

Dear Parents

Do you want your child to have opportunities for positive growth, to participate in community service, and to have fun with others their age while being supported by caring adults?

The Grange recognizes that one of the greatest needs of young families today is a place the family can go together — where children are welcome. That place is the Grange. The children usually conduct their meeting and take part in activities at the same time that the parents take part in the Grange meeting for adults.

Junior Grange provides an opportunity for children to build character, develop self-confidence, responsibility, and respect. Grange encourages honor, patriotism, and a concern for agriculture and the communities where the children live and play.

Junior Grange programs are designed to provide training for young members to take on leadership roles as they learn about parliamentary procedure and public speaking. They learn to serve on committees and have fun at the same time. Junior Grange members also create and lead teams to complete community service activities.



Additional Opportunities for Junior Grangers

Junior Grange can be a local, statewide or national experience. Members can take part in special programs to broaden their horizons and build on skills they learn in their local Junior Grange.

Junior Grange members can also compete for cash prizes at regional events. Public Speaking, arts and crafts, writing and Sign-a-Song contests are open to Junior Grange members.

Want more information?

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American Values. Hometown Roots.

About the National Grange

In 1867 the National Grange became the first nationwide agricultural organization. It is the first national organization to give full voice and vote to women, 50 years before Congress adopted the same. The National Grange allows all members of the family to grow and realize their greatest potential. Many of our members are third, fourth or fifth generation Grangers.

The National Grange, with a strong history of grassroots activism, family values and community service, is part of 2,100 hometowns across America. Membership in the National Grange and Junior Grange are open to anyone of good character who wish to be a part of a national family supporting a stronger America.

What is Junior Grange?

It is an organization that promotes individual and community development. It provides opportunities for:

- Community service learning projects
- Meeting other youth
- Personal and group recognition
- Personal and group enrichment projects
- Fun... Fun... and more Fun!

For: All boys and girls ages 5 to 14

Teaches: Teamwork, self confidence, leadership skills, responsibility, and respect for others

Fun: Participating in games, camps, parties, and making new friends

Community Involvement: Service projects for community, elderly, hearing impaired, and those in need of special help

Projects: Citizenship, environmental concern, merit badges, study of various countries and cultures, and safety projects

Contests: Crafts, creative writing, talent, art, photography and more

Proven Programming for Growth

For more than 120 years, the Junior Grange has been a part of our organization. We believe every member of the family should be a part of the Grange experience, including access to leadership and skills training, new areas of knowledge and much more.

Each year, a program guide is developed for Junior Grange members and leaders, with a set of goals and hands-on learning experiences. Recent themes include: *Plant a Seed & Watch Us Grow*, *I Make a Difference* and *What's Your Story?* Children involved with the Junior Grange program realize personal growth in many ways, from learning about:

- states, plants, farming, where food comes from, dinosaurs...just to name a few
- community service
- issues in their community, state, nation and world
- personal safety
- problem solving
- parliamentary procedure and leadership skills
- public speaking
- and so much more

Junior Grange members interact with peers and adults, are challenged to reach their fullest potential and are encouraged by their Grange family to explore and grow.

“From my Junior Grange experience, I got so much — confidence, poise, the courage to go after what I want and face anything. Now as a Junior Grange leader, I see just how far the Junior Grange experience can take children into adulthood.”

– Nancy Wolfe, Maryland State Junior Grange Director

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