



The Activities Committee

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

The Activities Committee

- ▶ Established around 2010 when the Grand Lodge Consolidated the Committees to save money and increase community presence
- ▶ Each Lodge is required to have an Activities Committee (Statute 13.021)
- ▶ Charged with Implementing:
 - ▶ Public Relations, Hoop Shoot, and Drug Awareness Programs of the Lodge, State, and Grand Lodge
 - ▶ Supervising all matters pertaining to activities of a civic, social, and community interest, including one Elks Sponsored Community Project
 - ▶ Responsible for community outreach and involvement through youth activities and community projects.



The Activities Committee Members

Chairman



Junior Golf Program



Hoop Shoot



Scouting Program



Soccer Shoot



Drug Awareness



Public Safety Medals



Student Teenager of the Month & Year



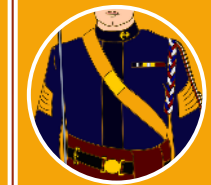
Antlers Program



Dictionary Project



Community Projects



Jr. ROTC Award Program

Public Relations

Lodge Activities Committee Programs

- ▶ Hoop Shoot
- ▶ Soccer Shoot
- ▶ Drug Awareness
- ▶ Community Projects
- ▶ Public Safety Medals
- ▶ Scouting Program
- ▶ Dictionary Project
- ▶ Student/Teenager of the Month/Year
- ▶ Antlers Program
- ▶ Junior Golf Program



Purpose of the Activities Committee

The fundamental purpose of the Activities Committee is to promote, support, and oversee programs that allow an Elks Lodge and its Members to become actively involved in their community.



Community Involvement is the Future of Elkdom!



Why Community Involvement?

- ▶ Membership is on the decline and the Elks must adapt to a changing society to survive.
- ▶ Provides an opportunity to show that we live by our motto of Elks Care—Elks Share
- ▶ Allows the Elks to become more visible in the community by providing public relations and marketing opportunities
- ▶ Generates interest in membership by people in the community, especially younger generations



Community Projects



Community Projects

Grand Lodge



ENF

State Association



Major Project

Lodge

**Community
Project**

Getting Started



- ▶ Obtain a Community Investment Toolkit from the ENF
 - ▶ Assess a community need
 - ▶ Plan a charitable project to fill that need
 - ▶ Harness Lodge support to make it happen
 - ▶ Evaluate the project, and make changes to improve each year
 - ▶ Promote the success of the project

<https://www.elks.org/cip/resources/toolkit.cfm>

Funding of Community Projects

▶ Elks National Foundation Community Investment Grants

- ▶ **Impact Grants** \$10,000 dollars (Competitive major projects)
- ▶ **Beacon Grants** \$3,500 dollars (Ongoing Elk projects)
- ▶ **Gratitude Grants** \$3,000 dollars (must reach ENF Per-Capita)
- ▶ **Promise Grants** \$2,500 dollars for Youth (first 500 applicants)
- ▶ **Freedom Grants** \$2,500 dollars for Veterans (first 300 applicants)
- ▶ **Spotlight Grants** \$2,000 dollars for pre-selected projects

<https://www.elks.org/cip/>

Community Projects Contest

- ▶ One-page Entry Application on Elks.org at:
<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/activities/files/communityProjectsContest.pdf>
- ▶ Follow instructions on the form and submit to the Grand Lodge Activities Committeeman that runs the program.
- ▶ Top three in each Lodge membership division will be recognized for the best projects
- ▶ If you have a project, why not get recognition for your Lodge





Public Safety Awards

Public Safety Medals of Valor & Service

- ▶ A simple yet effective program
- ▶ Recognizes First Responders
 - ▶ Law Enforcement
 - ▶ Firefighters
 - ▶ EMS Providers
- ▶ Cost of the medals are only \$9.00 dollars each (plus S/H)
- ▶ Can be ordered through the Lodge Secretary



Medal of Valor

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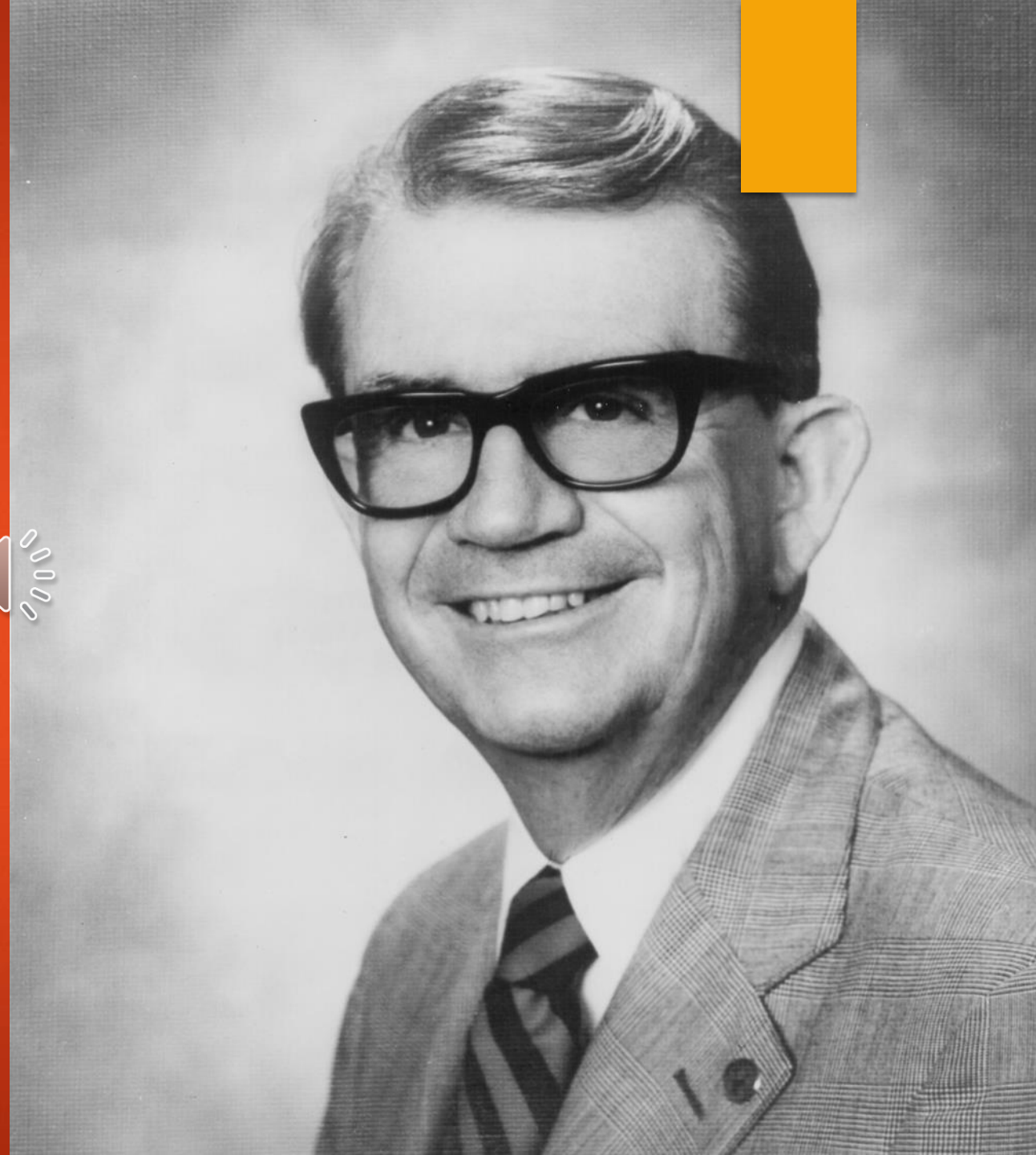
Scouting Program

- ▶ Sponsor a Troop or Pack
- ▶ Recognize
 - ▶ Eagle Scouts
 - ▶ Girl Scout Gold Level
 - ▶ Girl Scout Silver Level
 - ▶ Girl Scout Bronze Level
 - ▶ Arrow of Light (Cub Scouts)
- ▶ Host Eagle Scout Courts of Honor
- ▶ Partner with Scouts to do a joint Community Service Project



Marvin M. Lewis Award

- ▶ Named after the 1982 Past Grand Exalted Ruler Marvin M. Lewis
- ▶ To Recognize Elks who are involved in working with the Boy Scouts of America
- ▶ Every Lodge can submit one nominee each year
- ▶ Winners are recognized at the Grand Lodge Session each year.



Marvin M. Lewis Award Recognizes Elks Engaged in

- ▶ Forming Scouting Units—Especially those involving Elk Lodges
- ▶ Recruiting Elk Members to become Scout Leaders and to be involved in units operated by Elks
- ▶ Take Scouter Training and set a good example for youth
- ▶ Promote Scouting for all youth, regardless of race, creed, or disabling condition
- ▶ No specific length of service is required.
- ▶ A person's accomplishments and dedication weigh more heavily than longevity



Soccer Shoot Program



Soccer Shoot Program

- ▶ **Two Contests**

- ▶ Five-Goal Contest (U-8 Division Only)
- ▶ Grid-Goal Contest

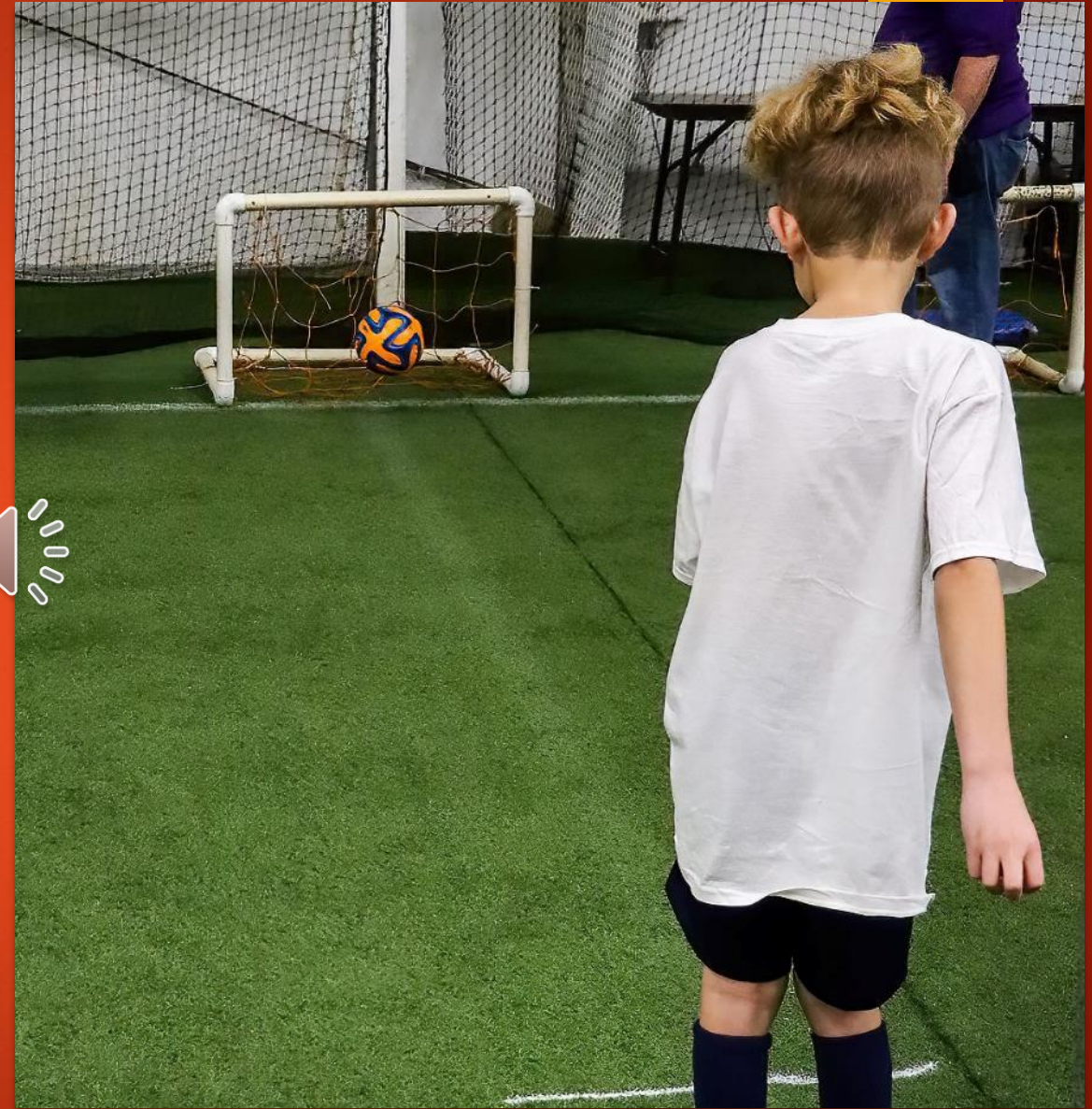
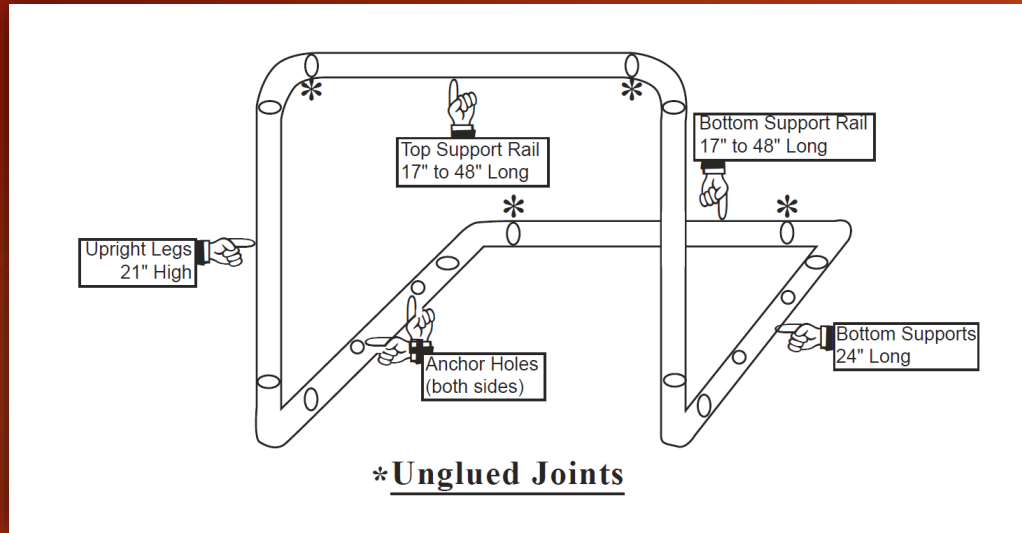


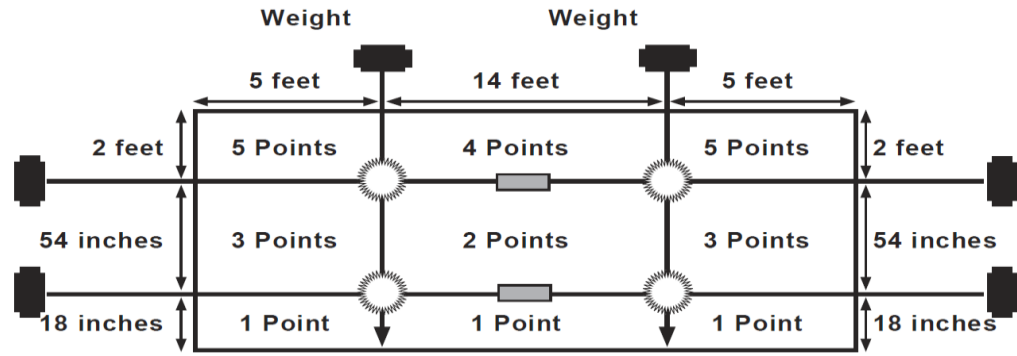
- ▶ **Competition is divided into Gender/Age Groups**

- ▶ U-8 Boys & Girls
- ▶ U-10 Boys & Girls
- ▶ U-12 Boys & Girls
- ▶ U-14 Boys & Girls
- ▶ U-16 Boys & Girls (Optional)



5-Goal Contest





Turnbuckle

Hook & Eyelet

Twist Ties

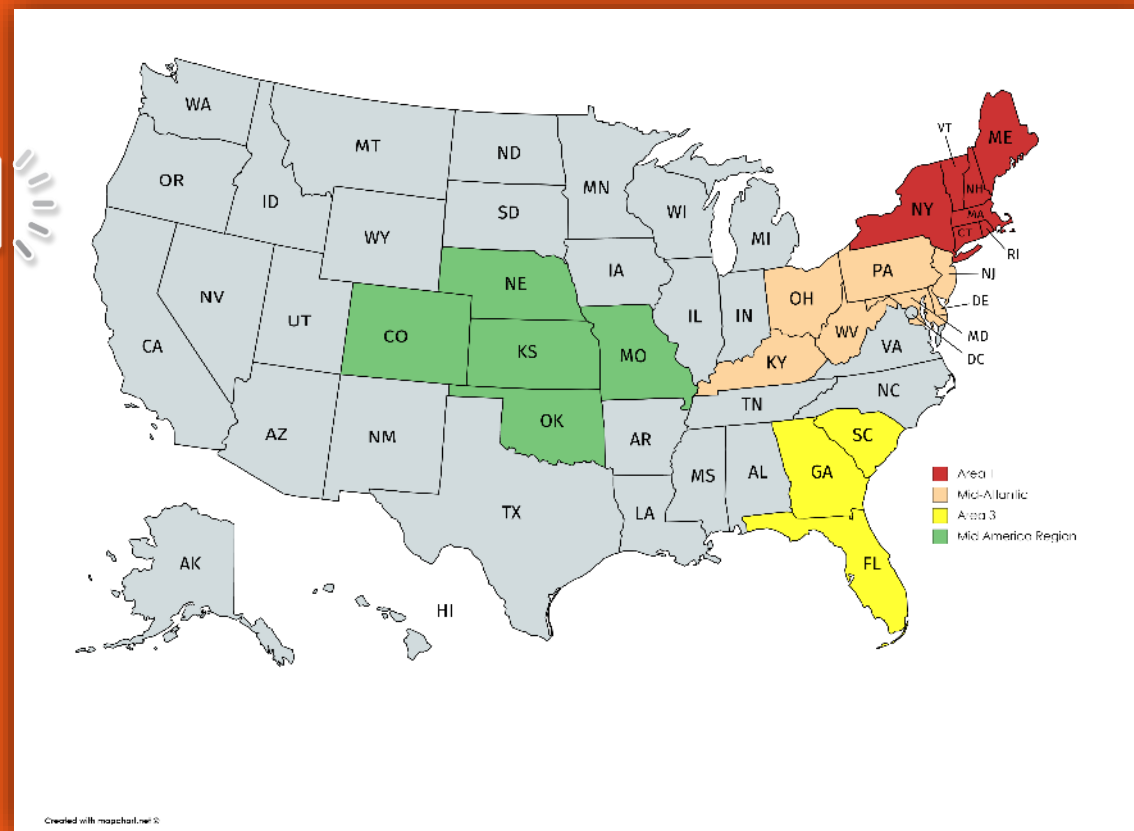


Grid Goal & Points

ELKS VIRTUAL NATIONAL SOCCER SHOOT



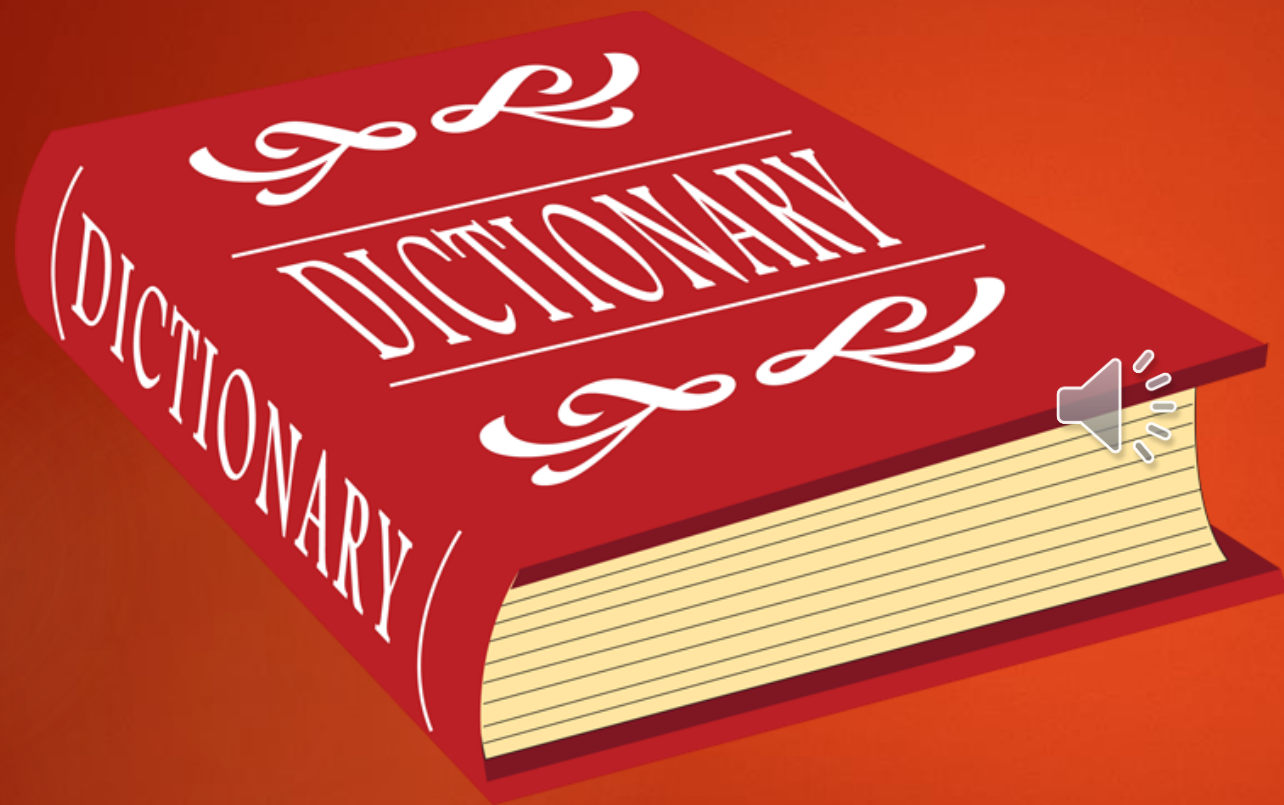
Soccer Shoot Regions



Soccer Shoot Program

- ▶ Every Lodge is encouraged to hold a Soccer Shoot program in their community
- ▶ Information on how to run a Soccer Shoot is available on the Grand Lodge Activities Committee Page on Elks.
- ▶ Please review the latest manual for any changes to the rules.





The Dictionary Project

Dictionary Project

- ▶ Program is easy to run
- ▶ Information on how to run the program is available on Elks.org
- ▶ Just need to go out to the Elementary Schools in your area to ask if they would like to participate
- ▶ Find out how many you need and order a few more just in case.
- ▶ Make sure to deliver them personally
- ▶ Don't forget to publicize the presentation. (Get permission from the school for photos)





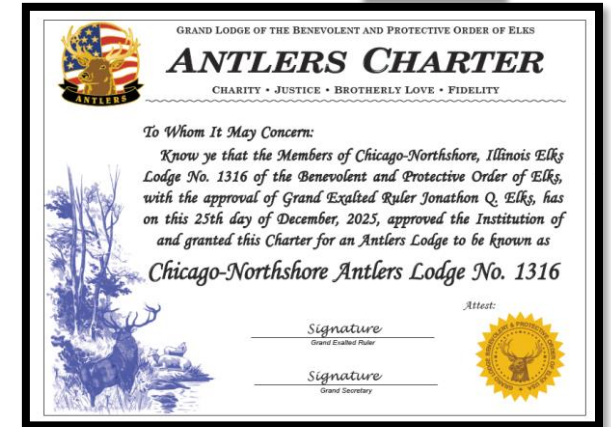
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The Antlers Program

The Antlers Program

- ▶ Anyone age 12-20 can join
- ▶ Not just for children and grandchildren of the Elks
- ▶ Rules, Applications for Membership, and other information is available on Elks.org
- ▶ The program is a great way to get additional help for your Community Projects and have fun doing it.



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Junior Golf Program



Junior Golf Program

- ▶ Partner with a local golf course to provide greens fees, lessons, and equipment
- ▶ Golf courses are always looking for future customers, so should be willing to work with you.
- ▶ Equipment can be purchased using ENF Grant money for any young person who cannot afford the clubs, balls, tees, etc.
- ▶ Information on the program is available on Elks.org



Other Youth Programs

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| Sponsor a Youth Camp | Sponsor Youth Sports Teams |
| Youth Bowling Programs | Youth Tennis Program |
| Sponsor Teen Dances | Participate in a Parade with your Youth Winners |
| Sponsor a Boys/Girls Dramatic Society | Sponsor a local Boys/Girls Club |
| Hold an Amateur Night for Youth | Present Flags to Local Schools and let kids take part in the ceremonies |
| Promote Essay Contests | Hold Poster Contests |
| Sponsor Project Graduation | Promote Swimming Classes/Contests |



Use your
Imagination

donate
share
help
care
get involved
love
volunteer
ask
please give

humanitarianism
unconditional
receive
now
giving
loving
donation
support
inspire
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