

Ideas for Youth Programming With Your Lodge!

The Masonic fraternity supports the youth of our communities and the children and grandchildren of our members in a number of different and exciting ways. As a fraternity, we believe in supporting and strengthening our families. As we encourage our brothers to be better men we also encourage them to be better fathers and grandfathers. We also know that engaging with our communities, we will ensure a strong future filled with civic minded leaders.

For more info visit www.NYMasons.org

Lodge Programming for Children and Grandchildren

- Host a Brother bring your child to lodge night or a family dinner
- Sponsor a speaker on youth development
- Host a family picnic or BBQ or movie night
- Invite a local student art group
- Support sending a youth to Camp Turk and underwrite Camping Fees

Support Masonic Programs In Aid of Youth

- Donate to the Dyslexia Learning Centers
- Support Shrine Hospitals
- Support Grotto Dental Programs
- Donate to the Educational Assistance Program of the Grand Lodge of New York
- Donate to Camp Turk. See the yearly wish list on their website: <https://www.campturk.org/wishlist.html>
- Support the Toys for Tots gala

Masonic Youth Groups (DeMolay, Rainbow, & Triangle)

- Sponsor a youth Group like Triangle, Rainbow or DeMolay
- Host a Masonic Youth night for your lodge and have them perform a program
- Encourage your lodge brothers to attend Youth Group Events
- Encourage your lodge brothers to become advisors for a group
- Pick an idea from the 102 idea list!



Youth Sports

- Sponsor a local youth sports team (Little League, PAL, Pee Wee Football, Hockey League, Lacrosse League, Soccer League, Cal Ripken Baseball)
- Take an ad out in the local youth booster league
- Underwrite sports fees for students
- Provide an award for a good sportsmanship
- Encourage your lodge brothers to volunteer time, talent, and concern with programs.



Community Engagement:

- Recognize a hardworking non-Mason or an organization for their work on behalf of youth with a General Douglas MacArthur Youth Award.
- Host a backpack drive or school supply drive
- Host a toy drive for Toys for Tots
- Help fund playground improvements
- Host a community cleanup day
- Partner with your local Parks and Recreation Department

Local Schools

- Sponsor a student of the month at the local elementary, middle or high school
- Provide computers, tablets, and other technology for the local school or software
- Donate books or other learning resources to the library
- Sponsor an essay contest for local Middle School or High School Students
- Sponsor an art contest for local students
- Be a band or sports booster
- Attend local PTA or booster fundraisers



Scouting Movement

- Recognize GOLD award winners from Girl Scouts
- Recognize Eagle Scouts with a Citizenship Medal.
- Recognize your lodge brothers who volunteer as scout leaders with the Daniel Carter Beard Masonic Scouters Award
- Host a Girl Scout Cookie or Boy Scout Popcorn Sale at your building
- Sponsor a Cub Scout/ Brownie/ Boy Scout/ Girl Scout Troop