

YELL! Newsletter

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Lodge Award Reminders 2016

Lodge awards are due by January 31, 2017. The secretaries of the lodges were sent the forms to fill out. Please aid your secretary with information about the YELL! group. To earn the Outstanding Leadership Award, the lodge must do the following:

1. Complete all requirements for a Level I Award with the bonus (Level I, No. 6).
2. Have a YELL! group (at least 5 active youth, 2 of which are lodge members) in place for at least 6 months of the year and complete at least 2 projects. If your lodge is part of a group of lodges who have a joint YELL! group, your lodge must have at least 5 active youth, 2 of whom are lodge members.
3. Have at least one elected lodge officer (President, Vice President, Secretary, Correspondent, or Treasurer) under the age of 40 (age as of January 1).
4. Sponsor a fundraiser for the community, lodge, or individual. Raise a minimum of \$500. The lodge and/or YELL! group must take a major part in developing and carrying out the event. At least 7 members must be actively involved in the event. This can be a fundraiser with another group as long as the above requirements are met. For example, working at a local fire department breakfast would not count unless the lodge was the major planner/organizer of the event.
5. Provide 1 additional "active" youth project as in Level I, with youth and adults participating together in an active project for the community (not simply collections done individually). This would be in addition to the Level I requirements and other than Join Hands Day in which youth (5 or more members or nonmembers) are actively involved in a project with at least 5 other adult lodge members. Youth, in this instance, can be anyone 40 years of age and younger.

YELL! Group Activities

- YELL! group Cedar Rapids, IA, Lodge 7: Helped at a Trunk or Treat event.
- YELL! group Bannister, MI, Lodge 225: Hosted games and crafts for a bazaar.
- YELL! group Saline Center, NE, Lodge 389: Delivered halloween bags to a daycare center.
- YELL! group Lincoln, NE, Lodge 426: Planted flags for Veteran's Day.
- YELL! group Denmark, WI, Lodge 108: Helped at a Booyah event and made cards for soldiers.



NEW 2017 points award system information for YELL! groups

- The lodge secretaries received information about the new lodge points system in August. The new points system has eased many of the requirements for the YELL! groups to earn a level.
- The YELL! groups activities contribute to the lodge's overall points. Having an active YELL! group can significantly increase the amount of points the lodge earns. To make having a YELL! group easier, we have dropped several requirements.
- Requirements that have been dropped:
 - There will be no Outstanding Leadership Award, all lodges with YELL! groups can achieve any level.
 - There is no requirement for a fundraiser.
 - There is no requirement for an officer under 40.
 - There is no requirement for the YELL! groups to do individual activities, they can all be combined with lodge projects.
- If you have any questions about how this will affect your lodge, please call or e-mail Kelsey Logan in the Fraternal Department at 877.935.2467 and klogan@wflains.org