

JUNIOR GRANGE DEPARTMENT



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Please visit the Washington State Grange Website for all forms and other detailed information.
<http://www.wa-grange.com>

Please refer to the National Grange Program guide for all contests and information on the 1+ Junior Grange Program.
<http://www.nationaljuniorgrange.org>



COMMUNITY (SUBORDINATE) & POMONA GRANGE INVOLVEMENT

There should be an active Junior Grange Development Committee

and/or Leader in every community (subordinate) and Pomona Grange, with the chairperson listed in the roster.

Duties of the Junior Grange Development Committees and Leaders: Promote the Junior Grange and activities for children ages 5-14 in your area at all times.

Steps in Organizing or Reorganizing a Junior Grange:

1. Contact the State Director, program directors or deputy.
2. Download the guidebook from www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

JUNIOR GRANGE 1+ PROGRAM

If any local area does not have 13 children ready for a Junior Grange, use the 1+ program. Any Subordinate/Community Grange, anyplace in the Nation, can start with a single Junior Grange-age child and build a Junior Grange Program from there. The process to start a Junior Grange 1+ program is easy. All Subordinate Granges with 1+ Junior members must name a Junior Grange Committee Chair. Please see the National Grange website for detailed information on this program:
www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

JUNIOR GRANGE SUMMER CAMPING PROGRAM

Grange camps are conducted at six locations across the state and are open to all children who are 9-14 years old. Grange membership or affiliation is not required. Camp brochures giving detailed information are available in the winter/early spring from the State Grange website, or your local Junior Grange camp director. Camps and locations for 2024 include:

- **Camp Wooten** located in southeast Washington. Dawn Yearout, director, 509-989-7057

- **Camp Morehead** located on the Long Beach Peninsula. Jacob & Tessa Gwin, Directors.

- **Camp David, Jr.** located in Clallam County. Cindy Kelly, Director, 360-460-9549

- **Camp Mayfield Lake** in Lewis County Washington. Jennifer and Marvin Oliver, directors (253) 906-6078 or (253) 906-6075.

- **Camp NEWA** in Stevens County. Information on Camp NEWA to be determined.

- **Camp Cornet Bay** at Deception Pass. Kathy Knott, Camp Registrar, 253-350-1807

Pre-registration dates are set by individual camps. Send the pre-registration information to the contact listed on the camp brochure, not the State Grange Headquarters nor the camp. Campers will be limited to the capacity of the camp. A late registration fee may be charged if not received by noted registration deadlines.

CAMP FUND DONATIONS

Junior Grange Campship Fund: Campers may receive financial assistance to attend Junior Grange camp. Originally set up in memory of Richard Kimball, the camper may receive assistance one time to attend camp. It may be a first-time attendee or an experienced camper. Assistance for any of the six camps in Washington State is available. To apply, please submit a letter and application requesting a campship. Letters are due June 1st. Mail letters to the Washington State Grange. For more information, please contact your camp director or the Washington State Grange. Application forms can be found at www.wa-grange.com

King Memorial Camping Fund is used to replace worn out recreation

equipment and other needed supplies in our camping program.

To donate to either of the above programs, please make your check payable to the Washington State Grange Foundation and note on the check which fund you are donating to. Mail to: Washington State Grange, Foundation Fund, PO Box 1186, Olympia, WA 98507-1186. All contributions are appreciated. Donations may also be made to individual camps by contacting the individual camp director.

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WASHINGTON STATE JUNIOR GRANGE COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT

The Washington State Junior Grange, in cooperation with the State Grange Junior Department, will be collecting school supplies, backpacks, notebooks, writing supplies, coloring supplies, glue, thumb drives, ear phones, Kleenex, etc. for distribution to the less fortunate students in our state. Items may be purchased or gently used and cleaned where appropriate.



Donations should be delivered to the State Grange Convention. The Junior Department will display the items, pack and then distribute the items in the host convention area following the convention to various children's organizations.

CONTESTS AND AWARDS

The contest year for the State Junior Grange Program runs from January 1 to December 31. Exception – The Junior Granger of the Year will run May 1 to April 30.

All contest entries must be postmarked by June 1st and sent to the State Director. Exception: all Junior Dept. crafts and poster boards are to be brought to and delivered to the State Junior Leadership team on the first day of State Convention.

COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

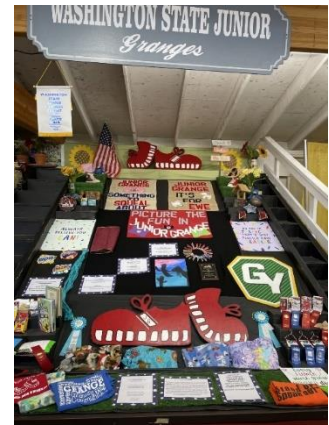
To give Junior Grangers recognition for reaching out to the community and giving them the opportunity to practice citizenship by showing concern for the communities they live in.

Open to all Junior Granges. Forms will be available on the Grange Website. Awards: This contest is sponsored by the WA State Grange. \$100 first place, \$75 second place, \$50 third place. Certificates will be awarded for all entrants.

NED CULLEN AWARD

Sponsored by the Cullen Family

Each year a special award is presented by the Washington State Grange Department, in loving memory of Ned Cullen. Ned strongly promoted the Junior Grange and was an avid Junior Grange camping program volunteer. His love for the Junior Grangers he met never ended. This award is presented at state



convention to the Junior Grange or 1+ program with the most involved program, the most-timely reports and excellent overall participation in the program.

The name of the Junior Grange or 1+ program receiving this award goes on a plaque that hangs in the boardroom at the state headquarters in Olympia. The Junior Grange that is selected also receive a plaque from the state Junior Department and a cash award from the Cullen Family of Yakima County.

JUNIOR GRANGE LEADER OF THE YEAR

A Junior Grange Leader of the Year will be selected annually based on the nomination from any Grange or Grange member. A Junior Grange Leader of the Year may not be chosen more than once in a five-year period.

Award: The Junior Grange Leader of the Year will receive a plaque at the State Grange convention. Please have all nomination forms postmarked by June 1 and send to the Washington State Junior Grange Director.

JUNIOR GRANGER OF THE YEAR

A Junior Granger of the Year will be selected annually based on their activities and qualifications. Entries must be based on one year's Junior Grange activities and community service (May 1 – April 30).

Applications are available on the WA State Grange website.

Eligibility Guidelines: Application is to be submitted to the WA State Junior Grange Director postmarked by June 1. Applicants will have a in-person interview with a team member or representative, location and time to be arranged under the director of the State Junior Grange Director. Application must include two references (with contact information). References need to be non-family members and cannot include your Junior Grange leader.

MEMBERSHIP BUILDING AWARD

Requirements: This is an award for a Junior Grange or 1+ Grange that shows a net gain of five members for the year (January 1-December 31). Awards: Cash awards for the top three entries. Certificates will be awarded to all entrants.



JUNIOR GRANGE INDIVIDUAL BUILDER

Bring in three or more new members during the calendar year (January 1-December 31) and attend 75 percent of Junior Grange activities. Award: Cash awards for top three entries. Certificates will be awarded to all entrants. Please mail forms to Washington State Junior Grange Director by June 1.

JUNIOR GRANGE FAIR BOOTH CONTEST

Use any theme. The booths should be done entirely by the junior or juniors with adult supervision only. The booth should tell a Junior Grange story or follow the fairs theme. The booth must show the name of the Junior Grange or 1+ Grange, eligible age for Junior Grange membership and local contact information.

Entries are due to the State Director post marked by October 31 Cash awards to top three booths. Ribbons and certificates will be awarded to all entries.



JUNIOR GRANGE PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST

Please refer to the National Grange Junior Grange Program Guide for information on the National Junior Grange Public Speaking Contest.

All Juniors are encouraged to participate in this public speaking contest. You may enter one time in all three categories. The speech contest will take place during State Convention. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Junior room at convention to enter. Winners at the State level will win a cash prize and be eligible to compete at the regional level.

Categories:

Impromptu- (State level only) The contestant will draw 2 topics from a mystery bag and choose one topic to give a 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 an original 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- Delivered an original prepared speech on one of the following topics:

- The Junior Grange Theme of the Year (See National Grange Handbook)
- Any Topic of your choice

The contestant must meet a minimum of 3 minutes with a maximum of 5 minutes for their prepared speech.

STOP MOTION ANIMATION

Use your imagination and produce a short stop motion animation video. Your video must be at least 20 seconds but under 2 minute long. You may choose any topic or medium. The video will be judged equally on storyline, production and originality. Each submission will need a title page that includes Name, Grange, Age/Group and Title of video. Videos will be judged in four age/ability groups:

- Group 1: 7 years and under
- Group 2: 8-10 years
- Group 3: 11-13 years
- Group 4: Special Needs

All submissions need to be emailed or mailed (on thumb drive) to the Junior Grange Director by June 1. If emailed please include **JG Stop Motion Submission** in the subject line. Cash prizes will be given to the top two overall entries and ribbons for all entries. Your video will be displayed at State Convention.



JUNIOR GRANGE CRAFT/ART

The crafts/displays are used to showcase your Junior Grange or 1+/Camp Craft for the past year.



All ages are as of January 1.

- Group 1: 7 years and under
- Group 2: 8-10 years
- Group 3: 11-14 years
- Group 4: Junior Grange or Junior Grange Camp
- Group 5: Special Needs

Please label each entry with: Name, birthdate, Grange name or Camp name.

Scoring:

Variety – 25 points

Quality – 25 points

Eye Appeal – 25 points

Originality – 20 points

Required Information – 5 points (if you do not have a tag, one will be provided at check in for you to complete)

Awards: Cash prizes awarded to the top three of every age group and ribbons for all entries.

Categories:

1. General Crafts – Any craft made by a Junior Granger

2. General Craft Display – Any crafts made by a Junior Grange, 1+ Junior Grange or Junior Grange Camp

3. Tri-fold JG Activity Display or Poster – May include pictures, news articles if available, brief descriptions of activities (written by the juniors that participated in the activity or event)

4. Tri-fold Educational Display or Poster- A display on any topic for educational purposes. Displays must be completed by the Junior or Juniors only.

5. Creative Writing Contest– Use the National Grange current year Creative Writing theme (see the National Junior Grange Program Guide). Maximum of two pages, double spaced, typed or handwritten on 8 ½ x 11 paper. On the top center of the paper, put name, birthdate, Grange name and number. Top three in each group will receive a cash prize. The first-place winner from each age group will be sent to the National Junior Grange Director to be entered in the National Grange contest.

6. Creative Art – Use this year's Agricultural Awareness theme (see National Junior Grange Program Guide). Use 8 ½ x 11 paper. May use crayons, colored pencil, markers, or paints. On the back, write name, birthdate, Grange name and number. The first-place winner from each age group will be sent to the National Junior Grange Director to be entered in the National Grange contest.



Achievement Badges

This is a new program for the Washington State Junior Department but you may recognize the badges and some categories from a program the National Junior Grange offered several years ago. We are going to start this program with 8 badges and add to the offerings over the next few years.

Badges

Badges are available at State Headquarters or State Convention at no cost or shipped to you for the cost of postage. Please contact State

Grange headquarters or the State Junior Director for the badges you need.

As leaders, you can decide where your Juniors display their badges. There are many good ideas such as sashes, vests or scrapbooks. Please keep a record of who and what badge was received. I will ask for this information at the end of the year.

Special Needs Juniors

If you have a special needs Junior, please use your best judgment and have them complete only those requirements that are obtainable, no matter the age category. If modifying or lessening requirements is necessary, please do so. I want to see all of our Juniors participate at any level they are able. Should you have questions or need ideas please contact the State Junior Director.

ANIMAL CARE

Animal Care - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose – To give our Junior Grangers an idea of what it takes to care for an animal and a glimpse of professions that work with animals.

Requirements: (Ages 8-14)

1. Help care for an animal for at least 3 months. With the help of your parents or guardians, help feed, clean, groom, exercise and plan health care for your animal. Keep a daily or weekly care journal or chart of what you did. Share your journal or chart with your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

-or-

Interview a professional who works with animals and ask them the following: Why did they choose to work with animals, what type of education does it take, what are the daily care requirements for the animals (or a animal) they work with, what type of training, interaction or exercise does the animal need, what are some common illnesses the

animal could have and any other questions you may have. Present your findings to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

2. Research the animal you are caring for or one you are interested in keeping and find the following: what does it eat, where can it be found in the wild, does it have any species specific care requirements (ie



heat lamp, uvb light, vitamins), should it have a cage/pasture friend, estimated cost to care for your animal per year, three things you find interesting about your animal. Make a poster or computer presentation on your findings and present this to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Visit a zoo, aquarium, animal shelter or farm/ranch. Pay special attention to how animals are cared for and kept.

Requirements: (Ages 5-7)

1. Make a poster of your pet or a pet you would like to have. Include what they eat, what their house looks like, how they exercise, how you play with them and two more interesting things about your animal. Show and explain this poster to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

2. Research 2 professions that work with animals. Find the following on each profession: what type of animal do they care for, do they need a college education to do this job, could their job be dangerous, and one other interesting fact about this profession. Tell your findings to your

Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Visit a zoo, aquarium, animal shelter or farm/ranch. Pay special attention to how animals are cared for and kept.

DEAF AWARENESS

Deaf Awareness - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose - To understand deafness and hard-of-hearing and the aids used to help with communication.

Requirements – (Ages 8-14)

1. Learn to fingerspell and read back the alphabet using American Sign Language and demonstrate your new talent to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

2. Research ways that hearing can be lost and ways to protect your hearing. Identify activities that you are doing that may be damaging your hearing and make a change to protect your hearing. Describe your findings and explain your changes to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Learn what it is like to be deaf or hard-of-hearing. Wear earplugs, unplugged headphones or turn the sound down very low while watching a movie or tv show. For the first 15 minutes try to figure out what is going on without sound. Then turn on subtitles and see if your understanding improves. This is a great demonstration of a deaf or hard-of-hearing tool at work.

4. Learn about 3 other tools used by deaf or hard-of-hearing people. Describe your findings to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

Requirements – (Ages 5-7)

1. Learn to sign and read back the numbers 1-10 and letter sign your first name using American Sign Language and demonstrate your new

talent to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

2. Learn 2 ways hearing can be lost and 2 ways hearing can be protected. Identify activities that you are doing that may be damaging your hearing and make a change to protect your hearing. Describe your findings and explain your changes to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Learn what it is like to be deaf or hard-of-hearing. Wear earplugs, unplugged headphones or turn the sound down very low while watching 10-15 minutes of a movie or tv show. Tell your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange the following: what it was like to experience this, did you know what was going on in your show, what would it feel like to be deaf or hard of hearing?

4. Learn about 2 other tools used by deaf or hard-of-hearing people. Describe your findings to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

GOOD GRANGER

Good Granger - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose – To promote attendance, appropriate conduct and helpfulness to others both inside and outside the Grange.

Requirements – (11-14)

1. Attend at least 80% of your Jr Grange or Grange meetings in a 6 month period and attend 1 entire Subordinate meeting. Use proper manners at all times and listen to what is going on. Ask an adult at the meeting if you are unsure of what manners are expected or have questions about the meeting.

2. For at least 2 meetings arrive in time to help set up and stay to help clean up the meeting hall, dining hall or kitchen.

3. Make a poster or presentation on manners that should be used when in

a meeting or while you are representing the Grange. Present your ideas to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

Requirements – (5-10)

1. Attend at least 80% of your Jr Grange or Grange meetings in a 6 month period and attend at least the opening and closing of a Subordinate meeting. Use proper manners at all times and listen to what is going on. Ask an adult at the meeting if you are unsure of what manners are expected or have questions about the meeting.
2. For at least 2 meetings arrive in time to help set up and stay to help clean up the meeting hall, dining hall or kitchen.
3. Make a poster or presentation on manners that should be used when in a meeting or while you are representing the Grange. Present your ideas to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

CRAFTS

Crafts - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose - To encourage creativity.

Requirements – (All Ages)

1. Create crafts using 3 different mediums (fabric, wood, clay, paper, etc.). Show and explain your crafts to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.
2. Enter at least one of your crafts in a local fair or at a Grange competition.
3. Learn about a traditional craft from another country. You could read a book or article, watch a tv show or movie or talk with someone who creates this craft. Describe your



findings to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

U.S. HISTORY

U.S. History - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose – To foster a greater understanding and appreciation of the history of our country, state and community.

Requirements – (10-14)

1. Country- Find the following:
 - a. Find two important U.S. historical figures who lived in the 1700 or 1800's.
 - b. Why was she/he important?
 - c. Find 2 important U.S. events that happened in the 1800's. Why are they important?
 - d. Find one place East of the Mississippi River and one place West of the Mississippi River of historic importance. Why are they important?

Present your findings to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

2. State- Draw a map of Washington. Include all major cities, rivers, Interstates, mountain ranges and anything else you would like. Also, include the date our state was added to the Union, the state bird, motto, tree and stone. Share your drawing with your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Local- Visit a place of historic importance in your local area. Describe where you went and what you learned to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

Requirements – (5-9)

1. Country- Read a book or watch a movie/show on an important U.S. Historical Figure Living in the 1700 or 1800's. Report to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange who you learned about, when they lived, where they lived

and why they are important to U.S. history.

2. State- Draw a map of the State of Washington. Include 5 major cities, the city you live in, mountain ranges and major rivers. Also include the year Washington became a state and the state motto. Share your drawing with your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

3. Local- Visit a place of historic importance in your local area. Describe where you went and what you learned to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

FIRST AID

First Aid - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose – To gain knowledge of basic first aid.

Requirements – (11-14)

1. Learn how to properly care for or identify the following:
 - a. When to call 911
 - b. Care for a scrape or cut
 - c. Care for a burn
 - d. Identify and report choking
 - e. Identify and report a stroke or heart attack
2. Learn what is required in a basic first aid kit and what each item is used for.
3. Teach someone how to properly care for or identify one item from requirement 1.

Requirements – (5-10)

1. Learn how to properly care for or identify the following:
 - a. When to and how to call 911
 - b. Care for a cut or scrape
 - c. Identify and Report Choking
2. Learn what is needed in a basic first aid kit and how/what each item is used.

3. Teach an adult how to properly care or identify one item from requirement 1.

3. Explain and demonstrate the use of a gavel to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

- a. The Grange or JR Grange emblem
- b. The date the Grange or JR Grange was Founded
- c. Oliver Hudson Kelly
- d. One other item that reminds you of the Grange

2. Interview a long-time member of the Grange. Ask them when they became a member, what they like most about the Grange, why they think the Grange is important, and anything else you would like.

JUNIOR GRANGE KNOWLEDGE
Jr Grange Knowledge - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)



Purpose – To increase the knowledge of Junior Grange Ritual.

Requirements – (9-14)

1. Learn and recite the Jr Grange Pledge to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange using proper hand positions.
2. Learn all of the officers and their position in a meeting hall setup.
3. Demonstrate how to properly hold a Jr. Grange rod (stave) to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.
4. Explain and demonstrate the use of a gavel to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

Requirements – (5-8)

1. Learn and recite the Jr Grange Pledge to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange using proper hand positions.
2. Demonstrate how to properly hold a Jr. Grange rod (stave) to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange.

GRANGE HISTORY

Grange History - All Juniors (Must complete all requirements in age group / exc. Special Needs)

Purpose – To increase the knowledge of Grange History.

Requirements – (9-14)

1. In an essay, poster or presentation, answer the following questions and present it to your to your Jr Grange, Grange or adult member of your Grange:

- a. Name the founders of the Grange and explain why the Grange was organized.
- b. What does the word Grange mean? What is the Grange officers and hall set up reminiscent of?
- c. What Year was the Grange founded and where was the first Grange organized?
- d. When was the Junior/Juvenile Grange founded?
- e. Name two things about Grange history that is unique?

2. Interview a long-time member of the Grange. Ask them when they became a member, what they like most about the Grange, a favorite memory of the Grange, why they think the Grange is important, and anything else you would like.

Requirements – (5-8)

1. Create a drawing that includes the following:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Junior Grange Guidebook is available online for download on the National Grange website. The Guidebook will assist you in understanding the steps and administration of forming and chartering a Junior Grange. The 1+ Junior Grange program is also included. The Guidebook contains the procedures and forms you will need to start your Junior Grange Program within your community. Each Community Grange is unique within its own area and so is your Junior Grange program.