

## 5 REASONS TO JOIN THE JUNIOR GRANGE

### 1. LEADERSHIP SKILLS

Participation provides children opportunities to develop responsibility, integrity and other qualities essential for leadership growth.

### 2. CONFIDENCE BUILDING

Junior Grange activities promote self-reliance and independence through a system of support and encouragement.

### 3. COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service is a staple in Junior Grange activities, allowing children to learn how they can make a difference through volunteerism.

### 4. CONTESTS & GAMES

Children need to be challenged to grow, and expression through creativity is a healthy and relaxing outlet to promote imagination and growth.

### 5. FRIENDSHIP & FUN

Having fun is a cornerstone of childhood, and helps children to increase their social skills and make and maintain friends with like interests.



## THE GRANGE IN CONNECTICUT



The Grange is the nation's oldest general farm and community public interest organization. Originally founded in 1867, today the Grange represents nearly 200,000 grassroots Grange members affiliated with 2,700 local, county and state Grange chapters located in 40 states.

In the State of Connecticut, there are nearly 60 communities with Grange chapters.

The Grange and its members provide service to not only agriculture and rural communities on a wide variety of issues, but has evolved into an organization concerned with the needs of all people - rural, suburban and urban - including economic development, education, family endeavors, and legislation designed to assure strong and viable communities across America.

With a non-partisan legislative voice at the local, state and national level, the Grange vigorously encourages member participation in the political process.

The fellowship, recreation and social activities in the Grange are developed with the family in mind - children and senior citizens alike are welcome. Competitions in music, art, public speaking, crafts, and a variety of other activities are an important part of every Grange's agenda.

**FOR  
MORE  
INFORMATION:**

**Connecticut State Grange**  
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## THE JUNIOR GRANGES OF CONNECTICUT





# WHAT IS JUNIOR GRANGE?

Junior Grange is an organization for boys and girls ages 5 to 14 and is open to all children, whether or not they come from a Grange family. Not only is Junior Grange fun and entertaining, but it gives children the opportunity to learn important life skills, thus preparing children to become responsible, well-balanced adults.



## THE IMPORTANCE OF FAMILY

Family and community are two of the foundations of the Grange. One of the greatest needs of families today is a place where the family can go together - and children are welcome. As an organization that encourages the active participation of each family member, the Grange is strengthening the family structure for its members.

## PROGRAMS FOR FUTURE LEADERS

Our Junior Granges are designed to provide a basis for training to teach leadership skills, build character, and increase self confidence while learning responsibility and respect. Involvement is not only on the local level, but can reach the county, state and national levels. The Junior Grange is an active and growing part of not only today's Grange but tomorrow's Grange.

## HIGHLIGHTS OF CONNECTICUT'S JUNIOR PROGRAM

- Community Service Projects
- Leadership Training
- Parliamentary Procedures
- Camperships to Camp Berger
- "No Child Left Inside" Program
- Creative Writing Contest
- Public Speaking Contest
- Junior Talent Contest
- Craft Entries at the Big E
- Junior Baking Contest
- Community Fund Raisers
- Merit Badges
- Junior Ambassadors
- Host State Study Project
- Partnership with America the Beautiful Fund Seed Program

## Experience Summertime Fun at Camp Berger



One of the first of its kind in the nation, Camp Maud Isbell Berger was originally organized by the Connecticut State Grange in 1956 to give a quality summer camping experience to Junior Grange members. The camp is now open to all children (ages 7-14) in an effort to give boys and girls the knowledge and skills gained from outdoor living as well as the development of rich and lasting friendships.



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### JUNIOR GRANGE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION REQUEST



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like additional information on becoming a member of the following Connecticut Junior Grange:

\_\_\_\_\_ Hillstown Junior \_\_\_\_\_ North Stonington Junior \_\_\_\_\_ Ekonk Community Junior

Please complete this form and mail to: **Connecticut State Grange, P.O. Box 1393, Glastonbury, CT 06033**  
**A Junior Grange representative will be in touch soon!**