

Club info!

Since 1942, Modern Woodmen has sponsored youth service clubs. The clubs provide a way for young members to:

- volunteer in their communities
- participate in patriotic events
- expand their horizons with educational trips
- make new friends
- have fun

Role of the leader

Inspiring and enthusiastic youth service club leaders help develop children who care about their community, their country and one another. Among the responsibilities are:

- planning and inviting kids (members) to monthly activities
- organizing the programs encouraged and provided by Modern Woodmen
- completing and mailing paperwork to Modern Woodmen's Home Office
- balancing and tracking the club's funds
- staying in contact with your local Modern Woodmen representative; let him/her know when new members want to join and activities are planned

Age group for clubs

Modern Woodmen has three types of youth service clubs.

Tiny tots, ages 0-6

Juniors, ages 0-16

Teens, ages 12-16

The junior clubs can be comprised of a smaller age span or can include all ages. For example, if there are tiny tot and teen clubs in the area, then the junior club could include kids from the ages of 7 to 11.

Time involved

Of course, a leader can spend as much time as he/she wishes on the club. However, you can plan on two to three hours each month for planning and conducting an activity. See the enclosed *First Activity Kit* for ideas when planning your first activity.



Money Matters

Modern Woodmen youth service clubs are fully funded from the Home Office. It is the responsibility of the youth club leader to manage the funds for the club. Modern Woodmen provides club funds as follows:

- \$40 once per month for club activity, when monthly report received within 30 days of meeting date
- \$20 extra for the first club activity, paid only once
- up to \$20 hall rent, paid monthly when meeting somewhere that charges rent, receipt required
- up to \$15 postage, paid monthly as needed, receipt required

The club leader is given \$35 personal allowance per month for planning, conducting and doing the paperwork for the club activity.

Modern Woodmen provides additional funds when clubs organize special activities which are a part of the club's program:

- up to \$100 for Educational Tour travel costs and admission fees once per year
- \$35 for Family Affair activities once per year
- \$50 for Join Hands Day once per year in May
- \$100 for Help A Child (only Merit Club qualifiers from the previous year are eligible for this program) once per year
- \$30 for Remember When activities once per year
- \$30 for Spruce Up activities once per year
- \$50 Make A Difference Day once per year in October
- \$150 for Plant A Tree once per year

When Matching Fund projects meet all necessary qualifications, clubs can receive as much as \$500 from Modern Woodmen per year to donate to a worthy cause.

Invitations for first meeting

The enclosed Organization Form asks for zip codes for the first invitations. An invitation will automatically be sent to Modern Woodmen members in the age group and in the zip codes that you plan to serve. Modern Woodmen's Home Office sends the first invitations. The youth club leader will be responsible for sending invitations thereafter.