

Department of the American Legion Auxiliary Children & Youth Program

Hello, this is Anndi Bownes and I am the Department Children & Youth Chairperson for this upcoming year 2018-2019. I am excited to be working on this program. Our National Plan of Action states that "The Children & Youth Program is here to emphasize protecting, caring for and supporting children and youth, particularly those of veterans' and military families." There are a lot of different activities that unit's can do to accomplish this goal.

Some ideas to promote your unit's C & Y Activities this fall!

- Host a Trunk or Treat, Halloween Party or carnival.
- Have a costume contest, coloring or essay contests.
- Do a reverse Trunk & Treat with your juniors and visit a retirement home type place and hand out crafts/treats. This idea was presented on the new Facebook Group; the link is below.
- Download and hand out these free Halloween Safety Flyers
<http://www.kslegionaux.org/pdf%20files/C%20&%20Y%20Halloween.pdf>



- If the unit can afford them, Halloween Coloring Books are available \$12.50 for 50. [HALLOWEEN COLORING BOOK \(50\) - American Legion Flag & Emblem](#)

Keep an eye out for deserving youths! National has 2 different awards for youths under 18 years old. [Youth Hero-Good Deed Awards - American Legion Auxiliary](#) This is the link for the criteria and forms for units to nominate and recognize outstanding youths.

Remember to keep track of the number of volunteers, hours, and monies spent for your C & Y reporting! Report Forms Here is where you can print off handy tracking forms if needed.

Additional Resources you can use to support your C & Y Activities

- ALA Children & Youth New Facebook Group to network and share ideas
- Children & Youth The American Legion Auxiliary Department of Kansas website has a selection of downloadable brochure here to assist with your programs.
 - <http://www.kslegionaux.org/pdf%20files/C%20Y%20Fundraising%20Box.pdf> Downloadable brochure with wonderful fundraising ideas
- Children and Youth - American Legion Auxiliary American Legion Auxiliary National Site
- Sponsor a Project - Donate Dictionaries | The Dictionary Project A program mentioned at the American Legion C & Y Conference. They accept cash and book donations.
- OGAH - Home Operation Give a Hug, they accept monetary donations and requests to give children special dolls to help them when a parent is deployed.
- About J&F | Josh and Friends American Legion Family National Partner where donations are used to provide plush puppies and books to hospitalized children.
- OMK - Operation Military Kids American Legion Family National Partner where they have different programs you can participate in.

Please contact with me with any suggestions, questions, or comments!

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