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MD-DE-DC MOOSE ASSOCIATION

TO : District Presidents James Beyer, Michael Boris, Larry Clark, Robert Hall, Dean McDermott, Russell Robinson, and Donald Shelnett

FROM: Ernest E. Megee, III – Moose Youth Awareness Coordinator

DATE : June 04, 2013

RE : 2013-2014 Moose Youth Awareness Program

As I have advised at our Association meetings, it is time that we need to begin the planning of our Association's Moose Youth Awareness program for the 2013-2014 fiscal year. This year we are again asking each of our District Presidents to contact a facility or a Lodge in their District to make the arrangements necessary to hold a Moose Youth Student Congress. This is the way other Associations in our Fraternity are successfully handling this very worthwhile project.

The following are the guidelines that must be adhered to so that we can meet Moose International's policies:

1. The Youth Awareness Congresses are to be scheduled on a Saturday during the months of October or November. The dates that are available this year are 10/12/13, 10/19/13, 10/26/13, 11/02/13, 11/09/13, 11/16/13, and 11/23/13. Our Association's goal is to reach one thousand four to nine year old children, thus, we need to GO THE DISTANCE.
2. Location of our Association Youth Awareness Congress can be at a local high school, State Capitol (Senate Chamber, etc.), local youth community center, or other suitable facilities such as a hotel, etc. Keep in mind that we do ask that a breakfast snack (donuts, pastries, and juices) be available in the morning and also that a lunch is served (from the facility or catered). The facility should be open at 08:00 am for student registration.
3. Association Youth Awareness Congresses can be held in a Moose Lodge IF: the Lodge is designated as a Family Center with a separate room for the meeting, the students do not have any access to the Social Quarters area, and the bathroom facilities are separate from the Social Quarters. Again, breakfast snack (donuts, pastries, and juices) is to be available in the morning and also that a lunch is served. The Lodge should be open at 08:00 am for student registration.
4. There is a morning session (09:00 am – 12:00 pm) that should consist of the minimum of two professional speakers. The obtaining of these speakers will be the District President's responsibility. Yes, you can obtain the help from the hosting Lodge for obtaining these speakers. These speakers could be from law enforcement (D.A.R.E program officer, K-9 officer with demonstration);

State Attorney General's office; individuals from MADD, SADD, Red Ribbon or other prevalent youth prevention or youth awareness programs in your jurisdiction; or speakers who can relay real-life experiences that will impact the students.

5. The session following lunch is strictly for the students, the attending adults are requested to leave the meeting room during this session. The Youth Awareness Congress usually ends between 03:00 pm and 04:00 pm.
6. After you have located an entity that our function can be held, you will need to obtain a couple of open dates and forward to me the name, location of the facility, and the dates so that I can seek approval and coordinate with our Association calendar these dates in hopes of avoiding conflicts. I will notify you of our confirmation.

You will need to start working on this task immediately. Once we have the Youth Awareness Congresses scheduled I will be contacting each Lodge in our Association announcing the dates and locations. You will need to get the requested information back to me on or before Sunday, June 30, 2013. If you should have any questions or require any additional information, please contact me. Thank you for your assistance and help.

Fraternally,

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