

Oregon Junior Grange



I'm a Junior Granger!

Junior Grange members are kids 5 through 14. Most of our parents and grandparents are Grange members, but yours don't have to be.

At our meetings, we get to be officers. Last year I carried the flag. This year, I'm the Chaplain and get to say a prayer. When I get older, I want to be Secretary and President.

Our leader has us do craft projects that are really fun. Usually we take home what we make. Sometimes we take them to the nursing home where my Grandma lives. We do community service projects like that.

After the meeting, we play games. When the weather is good, we go outside for a nature walk or go to a nearby playground and we learn about lots of different things.

I hope that you will become a Junior Granger, too.



American Values.

Hometown Roots.



Note to Parents and Grandparents

Do you want your child or grandchild to have opportunities for positive growth, to participate in community service and to have fun with others their age while being supported by caring adults? Would you like them to learn the values of the Grange, participate in meetings, serve as an officer learn about American values?


The Grange recognizes that one of the greatest needs of young families today is a place the family can go together — and the cost is affordable. We welcome you into our Grange family!

About the Oregon State Junior Grange

For 140 years, the Oregon State Grange has been a family organization. The Grange has offered programs and activities for all family members age 5 and older.

The first Junior Grange in Oregon was organized in 1904. During our annual State Convention, Juniors conduct their own session; their own state officers perform the Junior Degree for new Junior members and adult honorary members.

Many of our Grange members are third, fourth or fifth generation Grangers. They have learned to interact with their peers, as well as members from all other ages. Now they are giving back to an organization that gave them so much. Won't you visit a meeting today to let your child experience this great organization and its many opportunities?



“My Junior Grange experience gave me an opportunity to learn leadership and speaking skills that were extremely useful in my business career.”

— Ted Robinson
Oregon State Junior Grange President, 1951

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Grange programming is specifically designed to support and develop the potential of our youth.

What is Junior Grange?

It is an organization that promotes individual and community development. It provides opportunities for:

- Community service projects
- Learning how to conduct a meeting
- Personal and group recognition
- Developing speaking and writing skills
- Fun... Fun... and more fun!

For: Boys and girls ages 5 to 14.

Teaches: Teamwork, leadership skills, problem-solving, responsibility, respect for others, self confidence and so much more.

Fun: Participating in games, camps, parties and making new friends

Community Involvement: Service projects for community, elderly, hearing impaired, and those in need of special help, animals, recycling and whatever is appropriate for your community

Projects: Citizenship, environmental concern, merit badges, study of various countries and cultures and safety projects

Contests: Crafts, art, creative writing, public speaking, Sign-A-Song, talent and more; winners represent Oregon at a regional or national competition.

Want more information?

Email jrdir@organge.org

Proven Programming for Growth

For 125 years, the Junior Grange has been a part of our organization. We believe every member of the family should be a part of the Grange experience, including access to leadership and skills training, new areas of knowledge and much more.

Each year, a program guide is developed for Junior Grange members and leaders, with a set of goals and hands-on learning experiences. Recent themes include: *Plant a Seed & Watch Us Grow*, *I Make a Difference* and *What's Your Story?* Children involved with the Junior Grange program realize personal growth in many ways, from learning about:

- states, plants, farming, where food comes from, dinosaurs...just to name a few
- community service
- issues in their community, state, nation and world
- personal safety
- problem solving
- parliamentary procedure and leadership skills
- public speaking
- and so much more

Junior Grange members interact with peers and adults, are challenged to reach their fullest potential and are encouraged by their Grange family to explore and grow.



Junior Grange Opportunities

Each year, State and National Junior Grange Directors select Junior Grange Ambassadors. These children have shown exemplary knowledge of or enthusiasm for the program. They are confident speaking in front of others and interact well with children and adults. These ambassadors attend State and National Conventions and become the face of the Junior Grange program.

Junior Grangers can enter contests and win cash prizes. State winners in public speaking and Sign-A-Song go on to compete at the Western Regional Conference. Winning entries of the Creative Art, Creative Writing and Craft contests are sent on to the National Convention.

How to join

Fill out the application below and submit it to the Junior Director of your local Junior Grange. Find a Junior Grange near you by going to our website, or call (503) 316-0106.



www.orgrange.org

Can't find a Junior Grange near you?

Starting a Junior Grange for the children in your area is easy. To learn about the process, contact the Oregon State Junior Grange director by email at jrdlr@orgrange.org.

Review National Junior Grange materials online at www.nationaljuniorgrange.org

Junior Grange Membership Application

Name of Applicant: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Number _____ Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

I respectfully petition to be enrolled as a member of _____ Junior Grange.

Membership Fee \$ _____ Annual Dues \$ _____

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____