

New York State Junior Grange Handbook 2022/2023



The Grange provides you with the tools and resources that will help your Junior Grange members prepare for a promising future

Junior Grange is: Leadership training to:

Establish our identity and pride (individual and group)
Bring people and ideas together
Encourage Rural Spirit of Volunteerism
Encourage quality, not necessarily quantity
Understand social and individual values

JUNIOR GRANGE PLEDGE

I solemnly promise that I will obey all the rules of the Order.
That I will never reveal any of its words or signs,
Nor tell any of the secrets of the Order.
I further promise that I will endeavor to follow the advice of my
Parents and teachers and will not knowingly wrong a
Brother or sister of the Order.

I will try to avoid bad company, intemperate habits, the use of tobacco, illegal drugs, and all intoxicating drink;
And will guard against the sinful habit of taking the name of God in vain.

We will help each other to keep the pledge.



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For more information and resources, refer to the National Junior Grange Program Guide, National Grange Junior Handbook, National Grange website, and The NYS Granger

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Junior Deputy's Duties

- Promote organization and recognition of Junior Granges by working with the Pomona Junior Committee. The goal is a Junior Grange in each Community Grange. Promote Junior Grange parent membership.
- Upon invitation, visit and report to any Pomona/Community Grange requesting Junior Grange information.
- Show ENTHUSIASM. Talk Junior Grange and tell its part of the total Grange program.
- Keep Director informed of changes and potential problems you may become aware of.
- Promote the Junior Crafts. One in each age category from each Junior Grange for State Judging.
- Communicate with the Junior Granges; keep them informed of changes and offer praise and encouragement when needed.
- Duties at State Session: Serve under the direction of the State Steward as needed; provide other such services as the State Junior Director may direct.
- Act as a “trouble shooter” for the State Director and the State Master. Work with Junior Granges to improve their program, solve problems, help with membership development, etc.

Duties of a Junior Grange Leader

- Ask your Community Grange to appoint a Junior Committee and work with them so activities do not cease if you must be absent.
- Make a yearly or half yearly calendar of events in cooperation of your Community Grange. Use State Programs as a guide.
- Encourage payment of membership dues and report for the next year. Set a good example by paying your annual dues to the State Secretary for the coming year. **Two** copies Please.
- Membership report (2 copies) due to State Secretary.
- Hold at least one business meeting a month; teach and encourage good ritualistic work, including memorization of parts.
- Set aside time to work on projects, teaching crafts, community service, as well as incorporating other parts of the State and National Program in your activities. Don't forget Passport pages.
- Hold special meetings/programs when appropriate. Confer the Junior Degree at least once a year and have an award program and Graduation annually. This may be a county wide effort, too, coordinated by the Pomona Junior Committee or Special Junior Deputy.
- Keep your Community and Pomona Granges informed of your progress, plans, and problems. Have the Juniors present a Lecturer's Program at your Community and Pomona Grange.
- Participate in county events planned by the Pomona Junior Committee and/or Special Junior Deputy. Attend state conferences for Junior Leaders, or send a representative(s).
- OJAY's Remember to use your Older Juniors and Youth in participation and leadership roles.

Membership Building

Every Junior Grange should have a membership Program. More Junior members mean a stronger Junior Grange and more fun for everyone. Membership Building in the Junior Grange will be a valuable experience when the Junior members become Community Grange members.

Recognizing present Junior members is also an important part of Membership Building. All Junior Granges are urged to graduate eligible members using the Graduation Ceremony found in the Manual. Graduation Certificates are available.

- 1) Appoint a Membership Committee and report at each meeting.
- 2) State Headquarters in Cortland will supply brochures and applications at no charge.
- 3) Junior Grangers should encourage their parents to join the community Grange.
- 4) By securing new members, we are helping to build/strengthen our organization.

New York State Junior Grange Member of the Year

A Junior Grange Member will be selected to be considered New York State Junior Grange member of the year. A letter of recommendation must be submitted by the Junior Leader including the reason(s) why they believe the Junior member should be honored. The member's accomplishments, projects, community service, and school activities may be considered (within past 12 months). The letter of recommendation is to be sent to the State Junior Director due Sept. 1. The JG member of the year will be announced at the Junior Program at State Session, and will receive an award of \$25.

JUNIOR GRANGE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name of applicant _____ Date of Birth ____/____/_____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Name of parent/guardian _____ Phone (____) _____ - _____
Parent email _____
I respectfully petition to enroll my child as a member of _____ Junior Grange # _____ OR as a Junior 1+ member affiliated with _____ Grange # _____ and hereby give my child permission to participate in Grange Activities.
Applicant signature _____
Date ____/____/____ Parent/Guardian signature _____
Date ____/____/____ Application fee \$ _____ Annual Dues \$ _____ Please return application to _____

Junior Grange 1+ Program adopted at the 2013 National Grange Session

Allows children (5-14) to become an individual JG member within a Subordinate/Community Grange structure when no Junior Grange exists. This allows the Grange to build a Junior Grange program one member at a time, by removing the minimum membership requirements to charter a Junior Grange. The child does not have a vote in the Grange, but are able to earn passports, participate in all State and National JG programs, and activities on an equal status with members of a chartered Junior Grange. These individuals become the core group from which a chartered Junior Grange program can potentially be built.

Sponsorship for the 1+ Program, the Subordinate/Community Grange will:

- Appoint a Junior Leader
- Provide a meeting place
- Provide financial assistance as necessary
- Granges may dedicate specific fund raising projects for the Junior Grange program
- Occasionally provide meeting time for the individual JG member to report on their projects: ie completing a Merit Badge requirement.
- Organize a chartered Junior Grange when there are sufficient individual members to meet that requirement.

How to become a 1+ Program Junior Member

- Individual child will complete a Junior Grange application and submit it to the sponsoring Subordinate/Community Grange.
- The Junior Grange applicant shall be obligated by the Master of the Sponsoring Grange by using the Junior Grange Obligation Ceremony.
- Once obligated, the Subordinate/Community Grange Secretary will enter the new Junior Grange member on the rolls of the Grange.
- Minimum dues for Junior Grange members are \$1.00, and are subject to change per individual State Grange policies. (note: for NY also Junior Fund \$1.00 per member/year)

Reporting Membership Status

The Junior Grange member is to be reported by the Subordinate/Community Grange on a separate line on the quarterly reports, which are then submitted to the State Grange.

Note: New York State Junior Grange membership and Dues reports are due in June. If a Subordinate/Community Grange has 1+ program Junior members, please also submit the Junior Reports (dues and membership) with your June reports to the State Secretary, who will forward to the State Junior Director.

Refer to the National Grange Guidebook for further information

Refer to the National Junior Grange Program/Handbook Book for information on

JR Jeopardy	JG Ambassador Program	Host Study State	Creative Art & Writing
Passport Program	JG Public Speaking and Sign-A-Song Contests		PenPals
JG Historian Award	Digital Talent Show		Membership/Community Service Contests

Kelley Farm Project

(Also Refer to National JG Program Guide)The Kelley Farm in Minnesota is the home of the founder of the Grange Order, and is part of the MN Historical Society. Our donations, large or small help with the feed costs.

To see pictures of the animals online go to kellyfarm@mnhs.org Make your check payable to “**The Grange Foundation**” marked “Kelley Farm” on the subject line

and send it with this form to: the National Grange Office 1616 H Street NW Washington D.C, 20006-4999

Junior Grange _____ # _____ State _____ Number of members _____

Amount of donation _____ Junior Leader/Address _____

Junior Grange Leadership/Informational Workshop

Date/Time: Spring and/or Fall, watch Empire State Granger for specifics.

Who Should Attend: Junior members, Leaders and Assistants, Special Junior Deputies
Community Grange & Pomona Grange Junior Committees
Junior Parents (regardless if they are Grange members)
Older Junior Grange and Youth members (ages 10-14) OJAY's
Any interested Grange members. Youth members.

Workshop Topics: Leadership/membership Grange Camp Programs/Projects
Junior Grange 1+ program Crafts Organize/maintain a Junior Grange
Community Service Projects Fund Raisers Speakers / presenters

Meals Planned by the Special Junior Deputies

Registration: Applications will be mailed to each Junior Leader & Junior Deputy and/or watch *Empire State Grange*

Deadline: To State Director 2 weeks prior to date of activity.

Community Service – “Kids Helping Kids”

Purpose: The Junior Grange Community Service Program in New York State continues with the intent of giving Junior members recognition for taking the opportunity to show their concern for their community and its citizens, in particular, other children, by reaching out and taking a leadership role by helping out.

Junior members, along with the Leader (and perhaps the Community Grange too) are asked to select a project(s) utilizing the theme, “Kids Helping Kids”. The project must benefit other children (kids) up to the age of 18. It could benefit one particular child with a particular need, or a group of children with “special” needs.

Take pictures; include activity on your JG report. We encourage publicity in the news media (newspapers, radio, TV, etc.) about your project. It is important that the public know of the efforts of your Junior Grange. Also remember to send publicity to the NYS Grange Newspaper, the *Empire State Granger*.

Some Suggested Subjects for a “Kids Helping Kids” Community Service Project could include

- Book Giving” program – collect children’s books and donate them to a homeless shelter, local service agencies for foster children, day care centers, churches, or anywhere that will make books available to children to have access to them.
- Provide “emergency” items for foster care children through your local/county Social Services.
- Dictionary Project – conduct fund raiser, then purchase (for as little as \$1 each) dictionaries for every third grade student in your local elementary school(s). Help teachers who want to see all their students become good writers, active readers, and creative thinkers. www.dictionaryproject.org Note: other reference books are available for grades 4, 5 and 6.
- Plan and carry out a fund raiser for a local/regional/county child who may be seriously ill/in need of surgery/etc. You could cooperate community efforts with other groups (scouts, 4-H club, etc)
- If victims of a house fire have lost all their possessions, plan an activity to collect clothes for the children of that family or do a fund raiser and provide them with a purse so they can purchase personal needs to help start them to get their life in order.
- If there is a sudden death of a local child from disease or accident, organize an activity to provide funds to a nationally known charity (Cystic Fibrosis, Leukemia, Cancer, MADD, etc) in that child’s memory.
- If a child has become disabled due to an accident/disease, and can no longer leave his/her home to actively “play” outside, arrange with the parents to visit them perhaps weekly to act as a companion for an hour or two. Spread the visit among Junior members so the homebound child can still enjoy other friendships.
- Junior Grange Shoe Boxes_ This is a sample of a “Kids Helping Kids” community service project your Junior members (individually) or Junior Grange (collectively) can do. This project can **help children in your own local area** (i.e. cheer for you, welcome to the neighborhood, get well, fires, first day of school supplies, illness, birthdays, holidays, etc.), **Complete at least one shoe box as part of our Statewide Community Service Project of “Kids Helping Kids”.** Include JG Grange logo/business card; **let people know where the shoe box came from.**

April is GRANGE Month

New York State Juniors will continue to celebrate Grange month in some significant way. This is an excellent time to pay tribute to and to publicize our great rural-urban family orientated organization. Honor our great organization by advertising it! Promote Junior Grange! Let the community know what Junior Grange does. **THE ITEMS/PROGRAMS/ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO FOR GRANGE MONTH TO PUBLICIZE YOUR JUNIOR GRANGE ARE ENDLESS. DO WHATEVER BEST FITS YOUR JUNIOR AND COMMUNITY GRANGE. THE WHOLE POINT OF THIS PROGRAM IS TO PUBLICIZE JUNIOR GRANGE AND WHAT WE DO – DO YOUR PART FOR GRANGE MONTH !!!**

Agri-Connection

Junior Leaders and members can help promote Agriculture in our communities in various ways, community gardens, food shelf, etc. Each year, New York Agriculture in the class room selects a book with a topic to create agriculture awareness. Junior Grangers and the community will gain a greater awareness of the importance of agriculture in our daily lives. \$10 will get the current book, materials and can be gotten through New York Agriculture in the classroom at www.agclassroom.org/ny or local county coordinator/cooperative extension

Agricultural Awareness Project

Each year, the National JG Director will select an area of Agriculture. There will be activities concentrated on the area to develop interest and awareness. Refer to the National Handbook each year for current topic.

PASSPORT PROGRAM

The Passport Program is replacing the Merit Badge Program. It is designed to be an exciting and innovative way for Juniors to learn more about their world, their country, their state, their community and their Grange. The passports can be kept in a notebook to keep track of their accomplishments and utilize them as a resource for outside studies. When the passport is completed, a stamp award is earned. Be sure to check the Junior Grange Website where you can download the current Passports throughout the year. The program has five categories: **Grange History, Grange States, Career Readiness, American History and World Discovery.**

New York State Grange Camp Program

Campers are accepted without regard to sex, color, religion, or national origin.

The Grange Camp program was initiated in 1964, and has been continuous since then. We strive to provide a balanced program of education and fun by combining Grange heritage, crafts, recreation, leadership development, and other camp activities. Grange Camp provides a unique opportunity to make new and lasting friendships while enriching your camping experience.

New York State Grange Camp is in session for one week every summer. Any child ages 7 – 18 years of age may attend Grange Camp. The child does not need to be a Grange member to attend camp. Information for camp is sent to each Grange in the Spring so children may start making plans to attend camp. Many activities are offered at camp each year including but not limited to: Grange Leadership, sign language, baking, arts and crafts, swimming and boating, rocketry, games, Olympics and a dance one evening during the week. For more information, feel free to send an email to camp@nysgrange.org

Camp Directors: Sherri Taft and Ryan Orton

Health & Safety: All campers attending must be in good health. Campers with health impairments/injuries must have a Doctor's release and written restrictions at the time of registration. Each camper must submit a completed health form at the time of application with a non-refundable deposit. Any injuries must be reported to the camp staff at once.

Cost: To be determined each year based upon location. Includes facilities, meals, crafts, insurance etc.

Applications may be requested from NYS Grange Headquarters or the Camp Directors.

Other Grange Departments – Junior members have the opportunity to participate in contests and activities of other Grange departments. Each department has a section in the State Grange Handbook to refer to for contests, dates, etc.

Refer to the State Department section of State Handbook for categories and divisions

Lecturer - Art and Photography, Talent

Youth – Public Speaking, Sign-A-Song

Sports Program

Family Activities – Needlepoint, Quilt Block, Baking

Junior Grange Membership and Dues Report due July 1, 2022

JUNIOR GRANGE: _____ Number: _____ County _____

If:

1+ Program - Sub/Comm. Grange: _____ **Number:** _____ **County** _____

Make three copies. 1) Keep one for you file

2) Send 2 copies to the STATE GRANGE SECRETARY 100 Grange Place, Cortland NY 13045

MEMBERSHIP

Number of Junior members age 5-14 on your roll book 7/1/2019 **GIRLS** **BOYS** **TOTAL**
 _____ _____ _____ _____

Number of Junior members age 5-14 on your roll book 6/30/2020 _____ _____ _____

State Grange dues at \$1.00 per member paid In advance for the year. **Total dues:** _____

Name of Junior member securing new members and number of new members secured

_____	#	_____	#
_____	#	_____	#

Junior Fund (\$1.00 per member) Each Junior Grange is asked to contribute \$1.00 per member/year which is used to purchase ribbons, certificates, and seals and rewards in the Junior Department. _____

Susan W. Freestone Scholarship Fund (\$5.00) _____

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APPLICATIONS: Available from New York State Grange Headquarters in Cortland.

Make checks payable to: New York State Grange
 Send to: New York State Grange, Secretary
 100 Grange Place
 Cortland, NY 13045

Total Enclosed: _____

ACTIVITIES *Please circle answer **yes** or **no** to each of the following:*

- YES** **NO** Are you meeting at least once a month in regular form with ritual?
 - YES** **NO** Are officers encouraged to commit their charges to memory?
 - YES** **NO** Are members working on State Craft projects? (Each JG sends one craft each age group to State Session for state level judging)
 - YES** **NO** Did this Junior Grange put on the Junior Degree? When _____
 - YES** **NO** Did this Junior Grange do the Graduation Ceremony? When _____
- List on back any other activities, membership building, fund raisers, how many you are sending to camp, April Grange month activities, community activities, recycling, etc.

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- YES** **NO** Draw up a yearly (or ½ year) calendar of meetings and activities.
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- YES** **NO** Have you supported the Kelly Farm Project with a donation? How much? _____
- YES** **NO** Have you studied the Host State?
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List (use back if needed) _____

Any other events please list on back

Signature of Junior Leader _____ date _____

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_____ date _____