

Official Communication for August 12, 2026

Moose University's Lodge Leadership Course (LLC)

As we continue working together to strengthen our Lodges and build stronger communities, ensuring our current and future leaders have the tools they need to succeed is vital. Moose University makes leadership education simple, practical, and accessible 24/7 online. To help get the word out to all of our members, we need your assistance in sharing the attached Lodge Leadership Course (LLC) flyer.

Here is how you can help:

Print & Display: Please print out copies of the attached black-and-white flyer and post them in high-visibility areas around your Lodge (bulletin boards, entryway, social quarters, etc.).

Read at Meetings: Please take a moment during your upcoming Membership and Board meetings to read the short announcement below so every member knows this resource is available to them.

Meeting Announcement (To be read aloud):

"Are you an Officer, Committee Chair, or a member thinking about stepping into a leadership role? Moose University offers the online Lodge Leadership Course (LLC)—a practical, self-paced course designed to help you succeed and help our Lodge thrive. It takes just over two hours to complete online, and your membership records update automatically when finished. Scan the QR code on the flyer posted in the Lodge or visit mooseu.mooseintl.org to get started today!"

Thank you for your dedication to our Fraternity and for helping us build better leaders for tomorrow.

Top Ten for Chastain at Iowa

Moose Fraternity NASCAR driver Ross Chastain had a good day out near the cornfields of Iowa last weekend, leading 40 laps and competing for a top-ten finish at the Iowa Corn 350. A small break near the end of the race would have put Chastain in a position to win, however, the caution that the Trackhouse Team was looking for never materialized. Chastain eventually finished seventh after pitting during a green-flag lap near the end of the race.

"It was an incredible weekend for this No. 1 Chevrolet team. It was just a complete weekend from the very first lap. We made very small changes all weekend. We just made a few air pressure adjustments, a couple tenths here and a couple tenths there throughout the race, and really, we could have left it alone. To run in the top-five and take a shot at those guys, I love that

Brandon McSwain (crew chief) swung for that. A seventh-place finish still feels really good. I don't care about points unless the speed comes with it, and today was the speed we are looking for." – Ross Chastain

Ross next moves to the Richmond Raceway this Saturday night, August 15th, for the Cook Out 400. Chastain had a top-five finish at Richmond two years ago, so members will not want to miss this race. He currently stands at 18th in the Driver's Standings for the season, having moved up three spots following his performance in Iowa. He has only three regular-season races left to move up at least two spots to make it into the season ending playoff Chase.

Members looking to watch Ross race this weekend can find the Cook Out 400 on USA starting at 7:00pm ET this Saturday, August 15th.

October Cradle Fundraiser

Does your lodge hold a Cradle Fundraiser? ASK someone to coordinate this fundraiser. Make copies of the cradles, boost your endowment donations! [Download the packet HERE.](#)

The challenge? Who can fill up a whole wall in the lodge with cradles? Please ask your cradle fundraiser coordinator to take pictures and send them to request@moosecharities.org we would love to highlight your lodge! Make your donations online for Cradle using the **Fraternal Giving** on our website with "Cradle 2026" in the Special Instructions field.

If you would like ideas or have questions please call Moose Charities at (630) 966-2200 or email us at request@moosecharities.org with any questions. *Thank you.*

5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart

Join us in person or virtually for the 5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart. The in-person event will be held on the Mooseheart campus on Saturday, November 21st, 2026. You can create or join a team and host your event virtually during the month of November.

Last year, your support made all the difference. We had 79 teams and over 600 participants! A huge thank you to [last year's sponsors](#). This year we hope to have 85 teams and 700 participants. You can register today by clicking the reindeer on the Moose Charities homepage. **Register before 10/29 to receive an event t-shirt***

Go to <http://support.moosecharities.org/2026rudolphrun>

**** Registrations made after 10/29 will not include the event t-shirt. ****

Lodges, Chapters, Moose Legions, Moose Associations, and even individual members are invited to help us raise our goal of \$200,000 for Mooseheart. Sponsorships range from \$250 - \$10,000.

For any questions about the 5th Annual Rudolph Run 5k/Walk for Mooseheart, please contact Moose Charities at 630-966-2200 or email acervantes@moosecharities.org

Moose Charities Processing Option

To help reduce processing costs and guarantee your donations reach Moose Charities quickly, we've added a new option when making donations online at MooseCharities.org.

When completing your donation, you now have the opportunity to cover the processing fees associated with your gift. While this option is completely voluntary, choosing to do so allows Moose Charities reduce administrative expenses.

We appreciate your continued generosity and support. Thank you for considering this small additional contribution and for helping us make every dollar go even further.