

JUNIOR GRANGE OPPORTUNITIES

During our annual state convention, Junior Grangers conduct their own session. Sixteen Junior members are selected to serve as State Junior Officers. They perform the Junior Degree for new Junior members and adult honorary members.

Junior Grangers can enter contests and win cash prizes. State winners in public speaking and Sign-a-Song are eligible to compete at the National Grange Convention. National Grange offers creative art, writing and other contests for Juniors at its annual convention.

CHECK OUR CURRENT ACTIVITIES

- Go to our webpage:
<http://www.wa-grange.com/Junior.aspx>
- Find us on Facebook:
- If you have a question about the Junior Grange in Washington contact our State Junior Director at
- For National Grange programs and contests, see www.nationaljunior-grange.org

JUNIOR GRANGE VALUES

CARE. Juniors have a great capacity to care about their community and environment. We provide more opportunities for Juniors to get involved and give back.

CONNECT. We host events where Juniors can connect with others across the state. Fellowship is a cornerstone of Grange membership and the Junior program is no exception. Friendships formed now can last a lifetime.

CELEBRATE. Every day it is important to celebrate our successes. Whether it's the achievement of an individual or a group effort, we need to reward and recognize the hard work each junior puts forth. Adding fun and excitement to what we do ensures happy and well-rounded juniors.

HOW TO JOIN

Fill out the application below. Submit it with your initiation fee and annual dues to your local Grange. To find a Grange near you, go to our website at www.wa-grange.org or call 1-800-



I'm a Junior Granger!

Last year I joined my local Community Grange, the same one as my parents and grandparents. My best friend joined too, even though her parents aren't Grange members. This is a new program for kids 5 through 14. While we can't hold office, we can fill in for an officer who is absent. We get to learn about the Grange and help out with fundraisers and community service projects.



The Junior Chairman for our Grange always brings a craft project. One meeting, we made things out of milk cartons and then we got to enter our creations in a State Grange contest. She also has games and puzzles for the younger kids who have trouble keeping quiet during the meeting.

I'm asking all my friends to join because when we get enough junior members, we can have our own organization. Then we'll be able to elect our own officers, conduct our own meeting and vote just like the adults do!

Washington Grange Junior Membership Application

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

I hereby apply for membership in _____ Grange # _____

I am including my initiation fee of \$1 and annual dues of \$1

Signature of applicant

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Note to Parents and Grandparents

The Grange recognizes that one of the greatest needs of young families today is a place the family can go together - and the cost is affordable. The Grange has always been a family organization. There's no need to get a babysitter. Grange members are used to the energy and noise that children can add to a meeting. The Grange offers programs and activities for family members age 5 and older.



Two forms of Junior Membership

Individual Junior Grangers

The National Grange introduced the 1+ Program because your community may not have the 13 or more children needed to organize a Junior Grange. The 1+ Program allows individual children between the ages of 5 and 14 to join a Community Grange. They can:

- Attend and participate in meetings
- Substitute for an officer who is absent
- Speak on a topic being discussed
- Help with Grange projects and events
- Enter State and National Grange contests.

Membership in Junior Grange

A Junior Grange is an organization that is run by girls and boys, ages 5 through 14, under the supervision of one or more adult Grange members. The first Junior Grange in Washington was organized in 19???. In Junior Grange, members:

- Elect their own officers
- Learn how to conduct their own meeting
- Learn parliamentary procedure by making motions and voting
- Develop speaking and writing skills
- Conduct their own community service projects and fundraisers
- have fun...fun... and more fun!

JUNIOR GRANGE CAMPING PROGRAM

The Washington State Grange, through a network of outstanding volunteers, offers seven weeks of camping experience for kids, ages 8-14. Each camp provides a well-rounded program that encourages group living in an organized manner. The daily camp program varies from camp to camp, and typically includes wholesome activities, healthy exercise, and a fun camping experience. The camper will learn about the Grange and make many new friends. Throughout the day, they will be encouraged to become leaders and have fun. It is not necessary for the camper nor their parents to be members of the Grange.



Grange programming is specifically designed to support and develop the potential of our youth.

Both forms of membership offer:

Activities for boys and girls, ages 5 to 14

Learning experiences: Teamwork, leadership skills, problem-solving, responsibilities, respect for others, self-confidence and much more.

Fun: Games, jamborees, camp and more! Members make new friends.

Community Involvement: Serve by helping the elderly, veterans, the hearing impaired, food banks, animals, or whoever and whatever is needed in your community.

Contests: Crafts, photography, baking, art, writing, public speaking, sign language, talent and more.

Proven Programming

For more than 125 years, Junior Grangers have been an important part of our organization. We believe every member of the family should participate in the Grange experience.

Many of today's Grange leaders had their start in the Junior Grange. They learned to interact with members of all ages. They learned to organize and manage projects, when to lead and when to follow, to work hard, and to have fun. Now they are giving back to an organization that gave them so much.

Each year a program guide is developed for Junior Grange members and leaders, with a set of goals and hands-on learning experiences. The theme and topic change from year to year, but the opportunities for learning and personal growth continue. Whether Juniors study presidents, states, farming, dinosaurs, civics or technology, they learn to gather, evaluate and organize information. They share what they learn with others by writing or presenting it. Learning to speak to a supportive audience at an early age is an extremely valuable skill.

The Grange is a multi-generational organization. Junior Grange members interact with their peers, adults and seniors. Juniors are challenged to reach their fullest potential and are encouraged by their Grange family to explore and grow.