



Georgia Elks Association Activities Committee

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LODGE ACTIVITIES:

Important to the success of every lodge

1. Mandatory

Mandatory activities are those required by statute, and include the special activities for Flag Day and Memorial Day

2. Prescribed

Fraternal prescribed activities include ritual; participation in the most valuable student contest; support of other programs of the exalted ruler and support and participation in State Association programs.

3. Non-prescribed or local activities

1. Social

: Dances, picnics, game nights, corn hole or horse shoes, trivia, karaoke,

2. Community

: Community service- law enforcement dinner, participate in health fairs, 5 k's to stop drug abuse, host drug take back day

3. Public Programs

: help with sponsoring community celebrations, working with the community to feed on Thanksgiving, participate in town festivals

4; Fraternal Activities

Hosting a Veteran's luncheon, boy/ girl scouts award nights, public service official dinner (sheriffs department, fire department, mayor, first responders)

ADVERTISING, PLANNING and PROMOTING is ESSENTIAL!!

- Bill Boards - Lodge Newsletter
- Newspaper - Lodge mass email
- Social media- Facebook offers free events on your lodge web page
- Hang a flyer on the mirror in the restrooms
- Lodge bulletin boards
- Mail a post card with save the date information
- THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX

DO: Don't:

Plan Use over worked volunteers

Be consistent Be negative

Ask for help Wait until the week of to advertise

Plan Procrastinate

Promote Be afraid to try something new in the lodge

Advertise early Forget to have fun!!!

CONTEST FOR ALL GEA LODGE:

Participate in any of the 3 categories.

- Send me a picture of your participation
- Include how many Elk participated
- Tell me how many ways you promoted the event
- How many non-members participated
- The more activities you do the better chance you have of winning.

Example:

Lodge ABC held a mandatory Flag day, we had 12 Elk participate in the ceremony and promoted it in the newspaper, Facebook, email blast, newsletter. Public attendance was 65 people. That would be worth **82** points. But I want to see pictures also.

The categories for the winner are as follows:

- Division 1 (1-100 members)
- Division 2 (101-200 members)
- Division 3 (201-300 members)
- Division 4 (301-400 members)

Division 5 (401 + members)

Submit to Cyndilay@yahoo.com by October 1st. Awards presented at the GA Elks Association Fall Meeting in October.



GEA Drug Awareness Committee

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Drug Awareness Contest for all Georgia Elks Lodges

I would like to encourage all lodges to participate in the drug awareness program and by doing this we promote healthy life styles for our community.

I plan to continue the Drug Awareness Photo Contest...

Please submit your two- three favorite photos from any drug awareness project since April 1st of this Elk Year.

Please scan and email them to me at Cyndilay@yahoo.com – deadline is Feb. 1st 2023 Awards will be presented at the Spring meeting.

On the email, please provide the following:

- Your lodge name and number and the DAP chairman's name and email
- The event pictured- who, what, when and where
- Please identify who is in the photo. If there are children in the picture, we will need a signed permission form from the parents (I can provide these for you)

The winner will be awarded at the spring meeting

The categories for the winner are as follows:

- Division 1 (1-100 members)
- Division 2 (101-200 members)
- Division 3 (201-300 members)
- Division 4 (301- 400 members)
- Division 5 (401+ members)

Thank you all

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To: All Elks Lodge Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and Activity Committees
Elks Lodge Activity Contest

ENTRY FORM

Lodge Name _____ Lodge Number _____

District _____ Membership as of April 1st _____

Exalted Ruler Name _____ Email _____

Chairman of Activities Name _____ Email _____

Description of Activity _____

(Attach pictures please)

Number of Lodge Members involved _____

Number of Man Hours total _____

Number of Public attendees _____

Number of Newspaper reports _____

Number of social media post _____

Send any event you have hosted between April 1st and October 1st for the award to be presented at the Fall Meeting.

Submit to Cyndilay@yahoo.com or

Mail to 334 Pump House Rd
Westminster SC 29693
864-247-5768 for any question