



## Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Bulletin – October/November 2024

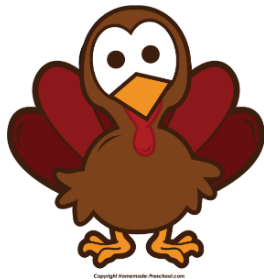
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Facebook Page: Youth Activities/Camp Trotter - Michigan

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

### Youth:

The holidays are coming! There are so many exciting ways to incorporate youth into your activities. Is your town holding any Halloween festivities that you could participate in? Perhaps there's a Trunk-or-Treat you could attend? Join with your post and your Buddy Poppy®/National Home Chairman to make goody bags with some candy and a Buddy Poppy® to hand out! Nothing is going on in town, but you get so many trick-or-treaters at your home? You can hand the goody bags out there instead! Another idea is to join your Post to throw a Halloween party for the community!



Thanksgiving is also on the way. Ask some youth to come help your Auxiliary put together a meal for Veterans in your area that may not have a dinner to go to. This dinner could be around Thanksgiving instead of on the day to increase participation from youth. Parents may not be willing to have them missing from their holiday table but might be more willing to do so the Sunday before! Many high school students and teams need volunteer hours, this is a great way to help them and help you at the same time!

### ***Illustrating America:***

After the National Convention I was notified of a change to the Illustrating America requirements. Due to a mix up, all submissions must now have the child's name and grade written on the back of the art. The entry form has been updated to reflect this and must be the document used. It has been uploaded to the Department Website under Youth and is labeled *NEW*. Please be sure to check your submissions as they come in, just in case an old form is attached.



### **Camp Trotter:**

Things are slowing down for the season at Camp Trotter. Don't forget we can still fundraise for next season. If you haven't already, donate to the scholarship fund. Buy a life membership for a member who doesn't already have one. There are also some general maintenance projects to do around camp so you can also donate to the general fund to assist with that! Be sure you report everything you do! Work with other chairman

to incorporate Camp Trotter into their fundraising events in the community and within your Post.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the first "Stuff Your District!" I am looking forward to our next one at Mid-Winter.

Remember the more money we make on this fundraiser the more money Camp Trotter gets. We are the only state with a camp, so we want to make sure it is successful!

If you have any questions about what to bring, when to bring it, etc. please don't hesitate to reach out! I am happy to help!

## **STUFF YOUR DISTRICT ASSIGNMENTS**

### **MID-WINTER CONFERENCE**

Districts 5, 8, 11, 14

### **CONVENTION**

Districts 6, 9, 12, 15

When you are reporting under youth, please be specific! Make sure you note the number of youths who participated in the event and what the event was. You may notice reports are declined that don't have enough information. I will do my best to email you to let you know if your report was declined.

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