

**Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary**  
**YOUTH ACTIVITIES/CAMP TROTTER BULLETIN**  
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*National Theme: Soaring Above and Beyond*

*Department Theme: Tell Our Story of Service*

### **Youth Activities**

August, the dog days of summer where kids run, play and have water balloon fights and eat ice cream. Now is a great time to host a Youth day or Patriotic social at your post or nearby park. Invite the kids and set it up like a day camp do a few activities then eat then more activities then ice cream at the end. Teach them how to raise and lower a flag and fold it and what the folds mean. Teach them what to do when a flag passes by in a parade. Explain about the missing man table. Hold a coloring contest for the younger ones. Have a reading area to show/read some historical patriotic stories. This might get those kids excited about our nation's history through Literacy. It might also be a great idea to have a singing station to practice singing the Star Spangled Banner, then tell them they have just practiced for the contest and provide them with the entry form. You could tie in many other chairmanships as well but whatever you do keep it fun, keep it moving, keep it entertaining, keep it educational. Have a member dress up like lady liberty or Uncle Sam to read the stories. At the end pass out patriotic goodie bags with things like a pencil, ruler, small flag, a poopy, stickers etc. You could also run the day with separate stations that the kids move around to. Think outside the box. Just remember also, if you feed them they will come

### **Camp Trotter**

Even though Camp is closed we all still need promote it and the wonderful benefits the Camp provides for our children. If you work a weekend or visit Camp Trotter like for Family Day on August 28<sup>th</sup> please post those pictures on your social media accounts. The camp is not just for VFW children. We want to FILL the camp when restrictions are finally lifted and we can open again. Please continue to support the Special projects or the General Fund as the camp committee is possibly looking toward some major projects for the future of the Camp. Please send those donations to the VFW Quartermaster but include a note or earmark your check as to the designation of your contribution.

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