

Official Communication for October 24, 2018

International Activities Committee Seeks Tournament Hosts Bids

Now is the time to send an email or letter to Moose International Activities Department for your Lodge to host an International Sports Tournament. The International Activities Committee is seeking bids for tournaments in 2020 and beyond. Hosting an International Tournament is rewarding for your Lodge as well as your community. Please send your tournament host interest email or questions to gdailey@mooseintl.org

Entries Now Being Accepted for the 2018-2019 Moose Journalism Awards!

Entries are now being accepted for the 57th Annual Moose Journalism Awards! Entry Deadlines February 22nd and March 1st, 2019!

Participants can download entry/informational forms online through the Moose International website on the homepage under Moose Programs and Events, the Heard of Moose? Facebook page, and through Official Communications (entry forms attached to this email).

The deadline for website submissions is 4:30pm CST, Friday, February 22nd, 2019. The deadline for publication submissions is 4:30pm CST, Friday, March 1st, 2019.

The Moose Journalism Awards program seeks to encourage and motivate editors of all Moose publications towards the achievement of consistently high journalistic standards in their newsletters and, through such achievement, to enhance communication and shared information between Moose members and their Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Higher Degree Councils, and Associations.

Winners of this year's competition will be recognized during the International Moose Convention in Las Vegas, NV June 27- July 1, 2019.

Questions about the contest can be directed to the Moose International Department of Communications at **(630) 966-2229** or bbuschbacher@mooseintl.org.

Good luck to all the participants!

Deadline for Two Fall Memberships Workshop is Today

Today is the deadline to register for the Regional Membership Workshops, in Cedar Rapids, IA and Maysville, KY. Workshops cover topics such as new trends, retention strategies, member study results, and more. Registration is free for these one-day, interactive sessions and both men and women can [sign-up today](#). See attached form for additional information.

Scheduled workshops include:

- **October 27th – Cedar Rapids, IA Lodge #304**

- **October 27th – Maysville, KY Lodge #1124**
- November 3rd – Sylvania, OH Lodge #1579
- November 10th – Longmont, CO Lodge #1548
- November 17th – Crawfordsville, IN Lodge #6
- November 17th – Chicopee Falls MA Lodge #1849

International Open House Day, this Saturday, October 27th

Moose International has designated this Saturday, October 27, 2018 as “**International Open House Day**” for lodge homes throughout the Fraternity. This date corresponds with Founder’s Day, which celebrates the birth of James J. Davis, the driving force who brought purpose and meaning to the Fraternity during its earliest stages.

All lodges and chapters are encouraged to conduct events that will bring friends, family and local residents in touch with the Moose, our lodge homes, and the work we do on behalf of children, seniors and our communities. Additionally, lodges and chapters that conduct an Open House on this day may use the event as one of their activities for Member Retention Week. Simply indicate your participation on your form following Retention Week.

The General Governor’s Office has issued a blanket dispensation for all lodges and chapters to hold events on that day that are open to the public, as long as the Moose’s general guidelines for public events are followed. Alcohol may or may not be served, based on the structure of the event, but cannot be sold to members or non-members during the event. Lodges and chapters should refer to Section 46.13 of the General Laws for guidelines to public events, such as Open Houses.

Member Retention Week, November 4 – 10, 2018

Multiple month expired member kits have been e-mailed to all lodge and chapters. Final plans should now be in place for Member Retention Week and the planning committee should be making sure enough volunteers are in place for each event. Need help? Please contact your Territory Manager for ideas and suggestions!