with the feed costs a great deal.

You can write to the farm:

**Oliver H. Kelley Farm
15788 Kelley Farm Rd.
Elk River MN 55330**

Email: Kelleyfarm@mnhs.org

To see pictures of the Kelley Farm animals, visit the Minnesota Historical Society website at www.mnhs.org, and click on Oliver H. Kelley Farm.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR YOUR HELP! PLEASE USE THE FORM BELOW TO SEND IN YOUR DONATIONS:

JUNIOR GRANGE:	#	STATE:
NUMBER OF MEMBERS:	JUNIOR LEADER NAME:	AMOUNT OF DONATION \$:
JR GRANGE MAILING ADDRESS:	CITY, STATE	ZIP

Make your checks payable to “**Grange Foundation, KELLEY FARM.**” Send your check and this form to:

National Grange Office in Washington D.C. 1616 H St NW Washington DC 20006

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MERIT BADGE PROGRAM

The Junior Grange *Merit Badge Program* is designed to be an exciting and innovative way for Juniors to learn more about *their world, their country, their state, their community, and their Grange.*

The Merit Badge program has recently been revised and will now be all inclusive into one program manual. The National Junior Grange Department will highlight one badge per month. Juniors that earn that badge during the highlighted month will receive special recognition.

The program is broken down into three categories:

- 1. The Grange Adventure**
- 2. Team Up America**
- 3. Discovery Network**

Each category has a total of 20 badges. There are badges designed to fit every person's interests. After a Junior has completed the necessary tasks to receive a badge the Junior Leader may order the Merit Badges off of the National Grange Website.

It is highly encouraged that each Junior Director promote the use of the Merit Badge program. The completion of badges not only gives each Junior a sense of accomplishment, they are now also a required piece to achieve several awards and be a part of the Ambassador program. With completion of each Merit Badge each Junior Grange member will gain a better understanding of the particular area covered by the Merit Badge. The knowledge will last beyond the time they spent in the Junior Grange.

Merit Badge Manual:

There is now one Junior Grange Merit Badge Manual. This will make it easier for the Junior Grange members to track their accomplishments and see their achievements. Each badge will have an area for the Junior Leader to sign off that the requirements have been met and completed.

Be sure to check the Junior Grange website where you will be able to download the Merit Badge Manual. And be sure to check back often as there may be new Merit badges introduced throughout the year!

12 Month Guide

This will be a suggested 12 month meeting guide.
Every January a new guide will be produced.
This will give a guideline to how your year of meetings could go.

There will be a suggestion of badges to work on
A low-cost craft you could do
A suggested project or Grange related activity

And many other ideas.

This is meant to be a tool for you to use at your convenience. But, you are not required to follow this guide. Use this to help a leader plan their year, use this to help start a new Junior Grange. OR use this guide when you have a busy month and need to pull a rabbit out of a hat!

**Any suggestions for future years guides please send to your National Junior
Grange Director at juniors@nationalgrange.org**

January

The month of January makes me think of cold days and warm cozy fires-
Let us embrace the indoor times that winter brings by warming up the kitchen. January is also Benjamin Franklin's Birthday!

Badge: GA18-Baking-

Encourage your JRS to use the month of January to work on their Baking Badge-
As a group come up with different types of meals you could make for your family. Discuss what you think Benjamin Franklin's favorite meal was.

Discuss your favorite types of desserts. Do you think BF liked chocolate or vanilla cake?

Hands-on: As a group prepare a no-bake cookie or dessert to celebrate Ben Franklin's Birthday.

What were some things that Ben Franklin was known for?

Craft: <http://www.kinderart.com/crafts/bagkite.shtml>

Grange: Even though the Grange was not organized when Ben Franklin was alive do you think that he would have been a Grange member?

Community Service: January means cold weather: Make and deliver "no-slip socks" to your local nursing home or community shut ins <http://onecreativemommy.com/diy-non-slip-socks-kids-craft/>

February

The month of February has many things to celebrate but today we are going to celebrate Presidents day! Presidents day is February 21st

Badge: TUA3-Presidents-

Encourage your JRS to use the month of February to work on their Presidents Badge-
As a group learn about our first president George Washington. What were times like when he was president? Read a story about George Washington: Here is a suggestion:

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/holidays/presidents-day/george-washington/short-stories/>

Hands-on: As a group come up with a short skit about George Washington and the Cherry Tree Legend.

Craft: Make a George Washington Hat:

<http://www.artistshelpingchildren.org/kidscraftsactivitiesblog/2012/02/how-to-make-an-easy-george-washington-hat/>

Grange: Who was the first Grange President? What mark on Grange History did they make?

Community Service: February is also Valentines Day- Make Valentines Day Cards to deliver to your local nursing home.

March

The month of March means it is Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Badge: GA14- Book Giving-

Encourage your JRS to use the month of March to work on their Book Giving Badge- Have each bring 5-10 books to donate to a local charity (shelter, school, daycare etc) Talk about the importance of reading and giving.

Hands-on: Dr. Seuss loves to Rhyme. Play a few games with rhyming words. I like the Rhyming Scavenger hunt. <http://fun-a-day.com/rhyming-activities-for-children/>

Craft: Create a Dr. Seuss Hat <http://joyfullyweary.blogspot.com/2011/11/easy-seussian-hats.html>

Grange: Since we are talking about words- Let us work on memorizing the Junior Grange Pledge. Try different memorization techniques to encourage memorization =, maybe give prizes to those who were able to memorize it. This could also help to earn **Badge** GA11

Community Service: Deliver collected books to charity.

April

The month of April is GRANGE MONTH! So let us celebrate the Grange!

Badge: GA10- Public Display-

Encourage your JRS to celebrate the Grange and grow their Junior Grange! Together let us work on a Junior Grange Display.

Hands-on: Use this time to discuss how you can grow your Junior Grange and promote within the community. Use your displays to set up in your church hall, outside the Grange Hall, school building, etc...

Craft: This year's theme is "Follow in the footsteps of the Junior Grange" Have each JR Trace several footprints and decorate them. Each footprint should have written on them one reason why someone should join the Grange.

Grange: Learn a song from the Junior Grange Songbook (any song about Grange)

May

The month of May is a time to celebrate culture!

Badge: DN 18- Dancing-

Encourage JRS to join together and celebrate culture! May is Cinco De Mayo so join one another in learning a traditional Mexican dance.

Hands-on: Learn the 'Mexican Hat Dance'

Craft: Create paper mache maracas <http://www.kinderart.com/sculpture/maraca2.shtml>

Grange: Since we have spent time dancing let us learn all together the proper march to open the Grange and escort guests to the Master's station.

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June

The month of June it begins to warm up and we think of the fun times we will be having over the Summer months.

Badge: TUA 16- Ocean Discovery

Let us join together to discover the Ocean.

Hands-on: As a group make a Sand Bucket Dessert: <http://www.cooks.com/recipe/pp61j556/sand-dessert.html> and make a circle going around with each person to create a story about the ocean. (Each Jr tells one part of the story or one word before switching to the next person)

Craft: Create a 'Straw Fish" <http://www.freekidscrafts.com/straw-fish/>

Grange: Pretend that our National Grange Master Betsy Huber, was a Mermaid. How would she conduct a Grange meeting? Pretend you are all Mermaids and Mermen and swim through the opening of the Grange.

July

The month of July is surly a time to celebrate America's Birthday!

Badge: TUA 17- Historical Figure

Have each Junior come dressed to celebrate America in their favorite historical figures costume (Abe Lincoln, George Washington, Susan B Anthony, etc) and bring a book about their character to share with the group!

Hands-on: have a birthday party to celebrate America. Create a picture collage about famous people in American History.

Craft: <http://www.kinderart.com/seasons/candlejars.shtml> or any patriotic craft

Grange: How has Grange been influential in American history? Collaborate as a group and discover ways the Grange has made a difference in your state or in your nation.

August

The month of August means it is time to get ready for school and it is time to build our thoughts and make our minds ready to learn!

Badge: TUA18- Food for Thought

Have each Junior bring a vegetable or fruit to share with one another. Have them discuss how each of their produce grow and what part of the country it may grow better in .

Hands-on: Share fruits and veggies, examine their texture, smell, size, etc....

Craft: <http://www.kinderart.com/arthistory/poparticecream.shtml>

Grange: Growth, let us give some 'food for thought' on growth.... How can we grow our JR Grange? How can we get our new friends at school interested in JR Grange? Practice the opening and closing procedures of the Grange.

September

The month of September means that school is back in session and the idea of a fall breeze is in the air.

Badge: DN 17- Tree Identification

Learn about how to identify trees. Have each Junior bring in a collection of 5 leaves from different trees. Work on identifying where they came from.

Hands-on: Go outside and look at the trees around, examine their bark, leaves, shape, etc discuss the differences

Craft: <http://www.dltk-holidays.com/fall/mfalltree.html>

Grange: Work on memorizing the Junior Grange Pledge

October

The month of October means FIRE! It is Fire safety month so we will focus on disaster plans!

Badge: Disaster Plan- TUA 11 and Emergency Help TUA 13

Hands-On: Look at the building you are in. Create a disaster plan for your current location.

Practice identifying how you would get help in a disaster.

Craft: <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/crafts/fire-safety/paper-roll-fire-safety-dog-craft.asp>

Grange: How do you prevent a disaster from happening at your Grange Hall? Discuss safety precautions that can be taken at your Grange Hall and figure out a plan to improve on the building safety!

November

The month of November is a month to give thanks, but it is also the month of National Grange Session!

Badge: TUA 12- Host State

Let us learn all we can about our HOST STATE: Washington

Hands-on: Learn the State song of Washington <http://www.50states.com/songs/washingt.htm>

Craft: Make a fingerprint art piece of Washington <https://www.pinterest.com/pin/260786634650594350/>

Grange: Discuss things you are thankful for about your Grange family!

December

The month of December is a month of celebrations all around the world!

Badge: DN16 - Small World Project

Hands-on: Celebrate Christmas the way they would across the world!

Craft: <http://www.123homeschool4me.com/2015/12/christmas-around-world-6-crafts.html>

Grange: Just spend time celebrating each other and maybe discuss what you would like to do throughout the next year!

State Directors Report

Due Date: October 1st

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Start Junior Director:	State:
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone: ()	E-Mail:
Number of Junior Grange Members (Including 1+ Members) in your state as of June 30th:	
Number of Chartered Junior Granges in your state as of June 30th:	
Number of Subordinate/Community Granges with 1+ Program in place:	
ATTACHMENTS: Please attach additional information:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. List of Juniors and a list of names of leaders with addresses, phone numbers, and e-mail. 2. List of individuals; other than the ones you have already listed, that you wish to receive the National Junior Grange Newsletters, e-mails and Program guide. 3. Comments or suggestions for the betterment of the Junior Grange Program.

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JUNIOR GRANGE LEADER REPORT

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Who should file report: ALL JUNIOR GRANGE LEADERS

Junior Grange Name/ Number	State
Junior Grange Leader:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip	
Phone: ()	E-Mail:
Number of Junior Grange Members as of June 30th:	
Number of Adult Leaders working with your Junior Granges as of June 30th:	
ATTACHMENTS: PLEASE ATTACH THESE ITEMS9	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PROGRAMMING: Outline the planning for the participation in any local, regional, State, or National Junior Grange Program. 2. COMMUNITY SERVICE: Outline any project organized by or participation in by the Junior Grange. 3. COMMUNICATION: Provide copies of websites, social media announcements, newsletters, conference programs, etc. 4. MEMBERSHIP: Outline membership promotion efforts by the Junior Grange members and leaders. 5. RITUAL: Outline any ritual study or performances of the Junior Degree during the year. 6. COMMENTS: Provide comments or suggestions for the betterment of the Junior Grange Program.

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