

West Virginia Elks Association State Convention

May 7, 2010

Youth Activities Report

J.B. Phillips, Chairman

I have once again set up a Youth Activities table with information, handouts and certificates. Please find time this weekend to stop by and look things over. I'll be around to answer any questions and assist you in getting a new program started this year.

Elks National Youth Week is here and unfortunately it fell the same week as our convention. As I've told you for several years, you may hold your Youth Week anytime this month if circumstances dictate a better turnout.

Scouting certificates and Eagle Scout letters from our Grand Exalted Ruler are available. Consider nominating someone for the Marvin Lewis Scouting Award this year.

The "Outstanding Elk Volunteer in Youth Activities" dead line is rapidly approaching. I must have these resumes by May 15. The idea is to find a member in your lodge who dedicates much of his spare time volunteering to help with Elks Youth Activities AND community youth activities. Write his resume and send it to me by the deadline. They will be judged on the state level and the winner will compete against other state winners in our Grand Lodge area for a beautiful plaque from Grand Lodge. I have only received one resume from Wheeling Lodge #28 so far.

Flag Day will be here in a month. I hope you are contacting Scouts to assist you. Consider a school or church youth choir to join you.

Don't forget the Elks Junior Golf Program. You don't have to own a golf course to make this program happen.

The Elks Youth Invitational Tournament of Champions in Seven Spring PA will be taking place on July 25, 26 & 27. The deadline for getting registrations in is June 25. We need more participate from our WV lodges. Again our state association will reimburse each lodge ½ the cost for send up to two youths. I have more information on the youth table if you have misplaced your packet I mailed to the lodges earlier.

The Dictionary Program is growing fast with Elks helping 3rd graders. Check some letters my lodge received from them last fall at the youth table. This is also a great time to pass out Drug Awareness pencils out.

Student of the Month certificates are available on our table as well as info about our Student/Veteran program and our Antlers Program

The "Best Youth Program" this year in Division 3 with a great brochure detailing their year is Weirton Lodge #1801! I have a plaque to present to them if a representative would come forward. Congratulations.

The "Best Youth Program" this year in Division 1 with another great brochure and also capturing West Virginia's coveted "Best Overall Youth Program" is once again Wheeling Lodge #28. Would a lodge representative please come forward? Congratulations.

In concluding I would like to publicly thank our sponsor Ted for allowing me the honor this year to serve on the Grand Lodge Youth Activities Committee. It's been a lot of fun meeting and corresponding with other state chairs from around the country. It's also been a lot of work as I have over 50 large, detailed brochures to grade.

Mr. President this concludes my report.