



## **It's All About the Kids**



# The Kids

A Newsletter for Junior Grange Leaders

It's All About



## Join Us Now In Our Red Shoes!

The 2015 Theme for the National Junior Grange was announced at the National Grange Session. The theme was chosen by the 2014 National Junior Grange Ambassadors.

JUNIORS—Join Us Now In Our Red Shoes.

The theme can be applied to any projects or activities the Junior Grangers are involved in this year.

Also—it is a time to help our Junior members learn how to ask others to join. Do they know what the word “Grange” means? As their leaders, it is our responsibility to make sure they know and understand their organization. Make it a game and see how much they know. Then help them with the rest.

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## Wishes and Dreams



*What is your  
biggest wish for  
Junior Grange?*

*If we could do anything—  
what would it be?*

*From small seeds, mighty trees grow!!*



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## Visit us on the Web

The following web address can be used to find more information about the Grange and Junior Grange.

National Grange:  
[http://  
www.nationalgrange.org](http://www.nationalgrange.org)  
or use your smart phone  
and scan this QR Code.



## Cover Photo

The 2015 National Junior Grange Theme originally designed on a napkin at a Grange Breakfast!! Thank you Kudsk Family!!!

## That's A Wrap!

Lillian Booth, National Junior Grange  
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When a movie is being filmed, the Director will yell "That's A Wrap", signifying a completion of the day's filming or the completion of the entire production. So, my column signifies the completion of another newsletter that is about to be sent out to the world for viewing, pondering, critiquing etc.

The position of a Junior Grange Leader is one of the most important jobs in the Grange. We have the responsibility of helping our Junior Grangers learn, have fun, teach them responsibility, honesty, and set a good example.

Children learn what they see, hear, and do. Junior Leaders have to be the best examples in our voice, speech, language, and, most of all, body language. Conflict between adults can arise in any volunteer organization. Resolve now to settle any conflict away from the children. A united leadership is extremely important.

As the National Junior Grange Director, I know, when children are involved, someone, somewhere, some time, will be distressed or confused with a decision I've made or a rule that has to be enforced. But that comes with the job. Know that I am always listening and trying to improve the organization because "It's All About the Kids".

*.... And that's a wrap!!!*

## National Grange Session Contest Winners!

There were 43 entries in the National Junior Grange contests this year. **And the winner is.....**

<b>Creative Writing</b>		7 & Under	8 to 10	11 to 14
Contestant:	State			
Jacob Fick	FL	1st		
Ethan Snyder	FL		1st	
Timothy Jacob	FL			1st
Haley Leatherwood	TN			1st
Emily Leatherwood	TN	2nd		
Cecelia Lopez	NY		2nd	
Kaylen Leiby	PA			2nd
Eli Blatt	PA	3rd		
Owen Schlegel	PA		3rd	
Isiah Blatt	PA			3rd
Avery Tworkoski	PA		HM	
Lucas Blatt	PA		HM	
Kayla Schlegel	PA			HM
Connor Shlegel	PA			HM
Autumn Tworkoski	PA			HM

<b>Mini-Scrapbook</b>		7 & Under	8 to 10	11 to 14
Contestant:	State			
Ethan Snyder	FL		1st	
Kelly Leiby	PA		1st	
Emily Ferrell	WV			1st
Toriana Jacob	FL			1st
<b>Host State</b>				
<b>Contestant:</b>		7 & Under	8 to 10	11 to 14
Contestant:	State			
Sheridan Stevens	IL	1st		
Addison Arnold	IL		1st	
Danielle LeVigne	IL			1st
<b>Misc. Display</b>		7 & Under	8 to 10	11 to 14
Contestant:	State			
Nathan Evans	IL	HM		

<b>Creative Art</b>		7 & Under	8 to 10	11 to 14
Contestant:	State			
Olivia Wilhelm	PA	1st		
Kelly Leiby	PA		1st	
Timothy Jacob	FL			1st
Michael Cody	NY	2nd		
Ethan Snyder	FL		2nd	
Isiah Blatt	PA			2nd
Jacob Fick	PA	3rd		
Cecelia Lopez	NY		3rd	
Katie Seigh	NY			3rd
Eli Blatt	PA	HM		
Cassie Renken	IL	HM		
Katie Renken	IL		HM	
Avery Tworkoski	PA		HM	
Lucas Blatt	PA		HM	
Owen Schlegel	PA		HM	
Sarah Haag	PA		HM	
Kayla Schlegel	PA			HM
Connor Shlegel	PA			HM
Autumn Tworkoski	PA			HM
Alex Blatt	PA			HM



### Junior 1+ Obligation Ceremony

The 1+ Program of the Junior Grange is the individual membership program for Junior Grange-age children within the Subordinate Grange. There have been many questions regarding how to implement this program. The biggest being how to obligate the children without a chartered Junior Grange already in place.

That question was answered during the 148<sup>th</sup> Annual Session of the National Grange held in Sandusky, Ohio. During the Friday morning session, the National Junior Grange Ambassadors led a presentation to show how a Subordinate Grange Master obligates an individual Junior Grange candidate. Patrick Lanstrum, 2014 National Junior Ambassador from Ohio was the Master. Alexis Kudsk, 2014 National Junior Grange Ambassador from Washington was the Lady Assistant Steward. They were helped by Michael Bethany, Florida, as Assistant Steward. Marching Candidates were Cassidy Renken and Kathryn Renken from Illinois.

Please see the new Junior Grange Leaders Guidebook which explains the full procedure and contains the new obligation ceremony for the National Junior Grange 1+ Program.

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### Help Wanted

**TO MAKE THIS NEWSLETTER  
A SUCCESS,  
YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**



Has your Junior Grange conducted a successful program, event, activity? You can share your experience and help other Junior Leaders to succeed to. All you have to do is write up what you did, who was involved, how you did it, why you did it, what happened, what you would change, if anything, to improve the program. Add a photo or two and submit it

### Ask the Director!!



**Got questions?  
Get answers!!**

Ask your question and the answer will be published in the next newsletter.

Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month.