



Michigan Department VFW Auxiliary Youth/Camp Trotter Guide Sheet 2022-2023

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Facebook Page: Youth/Camp Trotter-Michigan

National Theme: Hands that Serve, Hearts that Care

Department Theme: Be the Anchor for Our Veterans, Hold Them Steady and Safe

PROGRAM GOALS

Creating, Sponsoring and Working with Youth Groups

Youth Groups Supporting our Veterans Citations

Patriotic Youth Award

Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue!

Patriotism through Literacy

Illustrating America

Youth

Throughout the year I will be sending out monthly Bulletins to help remind you of dates and information that will help you achieve your Program Goals. Make sure you include your K – 12 on all your Youth Projects. Like the National Theme says, we are the hearts that care about those who served. So, we need to get our youth more educated and involved so they too can learn to serve and care.

VFW Camp Trotter for Children

The most beautiful camp in the state is Camp Trotter! It is approximately 20 acres on Bills Lake, with lots of fun things to do for all ages. The Department of Michigan is still the only state in the nation with their own camp. Camping season for 2022 is open for children ages 7 through 12. If you have never been there, I encourage you all to go. Don't forget about Camp Trotter Family Day in August. Fun will be had by all! Camp Trotter is currently looking to fill some staffing positions this season, if anyone is interested, please contact the VFW Department Camp Trotter Chairman at (734) 486-8608 to get an application and get it turned in as soon as possible.

Here are some important Camp Trotter dates and events:

- ✓ April 23-24, 2022 Clean-up Days
- ✓ July 10, 2022 Camping season starts
- ✓ August 20, 2022 Camp Trotter Family Day

2022 Camp Dates:

July 10-16	July 24-30
July 17-23	July 31-Aug. 6

NATIONAL AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

Most outstanding veteran grave beautification activity and/or event by an Auxiliary with youth involvement.

- Citation to every Auxiliary that hosts a veteran grave beautification activity and/or event with youth involvement. Criteria and entry form (required) available at vfwauxiliary.org/resources. Auxiliaries must send the entry form to their Department Youth Activities Chairman by March 31, 2023.
- Citation and \$25 to one Auxiliary in each of the four Conferences with the most outstanding Veteran grave beautification activity and/or event with youth involvement. Winners will be announced and awards presented at the 2023 National Convention in Phoenix, Arizona.

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR AUXILIARIES

- ✓ Best Auxiliary working with or sponsoring Youth Groups in each membership category
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best Auxiliary that hosts a veteran grave beautification activity and/or event with youth involvement. Auxiliary must send the required National entry form to the Dept. Chairman.
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best overall Promotion/participation in Patriotic Youth Award
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best overall Promotion/participation in Patriotism through Literacy
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best overall Promotion/participation in the Illustrating American Program
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Best Camp Trotter Program and Promotion of the Camp in each program category
\$10 and Citation of Merit to the Auxiliary
- ✓ Citation to each Auxiliary donating to the Camp Trotter Scholarship/General Fund

DEPARTMENT AWARDS FOR STUDENTS

- ✓ Get Excited for the Red, White and Blue winner will receive \$100
- ✓ Illustrating America winner will receive \$100

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

1 -10-36	#2 -37-50	#3 51-68	#4 - 69-84	#5 - 85-98
#6 - 99-115	#7 - 116-139	#8 -140-166	#9 -167-237	#10 -238-OVER

Achievements	Completed	Reported
Auxiliary created, sponsored, or worked with youth group (Report each time and how many children were involved)		
Auxiliary recognized a youth group by presenting a "Youth Group Supporting our Veterans Citation" (Report number of citations presented)		
Auxiliary participated in Patriotism through Literacy (Report how many books donated)		
Auxiliary promoted/participated in the Red, White, Blue singing contest (Report number of entries to the Auxiliary for judging)		
Auxiliary promoted/participated in Illustrating America Art Contest (Report number of entries to the Auxiliary for judging)		
Hosted or co/hosted an awards ceremony to recognize awardees and participants in the Youth contests.		
Auxiliary awarded Patriotic Youth Awards (Report number of awards given)		
Auxiliary participated with Youth in the Grave Beautification program		
Auxiliary donated to the Camp Trotter Scholarship Fund (No minimum donation required)		
Auxiliary purchased Camp Trotter Life Membership-\$50 (Report number purchased)		
Auxiliary donated to Camp Trotter (Cash or items)		
Auxiliary promoted Camp Trotter through social media		
Auxiliary purchased program pins		
Chairman attended a School of Instruction – Sunday 2022 Convention Training, District Meeting, Fall Conference or Mid-Winter Conference		
Chairman attended their own District Meeting		
Reported every quarter		

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