

Youth Activities Promotion #4 | April 2024  
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**SPRING!**

Thoughts of warmer temperatures, trees budding, daffodil flowers and other blooming flowers with brilliant colors peeking up from the earth's winter crust are just a few things we look forward to with this season. But, with SPRING comes outside activities for our youth---baseball, soccer, lacrosse, and, yes, even spring football and more. We need to continue our involvement with our youth for these activities. There is a need for volunteers to be umpires, referees, coaches, etc. to enable our youth's involvement. There is also a need to continue to help sponsor teams by providing encouragement, snacks, uniforms and other forms of assistance for our youth's continued participation.

You can also continue your work with youth groups. Activities that assist and work with veterans and their families provide a vital source of community involvement for youth groups. The Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, church youth groups, Boys and Girls Clubs of America and school-sponsored clubs are just a few groups that can benefit from our involvement. Honoring individual youth for their patriotism or their support of veterans, service members and their families can be accomplished by presentation of the Patriotic Youth Award, available in MALTA, Member Resources/Youth Activities.

***Patriotism Through Literacy*** is a vital and important continuation of instilling patriotism in our youth as young as 5 years old. Classroom libraries, school libraries, church libraries and possibly community libraries welcome patriotic books for every age level. The need is out there, you just need to get with the individuals in charge and provide them with a list of patriotic books they will accept. Once that list is established, purchase as many books as you can and present those books to the library or libraries utilizing the book labels honoring our National President Carla Martinez, which can be found in MALTA, Member Resources/Youth Activities.

Working with our youth is a year-round commitment, and the above information is only a fraction of what we can do for our youth.

I have enjoyed working on the Youth Activities Program with all of you this 2023-2024 Auxiliary year. You have all contributed to your communities and youth groups in so many ways. You have all totally ROCKED this Program. Thank you and keep up your continued work with our youth.