



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – August/September 2024

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Facebook Page: Youth Activities/Camp Trotter - Michigan

National Theme: *From Our Roots to Our Branches Extending Service to Our Veterans*
Department Theme: *Aspire to Inspire*

Youth:

As school is scheduled to begin for most areas this month, start thinking about who you can connect with at local schools, youth groups, etc. Think outside the box when you are thinking about youth groups to connect with. Remember, this can include college age youth as well. Those in college are also able to become members, show them why they want to!



I have posted the Patriotism through Literacy list on our Facebook page (if you haven't joined the page yet, please do!). Remember that list is a suggestion and not exhaustive. Think about who you can donate books to in your community! Your library, classrooms, youth groups, etc. Think about different activities where you can connect these youth, the books, and the Veterans you are connected to!

This is also a great time to start sharing information with schools about the Illustrating America Art contest. As I have mentioned before, art takes time. You want to give these participants enough time to create their masterpiece.

Youth Group Suggestions

Sports Teams	Faith-based groups
School Clubs	Youth Advisory Councils
After school programs	Home-school groups
Youth Community Service Groups	
Service Learning and Civic Departments in high schools and colleges	

Camp Trotter:

The 2024 Camp Season has come to an end (as of August 3rd). Our 75th season is complete and now we begin looking forward to next year. Don't hesitate to continue holding fundraisers in honor of the camp, donating to the scholarship fund, and when they are announced, participate in cleaning days. **Camp Trotter Family Day is Saturday, August 17.** It is a great opportunity to meet new friends, see old friends, and get to know the camp that you are sending kiddos to!

In an attempt to raise more money to support Camp Trotter during conferences and conventions we are going to revamp the Silver Dollar Table. Instead of bringing items that are used, we are asking that you (anyone and as many of you who are interested from each Auxiliary in an assigned district) bring NEW, unused items that are popular in your

area (example: Traverse City – Cherry anything, UP – Pasties (keep them cold though!), Holland – Tulips, Wooden Shoes, Charlotte/Nashville – Maple Syrup, etc.). We are calling it **“STUFF YOUR DISTRICT.”**

Bring your favorites and be creative! You can bring your donation in a basket arrangement, as one item, etc. These items will be displayed on the table by district, you can buy raffle tickets and all the items from the district will be raffled off. You will place your tickets in the box for the lot of items you would like to win! The better and more donations you bring, the better donation we can make to Camp Trotter!

“How do we know when to bring our items?” Great question! I have assigned districts by meeting.

STUFF YOUR DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS

FALL CONFERENCE

Districts 4, 7, 10, 13

MID-WINTER CONFERENCE

Districts 5, 8, 11, 14

CONVENTION

Districts 6, 9, 12, 15

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