

# Base Point Descriptions

## Base Points

### **Collections-** 1 point

Items that are collected by lodge members, then donated. All collections can only be counted once a month for a maximum point count of 4 points each year. No additional points can be added to collections.

*Example:* items such as magazines, batteries, box tops, card fronts, soup labels, etc.

### **In-kind donations** – 1 point

Items that are bought or donated by lodge members then donated by the lodge.

*Example:* items bought or donated new such as gloves, stuffed animals, pencils, candy, etc.

### **Social/lodge building activities-** 1 point, 2 points if a party or picnic or event

Activities done for the social or fraternal benefit of lodge members or activities done to attract new or inactive members.

*Example:* lodge dinners, Bingo, card parties, pool party, sending a lodge newsletter or invitation, calendar of events, 50/75 year party, bike giveaway, e-mail blasts.

### **Fundraising events-** 3 points

A fundraiser that the lodge plans, not just participates in. The lodge can partner with another group as long as both groups help plan and implement the event.

*Example:* A rummage sale, bake sale, chili supper, pancake breakfast, silent auction, booyah sale etc.

### **YELL! group activity-** 3 points

Any activity that the YELL! group plans or participates in. Must have at least 3 YELL! members present.

*Example:* cleaning a lodge hall, Christmas bell ringing, making tie blankets, writing cards to veterans, etc.

### **Join Hands Day event-** 3 points

Event done in the months of April or May that joins lodge members with youth or young adults in the community.

*Example:* planting flowers, picking up roadsides, making May baskets, etc.

### **Lodge or officer meetings-** 1 point

All “regular” lodge or officer meetings that hold typical business.

### **Hosting a state or district meeting-** 2 points

Hosting a state and district meeting, including a jointly hosted meeting (each lodge gets points)

### **All other community projects-** 1 point

Any other projects that lodge members participate in that is not covered by other categories.

# Additional Points Descriptions

All Additional points must be added to a base point category.

**Active or physical activities:** 1 point

Any activity that is physical or requires movement.

*example:* mowing lawns, raking leaves, highway clean-up, lodge hall maintenance, bowling, meal packing.

**Ten or more members participating:** 1 points

Any activity that has ten or more members participating in the event or project.

**Ongoing projects:** 1 point each (up to five points)

Any project that is done monthly or several times throughout the year.

*example:* cleaning cemeteries, gardening maintenance, lodge hall maintenance, mowing.

**Events hosted by the lodge with more than 30 people (members and non-members)-** 3 points

Any event that the lodge is hosting and/or has assisted with planning or implemented with 30 or more attendees.

*example:* lodge hosted picnics, festivals, 50/75 year celebrations, appreciation dinners.

**Promotion for Western:** 2 points

Any promotion with Western logo or mentions of the lodge where non-members attend.

*example:* radio ads, newspaper articles, banners (pictures required), t-shirts, fliers, volunteer buttons, and Western items given away.

**Events hosted by the lodge, open to the community:** 2 points

*example:* Halloween party, lodge open house, lodge hall dance, fundraising events.

**All projects done with youth/young adults (not including YELL! group or JHD):** 2 points

Youth and young adults can mean anyone under 40.

*example:* planting flowers with youth, cleaning the hall with youth, creating card for veterans with youth.

**Promoting Heritage:** 1 point

Any activity that promotes heritage within the lodge or in the community.

*example:* participating in a heritage festival, hosting a cultural event teaching others to make kolaches, or traditional dances.