

Youth Activities

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LET THEIR VOICES BE HEARD!!!

NEW, NEW, NEW!!! GET EXCITED FOR THE RED, WHITE AND BLUE!!!

What a joy it is to hear our youth sing, whether it be a nursery rhyme, or a latest hit heard over the radio. We get excited and smiled from ear to ear. Could you imagine hearing them sing our National Anthem? Imagine them getting “EXCITED” for our RED, WHITE AND BLUE, “”The Star-Spangled Banner”. They can’t change the words, but they can use any style of their choice: rock, pop, R&B, country, classical, or another genre. This contest is for those between the ages of 6 and 16, at the time of local entry. Entries need to be submitted to the Auxiliary by March 31, 2021 then to Department by April 15, 2021. Lets encourage our youth to become involved in an exciting contest that can help with them expressing themselves, showing patriotism, and not to mention allowing us to hear some awesome voices. Entry form on the vfwauxiliary.org/youthactivities website.

PARIOTISM THROUGH LITERACY:

“READING CAN TAKE YOU PLACES YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN BEFORE”, Dr. Seuss.

Why not have your Auxiliary host a book exchange? Volunteer at the local library, school, day care, or Scouts club? The list of recommended books is on the vfwauxiliary.org/youthactivities website. Love of reading can lead to a lifetime of learning. Introduce the youth to our Nation's history and historical figures.

ILLUSTRATING AMERICA:

Promote an Art Contest for grades K to 8. Use printed material or online media. There are citations available on the vfwauxiliary.org/youthactivities website that can be printed out and given, along with any prizes from your Auxiliary.

INVOLVE THE FAMILY:

These programs have endless possibilities for our youth. Work with emergency responders and their families. Ask to attend a PTA/PTO meeting to promote our programs and educate parents on what we offer and how we support military families. Many families know of a deployed service member. Invite our youth to help pack care packages for those they know. Ask Post members if they have children or grandchildren to help with a Buddy Poppy drive.

WHAT CAN YOU DO AS AN AUXILIARY:

Sponsor and be active with our youth. Encourage, inform, and involve our youth and their families. Show them how we support our veterans, active-duty members, and their families in our community. Honor patriotic youth in the community with a Patriotic Youth Award, available on the website.

Remember involving youth, in service to Veterans, in conjunction with your Auxiliary, can bring new membership to your Auxiliary. Keep track of everything - but do something! Utilize your program book.

Respectfully, Trula Missey

“STAY HUMBLE, WORK HARD, BE KIND”