

MOOSE ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESS

GUIDELINES

**Please thoroughly read all paperwork
If you have any questions please contact our office.**

All Association Youth Awareness Congresses can be established under the following guidelines as an example:

1. Location of Association Youth Awareness Congresses:
 - a. Local high school
 - b. State Capitol (Senate Chamber, etc.)
 - c. Local youth community center
 - d. Other suitable facilities (hotel, etc.)

Note: Association Youth Awareness Congresses can be held in a Moose Lodge **IF:**

- a. It is designated a Family Center with a separate room for the meeting
 - b. Students do not have access to the Social Quarters area
 - c. Bathroom facilities are separate from the Social Quarters
2. The morning session (9:00 AM – Noon) should consist of professional 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. You should open the Congress with proper introductions and then line up 3-5 speakers to cover the morning session.
3. Following lunch, there should be **NO** adults in the room except you as the Youth Awareness Chairman. The afternoon session (1:00 PM – 4:00 PM) should be moderated by a previous International Youth Awareness Congress attendee, if possible. You should take up to thirty minutes to explain the KidsTalks program. This is when you challenge students to perform a minimum of three (3) **KidsTalks** presentations. You should explain the reporting form and how important it is to complete in detail, as this is the essential piece of the selection process to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress. Then, the students should be broken into workshop groups where they select a spokesperson. They should spend the next hour sharing ideas on how to approach the K – 6th grade age group in their KidsTalks presentations. Following a break, the spokesperson for each group should present the group's ideas and thoughts for Moose **KidsTalks** presentations. It should also be explained that the Youth Awareness Chairman should help and take responsibility for helping them arrange their presentations with the K – 6th grade age groups, if they find they cannot do it on their own.
4. You should present every student attending the Association Youth Awareness Congress with a certificate and again challenge them to do their **KidsTalks** presentations.
5. The International Youth Awareness Congress parental consent form will be handled through the ***Heart of the Community Department at Moose International.***

MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM

CHAIRMAN'S BULLETIN

When to schedule your Association Youth Awareness Congresses:

Associations are to schedule their Youth Awareness Congress(es) during *** July, August, September, & October**. Since students **will not** be judged at the Association Youth Awareness Congress, the Youth Awareness Chairmen **should** hold several Student Congresses in various geographic locations within their jurisdiction. The fraternity's goal is to reach 100,000 Kindergarten-6th grade age groups.

Qualifications for attendance to the International Youth Awareness Congress:

After the Association Congresses are completed by **END OF OCTOBER**; the Association Congress Reports from the Chairman will be due back to Moose International by **NOVEMBER 15!**

Attendee selection is based upon the completion of a **minimum of 3 KidsTalks presentations**. These presentations should be scheduled **immediately** following your Association Youth Awareness Congress and be completed by **DECEMBER 30**. By doing this, each student that attends the Association Youth Awareness Congress will be provided the same opportunity to be selected to attend the International Youth Awareness Congress.

Prior to selecting your International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s):

After you have received the **KidsTalks** reports from the students, you will **personally** select the top ten students based upon their **KidsTalks** reports.

Selection of International Youth Awareness Congress attendees:

Contact a youth group (high school honor students, church youth group, Scouting or Venturing unit), and have those students review the reports of the top 10 individuals and select the Association's International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s). **We want the International Youth Awareness Congress attendee(s) to be selected by a group of their peers.**

The Winners * JANUARY 15. The Heart of the Community Department at Moose International must be notified of the Association winners by this date so that we can contact the winners for the necessary parental consent forms, a picture and a copy of their major medical card. This will also give you time to secure transportation for the student(s).

Allotment process will be completed by **JANUARY 16**, we will then send out a letter to each chairman so they know how many students they are allotted to select their winners.

The 2027 International Youth Awareness Congress will be hosted by the Oregon Moose Association, April 21-28, 2027. There will be five scholarships funding provided through the Moose Legion, awarded at the International Youth Awareness Congress - \$12,000.00, \$8,000.00, \$6,000.00, \$5,000.00 and \$4,000.00.

TYPICAL AGENDA FOR ALL

ASSOCIATION YOUTH AWARENESS CONGRESSES

- 8:00 AM **REGISTRATION**
- Pastries, juice, milk, etc. Have parents/guardians fill out the Association Consent form.
- 9:00 AM **OPENING SESSION**
- A. Introduction of special guests and short welcome from the State/Provincial Moose Association (Association President, etc.)
- B. Overview of the Moose Youth Awareness Program and the agenda for the day
- 9:30 AM Speaker #1
- 10:00 AM Speaker #2
- 10:30 AM Break
- 10:45 AM Speaker #3
- 11:15 AM Speaker #4
- 11:45 AM Speaker #5 (if applicable)
- NOON Lunch
- 1:00 PM **SESSION II**
- a. Explanation in detail of the Moose ***KidsTalks*** program
- b. Challenge the students to present a minimum of three KidsTalks
- c. Explain the five scholarships available
- d. Explain the International Youth Awareness Congress with location and dates (make sure everyone is aware of the dates of the International Congress)
- 1:30 PM Workshop/Brainstorming on ***KidsTalks*** Presentations
- 2:30 PM Group Presentations
- a. Time for each presentation is dependent on the number of groups
- 3:45 PM Issue Association Congress certificates of attendance and emphasize the challenge