

Rhode Island State Grange Junior Department

2025-2026 Program



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RI State Grange Junior Department

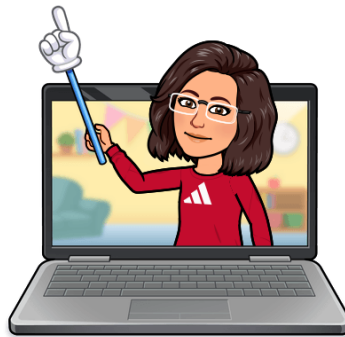
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Junior Age Requirements

- Junior Grange and Junior +1 Membership
 - National Digest 4.6.1 & 4.6.2 – Any person over five years and under fourteen years of age may be proposed as a candidate for membership and elected as a member of a Junior Grange or a Subordinate/Community Grange.
 - National Digest 4.6.1.E & 4.6.2.F – Junior Membership shall terminate at the end of the Grange year in which the Junior member reaches age 14.
- RI State Grange Junior Program
 - Age Category for contests and crafts will be based on the Junior Member's age as of January 1st of the current calendar year.
- National Grange Junior Program
 - Age Category for contests and crafts will be based on the age of the Junior Member as of December 31st of the current calendar year.
 - The Junior Member can NOT turn 15 prior to December 31st of the year in which they compete at National.

RI State Grange Social Media Policy

Created in September 2019

Approved by the RI State Grange Executive Committee

POLICY

The purpose of this policy is to help keep the junior and youth (under the age of 18) members of our organization protected on social media.

Social media is a great tool to use to gain membership, promote our organization, and show other granges/grangers what we are doing in our communities.

Social Media is defined as "Forms of electronic communication (such as websites for social networking) through which users create online communities to share information, ideas, personal messages, and other content (such as photos or videos)"

Social Media programs include Facebook, Snapchat, Instagram, etc.

This Social Media Policy is only applicable for Social Media websites; it does not include print media (newspapers) or our organization publications (Beacon, Good Day Magazine, etc.)

All parents/guardians of junior and youth members (under the age of 18) will be required to sign and date a Social Media Consent Form.

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PROCEDURES

1. No member of a subordinate grange or Pomona grange shall post a picture to their grange's social media site(s) that contains a junior and/or youth member (under the age of 18), without verifying if the RI State Grange has permission to post the child's picture.
2. No member shall post a picture to the RI State Grange's social media site(s) that contains a junior and/or youth member (under the age of 18), without verifying if the RI State Grange has permission to post the child's picture.
3. No RI State Grange department head or officer shall post a picture to their departments' or office's social media site(s) that contains a junior and/or youth member (under the age of 18), without verifying if the RI State Grange has permission to post the child's picture.
4. Before posting a picture that includes a junior and/or youth member (under the age of 18), the member must inquire if the RI State Grange has permission to post the child's picture on social media sites. If it is a junior member check with junior director; if it is a youth member check with either the youth director or junior director. Parents have the option to opt in/out of individual pictures of their child and separately opt in/out of group pictures that include their child. You will be advised what the parents of the child have opted for.
5. You cannot exclude a junior and/or youth member (under the age 18) from a group picture you are taking to be posted to a social media site(s); in the situation where you are aware that the RI State Grange does not have permission to post the child's picture to social media. An alternative option would be to take pictures with smaller groups or individuals to ensure you have pictures to post to your social media site(s) of the event your promoting.
6. No photos of junior and/or youth members (under the age of 18) that could be considered embarrassing or distressing can be posted.



Calendar of Events

May 9 @ 10am-3pm

Grange Showcase

Location: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Lip Sync Contest

Public Speaking Contest

Sign Language Contest

Grange Baseball Trivia Contest

August 1st

Due to State Junior Director

State Contests

Creative Writing Contest

Big E Craft: Painted Birdhouse

Host State Craft: Oklahoma

Creative Art Craft: Plastic Straws

Mini Prince & Mini Princess Applications

Junior Ambassador Applications

Master of the Year Applications

National Contests

Will update once 2026 National Junior Program received

October 1st – 3rd

RI State Grange Session

Location: Double Tree, Warwick, RI

October 3rd @ 9:30am

Junior Program at RI State Grange Session

Location: Double Tree, Warwick, RI

November 11th – 15th

National Grange Convention

Location: Broken Arrow, Oklahoma



Calendar of Events

*****Other Dates for Junior Members*****

January 17th @ TBA

Location: TBA

Youth Trivia Night

February 22nd @ 4pm

Family Game Night & Soup-A-Bowl
Location: Richmond Grange

March 15th @ TBA

Location: TBA

Cost: TBA

Wear Green

Youth Bowling Night

April 25th @ 9am-2pm

State Woman's Activities Day
Location: Rocky Hill Grange
Junior Baking Contest: Bisquick Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies

May 9th @ 10am

Due to Agriculture Director
Birdhouse Contest
Diorama Contest
Decorated Flowerpot Contest
Bird Feeder Contest
Recycled Tin Can Windsock or Windchime Craft
Paper Towel Craft
Grow Seeds in plastic Bag
Seed Mosaic

May 23rd @ 8am

Lecturer Flags for Memorial Day
Location: RI Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Exeter, RI

May 30th @ 10am-4pm

Youth Activity Day
Location: TBA
Color Workshop
S'mores Cookie Contest
Line Dancing
Bean Bag Baseball
Poppy & Veteran Card Making

June 7th @ 3pm

RI State Grange Church Service
Location: TBA
Hosted by: Kent County Pomona Grange #3



Calendar of Events

June 13th @ 2pm

Lecturer Family Picnic & 2x2x2 Contest
Location: Washington County Fairgrounds
2x2x2 Contest
Red, White, & Blue Star Art Contest
Quilt Block Contest

August 10th @ 9am

Due to Agriculture Director
Location: Washington County Fairgrounds
WCF Scarecrow Contest

August 12th-16th

Washington County Fair
Location: Richmond, RI

August 19th-23rd

Due to State Woman's Activities Director
Junior Craft Contest

September 1st

Due to State Chaplain
Coloring Contest

September 1st

Due to Community Service Director
Red Sneaker Step-Up
VETS – Very Enthusiastic Thanks for Service People

September 1st

Due to Agriculture Director
Coloring Contest
Agricultural Photo Contest

September 10th

Due to State Information Director
Essay Contest
Creative Bookmark Contest
Poster Contest
Painted Rock Contest
Newspaper Photo Contest
Single Article Contest

September 12th

Lecturer Movie Night & Ice Cream Social
Location: Chepachet Grange
Coloring Contest
Photography Contest
Junior Art Contest
Lecturer's End of Year Report



Providence Grange Award

Awarded to the chartered Junior Grange that has the highest average percentage of participation in the RI Junior Department contests, activities, and crafts; as well as participation in the National Junior Contests, crafts, activities, and events that are submitted through your respective Junior Leader and the State Junior Director.

- The State Junior Director and/or a member of the Junior Committee will keep track of the numbers based on sign in sheets and score sheets for each contest.

Percentages are calculated based on Junior Grange's membership total as of the 4th quarter 2025 report submitted to the State Secretary and the total number of children that participate in the qualifying contests & events.

The chartered Junior Grange will receive a \$25 award from the Providence Grange Fund.

Contests & Events that Qualify

State:

- Lip Sync Contest
- Grange Baseball Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- Sign Language Contest
- Creative Writing Contest
- Big E Craft
- Host State Craft
- Creative Art Craft
- Super JG Awards
- Junior Mini Royalty Applications
- Junior Ambassador Applications
- Junior Master of the Year Application

National:

- **will update once 2026 National Junior Program received**



1+ Junior Member Spirit Award

Awarded to the supporting Community/Subordinate Grange whose Junior member participates in the most RI Junior Department contests, activities, crafts, and National Junior contests, crafts, activities, and events that are submitted through the respective Junior Leader and the State Junior Director.

- The State Junior Director and/or a member of the Junior Committee will keep track of the numbers based on sign in sheets at each event and score sheets for each contest.
- In the event of a tie National Passports submitted to the State Junior Director will be counted.

The Junior Members will earn 1 point for participation in each qualifying contest, craft, activity, or event.

The Community/Subordinate Grange will receive a \$10 award from the RI Junior Department.

Qualifying Contests and Events

State:

- Lip Sync Contest
- Grange Baseball
- Public Speaking Contest
- Sign Language Contest
- Creative Writing Contest
- Big E Craft
- Host State Craft
- Creative Art Craft
- Super JG Awards
- Mini Royalty Applications
- Ambassador Applications

National:

- **Will update once 2026 National Junior Program received**



Lip Sync Contest

When: May 9th at 10am

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14, Youth (14-30), Subordinate (30+)

Time Limit: Maximum performance time 5 minutes

Description/Rules:

*This contest is designed so that you may imitate your favorite singer or favorite performance of a song.

- Must be a Grange Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5 MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Age category for Junior members determined by age as of January 1st of the current year
- Two categories:
 - Individual
 - Group
- There will be a 1-point deduction off the total score for every minute over the maximum performance time of 5 minutes
- Maximum of two performances
 - One individual entry and one group entry
 - two group entries
- Group entries can be a mix of Juniors, Youth, and/or Alumni
- No inappropriate language and/or content
- You may wear a costume if you wish, but it is not required





Grange Baseball Trivia Contest

When: May 9th @ 10am

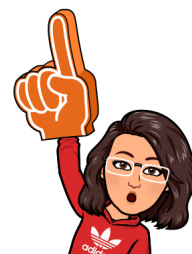
Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Age Categories:

- Junior (5-14)
- Youth (14-30)
- Alumni (30+)

Description/Rules:

- Must be a Grange Member within the State of RI
- Participants will be divided into two teams: Blue Agates and Golden Sheaves
 - Once the teams have been decided, the team will need to come up with a line-up.
- Play will last for five innings or one hour.
 - In case of tie breaker an extra inning will be played.
- Each team will get 3 outs per inning. (*An out is an incorrect answer*)
 - *If every member of the team "bats" without getting an out, play will automatically change to the other team.*
- When a player gets up to bat, they will choose what base question they will receive.
- The type of base hit will determine the difficulty of the question.
- Participants will have 30 seconds to answer question.
- Team members cannot help the batter answer a question.
- Junior baseball players may request help from a pinch hitter (*help from the audience*) no more than 3 times over the total length of the game.
- Once on Base, players must be forced to the next base.
- Statistics will be kept on each individual player.





Sign Language Contest

When: May 9th @ 10am

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-10, 11-14

General Description/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5 MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Age category is determined by age as of January 1st of the current year

Contest Rules:

- Under 5 Age Category
 - Sign at least "A", "B", & "C" of the alphabet
 - May continue with as much as alphabet as comfortable.
- 5-7 Age Category
 - sign at least first name
 - sign Alphabet, as much as possible
- 8-11 Age Category
 - sign first and last name
 - Sign Alphabet
 - Demonstrate the ASL Sign for the word "red"
- 12-14 Age Category
 - Sign first and last name
 - Choose 1 of the following to sign:
 - Pledge of Allegiance
 - Short Song
 - Poem

SIGN A SONG



FINGER SPELLING



Judging Criteria:

- **Communication:** Utilization of total communication, Sign Language ability, Signs clearly with correct interpretation.
- **Expression:** Body expression/Displays emotions. Expresses key thoughts with body movements. Mouths words for lip reading
- **Overall Presentation:** Dressed appropriately. Confidence. Timing/Uniformity.



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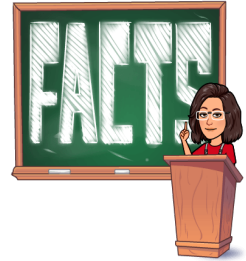
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Public Speaking Contest

When: May 9th @ 10am

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange Hall

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14



Speech Categories & Time Limits:

- **Short Story:** present a published short story or poem.
 - **Time Limit:** MUST be at least 1 minute and no longer than 3 minutes
- **Prepared Speech:** present a prepared speech written by the contestant.
 - **Time Limit:** MUST be at least 3 minutes and no longer than 5 minutes.
 - **MUST BE** on one of the following topics:
 - *Topics may change when 2026 National Junior Program received*****
 - How I can be the difference in my community.
 - What makes a good leader?
 - Why the Junior Grange is important to me.
 - How/Why becoming a young advocate is an important step for my future.
- **Copy of Speech or Short Story MUST be submitted - labeled with the following:**
 - Name
 - Age
 - Speech title
 - Speech category
 - State
 - Grange Name and Number

Description/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5, MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Age group is determined by age as of January 1st of the current year



Public Speaking Contest

Judging Criteria:

- **Text:**
 - Content: Information gathered and included in speech
 - Composition: The speech was compiled in a manner that was easy to understand.
 - Topic: Topic was clearly researched, and personal connection was made.
- **Delivery:**
 - Voice: spoke clearly and was easy to understand.
 - Command of Audience: speaker can engage and captivate the audience with the message of the speech.
 - Stage Presence: speaker is dressed neatly and appropriately, poised, and reduced nervousness.
 - Expression: speech delivered with enthusiasm and emotion.
 - Mannerisms and Gestures: Does not have any distracting mannerisms or gestures that are not purposeful and effective.
- **Time:** 1 point deducted for every 30 seconds under/over the time limit.
- **Outline:** A copy of speech was presented to the judges.



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Creative Writing Contest

Due to Junior Director: August 1st

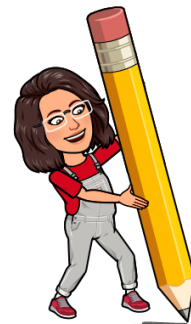
Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Topic:

- Farm Adventure Writing
 - Create a farm picture using the enclosed template then write a story about the farm.

General Descriptions/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5 MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Age category is determined by age as of January 1st of the current year
- **MUST BE** Minimum 1 page; maximum 4 pages in length.
- **MUST BE** double spaced.
- **MUST BE** typed.
- **Writing MUST** have the entry tag included in red book attached to writing.
- **Farm MUST** have Junior Member's name on back.
- All entries will be judged in this contest and forwarded to the RI State Information Director
 - You will have many opportunities to earn prize money with just one essay.





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Farm Adventure Creative Writing

Instructions:

- Using the templates included in your book create your own farm.
 - Color and cut out the parts of the farm.
 - Attach the pieces to a 12x18 white paper or cardstock.
 - Create a farm scene
 - You may add more animals, buildings, crops, and/or equipment to your scene.
 - Add details to enhance your scene.
 - Be Creative!!!
- Write a story about your farm.
 - It could be a day in the life at your farm or it could be about a trip you take to your farm.
- Don't forget to name your farm!!!!



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General Information for Junior Crafts

Due to State Junior Director: August 1st

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Description/Rules:

- *****NO KITS*****
- MUST attach craft card with Name, Age (as of January 1st), and craft
 - *There are cards in your book that can be filled out and attached to the craft.*
- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - If under the age of 5 MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI
- Only 1 entry per craft category
- Materials such as felt, beads, fabric paint, yarn, etc. may be used to embellish crafts, unless otherwise noted
- Crafts will be judged on the Danish System
 - The Danish system of scoring was carted by the 4-H for judging of their exhibits/contests
 - Entries are judged individually instead of against the other entries in the same category
 - Judging is based on the individual's ability to meet the requirements of the craft





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2026 RI Junior Crafts

Due to State Junior Director: August 1st

Age Categories: Under 5, 5-7, 8-11, 12-14

Big E Craft: Painted Bird House

- **SIZE RESTRICTION:** 8" Length x 8" Width x 12" High
- Make from scratch or purchase a pre-built birdhouse
- Paint/Decorate birdhouse using any medium and/or embellishments
- Be creative!
- MUST attach craft tag included in Red Book

Host State Craft: Oklahoma

- **SIZE RESTRICTION:** no bigger than 24" length (tall), 24" width
- Anything to do with the state of Oklahoma
- Can be a craft or drawing
- Can be based on an event, place, person, or object within the state
- MUST attach craft tag included in Red Book

Creative Art Craft: Plastic Straws

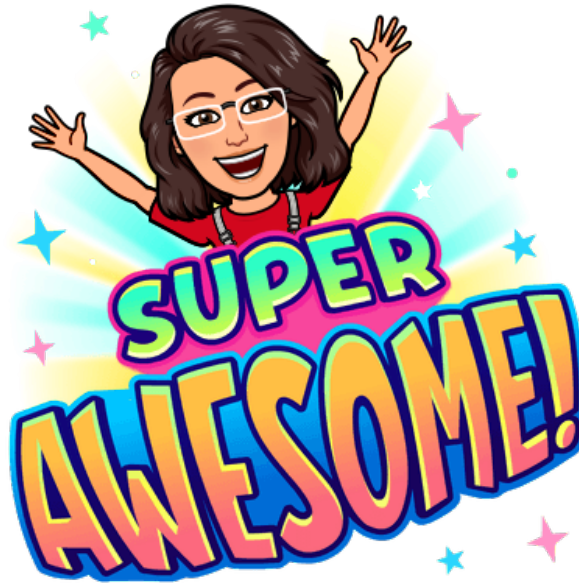
- **SIZE RESTRICTION:** no bigger than 8.5" x 11" (standard paper size)
- MUST be on an 8.5" x 11" sheet of paper or cardstock
- Create a mosaic style picture using plastic straws
- MUST use plastic straws
- May use the whole straw or cut it up into pieces
- Can use any color or size straws
- MUST attach craft tag included in Red Book



Super JG Awards

Description/Rules:

- Four tests in increasing difficulty given to Junior Members to test their knowledge of Junior Grange ritual, history, and general Grange knowledge
- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
- Must take tests in sequential order
- Must score at least 80% to earn award
- Test will be given by the Junior Director or an appointed committee member
- All tests are given orally
 - Level 1 - multiple choice and yes/no questions
 - Level 2 - multiple choice, yes/no questions, and fill in the blanks
 - Level 3 - multiple choice, yes/no questions, and fill in the blanks
 - Level 4 - set up the Grange Hall for a Junior Grange meeting





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RI State Grange Mini Prince & Mini Princess

Due to State Junior Director: August 1st

Age Category: 5-9

Description/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
- Must submit at least 2 RI Junior Department Crafts
 - Creative Writing
 - Host State Craft: Oklahoma
 - Creative Art Craft: Plastic Straws
 - Big E Craft: Decorated Birthouse
- Must participate in at least 2 RI Junior Department Contest
 - Lip Sync
 - Grange Baseball
 - Public Speaking
 - Sign Language
- Must participate in at least 1 Junior contest and/or craft sponsored by another RI State Grange Department or RI State Grange Officer
 - Agriculture Department
 - Community Service Department
 - Deaf & Health Department
 - Information Department
 - Membership Department
 - Women's Activities Department
 - Youth Department
 - State Chaplain
 - State Lecturer
- Write a paragraph (*typed or handwritten*) about what Grange and community activities you participated in through the year and why you would like to be Mini Prince or Mini Princess
 - Include any additional information you would like the judges to know about you
- May include photos or newspaper articles that depict you participating in Grange Activities or other community activities during the year
- **MUST** be prepared to participate in the Junior Program the year after you are chosen
- Applications **MUST** be signed by the Junior Leader verifying the information on the application is accurate

***Please remember that your photo may be placed in the Grange Beacon, a newspaper, and/or other forms of media (including social media) ***



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RI State Grange Junior Ambassador

Due to State Junior Director: August 1st

Age Category: 10-14

Description/Rules:

- Must be a Junior Member within the State of RI
- Must submit at least 4 RI Junior Department Crafts
 - Creative Writing
 - Host State Craft: Oklahoma
 - Creative Art Craft: Plastic Straws
 - Big E Craft: Painted Birdhouses
- Must participate in at least 3 RI Junior Department Contest
 - Lip Sync
 - Grange Baseball
 - Public Speaking Contest
 - Sign Language Contest
- Must participate in at least 2 Junior contest/craft sponsored by another RI State Grange Department or RI State Grange Officer
 - Agriculture Department
 - Community Service Department
 - Deaf & Health Department
 - Information Department
 - Membership Department
 - Women's Activities Department
 - Youth Department
 - State Chaplain
 - State Lecturer
- Write a paragraph (*typed or handwritten*) about what Grange and community activities you participated in through the year and why you would like to be Junior Ambassador.
 - Include any additional information you would like the judges to know about you
- May include photos or newspaper articles that depict you participating in Grange Activities or other community activities during the year
- MUST be prepared to participate in the Junior Program the year after you are chosen
- Applications MUST be signed by the Junior Leader verifying the information on the application is accurate
- A maximum of 2 Juniors will be chosen to represent the RI State Grange as Junior Ambassadors.

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Junior Master of the Year

Due to State Junior Director: August 1st

Description/Rules:

- MUST be currently serving as Master of a RI Junior Grange
- MUST participate in at least 3 RI Junior Department Contests
 - Lip Sync Contest
 - Grange Baseball Contest
 - Public Speaking Contest
 - Sign Language Contest
- MUST submit at least 4 RI Junior Department crafts
 - Big Craft: Painted Birdhouse
 - Host State Craft: Oklahoma
 - Creative Art Craft: Plastic Straws
 - Creative Writing
- MUST know the opening and closing charges of all Junior Grange officers for a regular meeting.
- MUST know the Junior Grange Pledge
- MUST know the Master's part from the Junior Degree
- MUST know the Junior Degree Secret Work
- MUST score at least 85% on a knowledge test given by the State Junior Director
- Application MUST be signed by the Junior Leader verifying the information on the application is accurate.





[RI State Grange Chaplain](#)

Jennifer Lawson

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RI State Grange Church Service

When: June 7th at 3pm

Where: TBA

Host: Kent County Pomona Grange #3

Bring your family and friends and come spend a special time together. It's a chance to enjoy music, worship, and being with your Grange family.

Coloring Contest

Due to RI State Grange Chaplain: September 1st

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

- The State Chaplain will supply the pictures to be colored.
- Each age category will have a different picture to color.
- All entries must be the work of the member entering it.
- Any medium (gel markers, sharpie markers, colored pencils, crayons, etc.) may be used.
- Please label the back of the picture with the following information:
 - Name
 - Age as of January 1, 2026
 - Grange Name and Number



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Essay Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Theme: Farm Adventure Writing
 - a. Create a farm picture using the template in the Junior Program Book then write a story about the farm.
2. MUST be a Junior Member within the State of RI
 - a. If under the age of 5 MUST have a relative who is a Junior Member in RI.
3. Age Category is determined by age as of January 1, 2026.
4. MUST BE Minimum 1 page, maximum 4 pages in length
5. MUST BE double spaced
6. MUST BE typed
7. **Writing MUST** have the entry tag included in the Junior Program Book attached to writing.
8. **Farm MUST** have the Junior Member's name on the back.

Creative Bookmark Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

- Create a bookmark promoting the Junior Program with a theme of protecting our wildlife, featuring any animals.
- **Size Restriction:** no larger than 7 inches x 3 inches.
- Bookmarks MUST be made from card stock; Information Department will supply card stock.
 - If more card stock is needed, it will be supplied



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Poster Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- 5-7
- 8-11
- 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. Create a poster promoting Grange.
2. **Size Restriction:** Maximum size 22" x 28"
3. Entries MUST promote your Grange and its activities.
4. Find a public place to display your poster, take a picture of the poster display and submit the photo for judging.

Painted Rock Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- 5-7
- 8-11
- 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. Paint the rock to promote anything you want with a positive message.
2. Does not have to promote Grange or be Grange related.
3. **Size Restriction:** No bigger than 5" diameter.
4. One rock per person.



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Newspaper Photo Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Junior
- Community/Subordinate
- Pomona
- State

Rules:

1. The photo must be initiated or submitted by a member of the Grange involved.
2. The picture can be on any subject as long as it gives the Grange a positive image.
3. ORIGINALS must be used. Copies cannot be used.
4. The photo must be published between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026.
5. Entire newspaper page containing the picture must be submitted by the Grange being publicized.
6. Website photos about Rhode Island Granges will be accepted. Information from Grange websites is not eligible.
7. Entries with more than one Grange article WILL be accepted.
8. PLEASE USE ENTRY FORM for each newspaper photo submitted to be eligible for judging.
9. In the event of duplicate entries, the first entry received will be eligible for judging.
10. The decision of the judges is FINAL!
11. Junior Grange photos must be submitted by a Junior Member, not a Community/Subordinate Grange member.
12. If a Junior Member is in the newspaper photo, one of the Junior members should be entering this contest.

****NOTE:** Any member who has an entry that qualifies for both the Single Article Contest and the Newspaper Photo Contest may enter it in both contests. Two copies of the article and photo must be submitted — one for each contest.



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Single Article Contest

Due to RI State Grange Information Director: September 10th

Age Categories:

- Junior
- Community/Subordinate
- Pomona
- State

Rules:

1. The news article must be initiated or submitted by a member of the Grange involved.
2. The article can be on any subject as long as it gives the Grange a positive image. (PLEASE NO OBITUARIES)
3. The article must be published in the newspaper between September 1, 2025, and August 31, 2026.
4. Originals must be used for this contest. Copies cannot be used.
5. The entire newspaper page containing the article with the date published must be submitted by a member of the Grange being publicized.
6. Website publicity about Rhode Island Granges will be accepted. Information from Grange websites is not eligible.
7. Entries with more than one Grange article will be accepted.
8. In the event of duplicate entries, the first entry received will be eligible for judging.
9. PLEASE USE ENTRY FORM for each article submitted to be eligible for judging.
10. The decision of the judges is final!
11. Junior Grange articles must be submitted by a Junior Member, not a Community/Subordinate Grange member.

****NOTE:** Any member who has an entry that qualifies for both the Single Article Contest and the Newspaper Photo Contest may enter it in both contests. Two copies of the article and photo must be submitted — one for each contest.



RI State Grange Community Service Department

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Red Sneaker Step-Up

Due to RI State Grange Community Service Director: September 1st

Contest Categories:

- Individual Junior Member
- Junior Grange

Rules:

1. Grangers of all ages are always helping the community. This is a competition for Junior Granger members to submit their best efforts for a Community Service Project.
2. Only one project can be submitted by a Junior Grange.
3. Individual Junior members may also submit one report.
4. Projects must be different.
5. The project can be new or an existing project. For example: coordinating a coat drive, cleaning a cemetery, making favors for a nursing home, etc.
6. Remember, it is for an outside organization's need ~ not the Grange.
7. Cancelled Stamps project is not eligible.
8. Please write a paragraph explaining your project. Include pictures or documentation, thank you notes (if you have them), news clippings to help detail your project.
9. This project will be judged. Winning Junior Grange will receive a pizza party, and the winning individual Junior member will receive a monetary award.



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VETS

Very Enthusiastic Thanks for Service People

Due to RI State Grange Community Service Director: September 1st

Age Categories & Requirements:

- Ages 5-7: saying or poem; minimum of two lines
- Ages 8-11: saying or poem; minimum of eight lines
- Ages 12-14: poem; minimum of twelve lines

Rules:

1. Community Service and other Grange Departments work closely with veteran organizations.
2. A veteran is a person, male or female, that served in the US Military: Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, or Merchant Marines.
3. There are probably veterans in your family: Grandparents, parents, uncles, or aunts. Take time to ask them about their military experience and the stories they share with you.
4. This project is for you to write a short thank you for their service in the form of a saying or poem to a veteran.
5. The saying or poem will be incorporated into a card which will be given to Grange members to pass on to veterans for Veterans' Day.
6. One winner selected per age bracket.
7. Please have your entry computer printed (ask an adult for help with the computer if needed.)
8. On the top of your entry mark VETS, your name, age, and Grange.



RI State Grange Deaf & Health Department

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Bowl-A-Thon

When: TBA

Where: Dudek's Bowling Lanes, 409 Child St, Warren, RI

Cost: \$20 per person

Enjoy a fun afternoon of bowling with a pizza party to follow at Roger Williams – Rumford Grange. Funds raised through this event will be donated to the Corliss Institute in Warren, RI.



RI State Grange Woman's Activities Department

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Junior Baking Contest

Bisquick Peanut Butter Blossom Cookies

When: April 25, 2025 @ 9am

Where: Rocky Hill Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Place 6 cookies on a separate plate to be judged.
2. Bring remaining cookies to be shared with all.

Recipe:

- Ingredients
 - 1 (14 ounce) Can Sweetened Condensed Milk
 - $\frac{3}{4}$ Cup Peanut Butter (creamy or crunch)
 - 2 Cups Original Bisquick Mix
 - 1 teaspoon Vanilla
 - Sugar
 - 36 Hershey Kisses, milk chocolate, unwrapped.
- Step 1
 - Heat oven to 375 degrees. Mix milk and peanut butter in large bowl until smooth. Stir in the bisquick and vanilla.
- Step 2
 - Shape dough into $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch balls and roll gently in the sugar. Place 2 inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
- Step 3
 - Bake for 8-10 minutes or until bottoms of cookies just begin to brown. After taking out of oven, immediately press 1 Hershey Kiss into the top of each cookie.



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Junior Craft Contest

Due to RI State Grange Woman's Activities Director: August 19th-23rd

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. This will be the Junior's choice... can enter by creating one or all three items.
2. Popsicle sticks and craft stones creating unique items.
3. Loom potholders – can be creative and think outside the box and make items such as baskets, mini handbags, hats or scarves.
4. Wind chimes – creativity in painting.



RI State Grange Agriculture Department

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Birdhouse Contest

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. **Community/Subordinate members** MUST make their birdhouse from scratch.
2. **Junior members** can make their birdhouse from scratch or paint/decorate a pre-built birdhouse.
3. Open to all Grangers.
4. Birdhouses will be judged on craftsmanship and creativity.
5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Diorama Contest

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Create a diorama of anything agricultural.
2. Size must be no larger than 18x18.
3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in all age categories.



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Decorated Flowerpot Contest

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. You can use any size flowerpot.
2. Flowerpot can be decorated, painted or both.
3. Entry will be judged on creativity.
4. Use your imagination!
5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Bird Feeder Contest

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Make a bird feeder out of an egg carton
2. Decorate the egg carton with any items or markers, etc.
3. Use your imagination!
4. Agriculture Department will supply bird seed.
5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.



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Recycled Tin Can Windsock or Windchime Craft

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Any size can, can be used
2. Use any decoration, paint, or markers
3. Use your imagination!
4. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Paper Towel Craft

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Make an animal you would see on a farm or something you would see on a farm.
2. Use your imagination!
3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.



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Grow Seeds in Plastic Bag

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. Take a plastic bag (sandwich or larger)
2. Put in soil
3. Add a few seeds
4. Add water
5. You may tape to the window to watch it grow
6. If you can't transport it to mem, you may take a picture & send it
7. I can supply seeds.
8. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.

Seed Mosaic

When: May 9th at 10am – Grange Showcase

Where: Roger Williams-Rumford Grange

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. Cut out a piece of cardboard to a shape you want
2. Take glue seeds and make a mosaic picture
3. I will provide seeds
4. Use your imagination!
5. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.



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WCF Scarecrow Contest

Due to RI State Grange Agriculture Director: August 10th - 9am-9pm

Age Categories:

- 1-16 years old
- 16-100+ years old

Rules:

1. Scarecrows must be at least 3ft tall but not more than 6ft tall.
2. Frame may be made of any material.
3. Scarecrow may be sitting or standing.
4. No kits may be used.
5. Open to ALL.
6. General public invited.
7. Scarecrows must be brought to the WCF between 9am-9pm the Monday of the Fair, August 11, 2025
8. They must be picked up between 8pm-10pm on the last day of the Fair, Sunday, August 17, 2025.
9. Any questions please contact Joyce Bastien.
 - a. If email, please put "Scarecrow" in the subject.

Coloring Contest

Due to RI State Grange Agriculture Director: September 1st

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Rules:

1. Pictures will be provided by Agricultural Director.
2. There will be a different picture for each age category.
3. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in each age category.



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Agricultural Photo Contest

Due to RI State Grange Agriculture Director: September 1st

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Community/Subordinate

Photo Categories:

- Scenery
- Animals
- Farm Related
- Old "something" on a Farm

Rules:

1. One photo entry per person, per category
2. Entries must be 4x6 or larger.
3. If you are unable to print your photo, please text it to me and I will print it up for you. Cell phone: 401-465-9571
4. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th place prizes will be awarded in all age categories.



RI State Grange Lecturer

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Family Game Night and Soup-A-Bowl

When: February 22nd @ 4pm

Where: Richmond Grange

Bring your favorite game, gather up some friends and have a fun evening. It is a great opportunity to learn new games and hang out with people.

Soup-A-Bowl Contest

Rules:

- Bring the soup recipe, if no recipe is provided then soup will not be judged.
- Please highlight if there are any common allergens. (i.e. seafood, dairy, gluten, etc.)
- On the bottom of your recipe paper, please include your name, grange and soup category.

Judging:

- Three random people will be chosen to judge the soup-with no knowledge of who's soup is who's.
- Soups will be judged according to taste, appearance, aroma, and texture/consistency.
- Entry forms are included in Red Folder.

Awards:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd will be given to both subordinates and juniors. Winners will be announced night of but prizes will be received at State Session.



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Flags for Memorial Day

When: May 23rd @ 8am

Where: RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Exeter RI

We will be volunteering to place flags on the graves of veterans at the RI Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

My Favorite Anything (2x2x2) & Family Picnic

When: June 13th @ 2pm

Where: Washington County Fairgrounds

Rules:

1. Entries must be created by a Rhode Island Grange member, Junior or Subordinate.
2. One entry per person.
3. Entries must be made within one year preceding this contest.
4. Entries must be the work of the person entering.
5. May not exceed 2'x2'x2' in size.
6. Each entry must have an entry form attached prior to presenting it for judging. Use the entry form in the form section of this book.
7. Identify Junior Grangers age as of January 1st of the current Grange year.
8. The decision of the judges is final.
9. NO PHOTOGRAPHY ALLOWED!
10. Suggestions include woodworking, something you made from nothing, sewing, doll making, cake decorating, ceramics, writing, stories, or painting.
11. Entry forms are included in Red Folder.

Judging:

- Entries will be judged according to the Danish System meaning they will not be compared to any other entry.
- They will be judged based on: Craftsmanship, Neatness/Presentation, Ingenuity, and Creativity.

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded at the contest.



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Red, White, and Blue Star Art Contest **to Celebrate America's 250th**

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: June 13th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14
- Adults

To try something new, this year's Art Contest will be limited to creations in the shape of a star.

Rules:

1. The entry can be made with any materials
2. Must be in the shape of a star
3. Can be no bigger than 12in x 12in x 12in
4. Entries can be wall hangings, centerpieces, door hangings, etc.
5. Entries must be created by a RI Grange member
6. One entry per person
7. Entries must be made within one year prior to this contest
8. Entries must be the work of the person entering
9. **Do NOT expect your entries back;** all entries will be donated to the Veteran's nursing home.



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Quilt Block Contest

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: June 13th

Age Categories:

- Junior (5-14)
- Adult (ages 14+)

Rules:

1. Quilt blocks will be judged in state and then all entries will be sent onto National Grange for National Lecturer's Quilt Block Contest.
2. One block may be entered by each person for judging.
 - a. Additional blocks may be submitted for non-judging and will be considered as a donation.
 - b. Label additional blocks as donations.
3. Entry forms included in Red Folder.

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place will be given out to each group.



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Movie Night and Ice Cream Social

When: September 12th @ 7pm

Where: Chepachet Grange

Come make your favorite sundae, then relax and enjoy a movie with your Grange friends and family.

All Lecturer's Department contest entries are due at this event.

Coloring Contest

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: September 12th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Rules:

1. The State Lecturer will supply the pictures to be colored.
2. Each age category will have a different picture to color.
3. All entries must be the work of the member entering it.
4. Any medium (gel markers, sharpies, colored pencils, crayons, etc.) may be used.
5. Entry form information must be on the back of the entry.
6. Entry forms included in Red Folder.

Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:
 - How well the artist used the medium selected
 - Craftsmanship and skill
 - Originality

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded in each category. All winning entries will be displayed during State Session.



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Photography Contest

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: September 12th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Contest Categories:

- Humorous
- Happy Nappy Time
- Animal
- Upside Down
- On Our Travels (Scenic)
- America the Beautiful (Patriotic)

Rules:

1. Print may be made by a commercial process but must have been taken by the entrant.
2. Only prints are accepted for judging.
3. Entries must have been taken during the contest year.
4. The photographer must select the category for his or her entry.
5. A photograph may be entered in only one category.
6. All photos must have a caption.
7. Participants may enter in all categories; you are not limited to one.
8. Participants may submit only one photograph per entry.
9. All photographs must be matted or framed.
10. Entry form must be on the back of the photo.
11. Entry including the mat or frame must be no smaller than 4"x6" and no bigger than 16"x20".
12. Entry forms included in Red Folder.

Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged against each other based on the following;
 - Composition and arrangement
 - Interest
 - Presentation
 - Technique



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Junior Art Contest

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: September 12th

Age Categories:

- Under 5
- Ages 5-7
- Ages 8-11
- Ages 12-14

Contest Categories:

- Animals
- Abstract
- Seascape/Landscape
- Still Life

Rules:

10. All entries must be the original work of the Junior.
11. All entries must be made during the contest year.
12. Participants may submit in all categories but only one entry per category.
13. Any mediums (ex. Markers, crayons, paint, watercolor, etc.) can be used.
14. Artwork must not exceed 24" x 36".
15. Entry form must be attached to the back of entry.
16. Entry forms included in Red Folder.

Judging Criteria:

- Entries will be judged against each other based on the following:
 - How well the artist used the medium selected
 - Craftsmanship and skill
 - Composition/Presentation
 - Originality

Awards:

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes will be awarded. Awards will be given out at State Junior Awards Day.



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Junior Lecturer's End of Year Report

Due to RI State Grange Lecturer: September 13th

Rules:

1. Junior Lecturers are asked to describe their favorite program that took place during the year.
2. Include any programs the Junior Grange may have brought as a program to the Subordinate Grange (not a requirement).
3. The report should also include any photos that were taken during either program.
4. Report form included in Junior Leaders Red Book/Folder.