



The Kids

A Newsletter for Junior Grange Leaders

It's All About



Paint Your Own Adventure!!!

Join Us Now In Our Red Shoes!

Where are your Junior Granges going this year?

How are you going to get there?

What is your style of leadership?

Do you have a good team?

Why are you a Grange Leader?

How is your leadership tool box?

These are all questions a leader needs to ask of themselves. Junior Grangers are a blank canvas — you won't know what you have until they paint it.



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Junior Grange Leaders Enrichment Workshop

In November, an exciting new Enrichment Workshop was announced for Junior Grange Leaders.

This workshop is open to all Grange members. The topics will emphasize enhancing and building skills for Junior Grange Leaders using adult teaching methods, facilitated discussions, idea-exchange, and learning activities. Refreshing skills adds new tools to your toolbox and provides a new perspective to leadership skills.



This workshop is designed to be interactive, team-building and help you have fun while you learn. The same environment we want to provide to our Junior Grangers.



The optimum schedule for this workshop is over a weekend; arriving on a late Friday afternoon, using all day Saturday and then ending by noon on Sunday morning, allowing enough time for attendees to travel home. Whatever time format works for your area can be adapted for the Workshop.

Facility requirements would need to allow for tables and chairs for small group activities. Pre-registration is also required to make sure there are enough supplies and room for everyone to attend. Where to have it? At a Grange Hall, or conference room in your State Headquarters. Attendance would be limited to the size of the facility available.

The topics for the workshop will include communication skills, child safety, programs & ideas, critical thinking, merit badges, leadership skills, and problem-solving.

Two pilot presentations will be set this year. One on the west coast and one on the east coast. Additional workshops will then be set in various locations throughout the Grange States.



In the future, additional leaders will be trained to facilitate the Enrichment Workshops providing more opportunities for leadership development.

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Junior Grange 1+ Program

The Junior Grange 1+ Program continues to grow!! Granges are starting to use the program with some success.

Please send your success stories and photos about how the program is working in your area.

The new Junior Grange Leaders Guidebook explains the full procedure and contains the new obligation ceremony for the National Junior Grange 1+ Program.

Ask the Director!!

Got questions? Get answers!!
Ask your question and the answer will be published in the next newsletter.



~Help Wanted~ Community Service

WANTED—COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS!



Is your Junior Grange involved in Community Service Projects with your sponsoring Grange? Are the Junior Grange 1+ members working with your Grange on a project?

Even better — if you need ideas for Community Service — ask the Junior Grangers. They are innovative and really, really smart!!! Send us a shout-out for the Junior Grangers doing community service with you!!

That's A Wrap!

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You are driving along, no one in front of you. Come around a turn and BAM!! Sudden stop. Line of cars for miles—in the middle of nowhere Really? A Traffic Jam???

Communication works the same way. You think everything is fine—and then suddenly you find out no one knows what is going on. How does that happen? Junior Leaders at National Session identified communication as the #1 problem they face.

The next time you watch a television advertisement, be aware of how they are showing you the product. They tell you, show you, and tie the colors to the product (no one actually buys a shirt that color do they?). They have learned to touch as many visual and auditory senses as possible in 30 seconds. They need you to recognize their product out of hundreds.

As a leader, how do you communicate? Do you write it down? Do you tell them? Do you follow-up? Just because "that's the way we've always done it" does not mean that is how we need to keep doing it. Try a different method with the tried and true and see what happens. Adding lanes to the road helps alleviate those traffic jams!!!

...And that's a wrap!!