

SPJST YOUTH

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Save the Date!

2018 LIT Camp

June 15 - 17, 2018

Districts 2 and 6 Camp

June 20 - 24, 2018

Districts 3 and 5 Camp

June 27 - July 1, 2018

Districts 1 and 7 Camp

July 18 - 22, 2018

Please be sure and check your calendars. We will be looking for physically active adult chaperones very soon. Also, youth if you are not able to make it to your districts camp - that is okay - you can register for any of the camps!

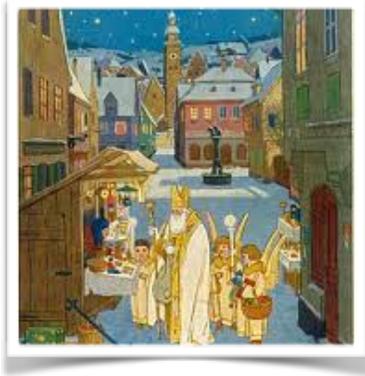


November is here! Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family! To those of you who will be traveling during Thanksgiving, may your journeys be joyous and safe.

I hope everyone had an opportunity in October to participate in Make a Difference Day. I will be anxiously awaiting photographs and letters about all the good works done by our youth members and their families.

Membership Drives

Membership drives can help create a momentum of growth in your group, but don't just stop there. Continue to host fun events for youth to enjoy throughout the year. Check out www.thesource4ym.com for some really great youth event ideas. Some of the ideas on this page would also be useful when planning your youth club meetings and holiday parties.



December *Vestnik* Project

The December *Vestnik* Project is about St. Nicholas. Consider having the youth learn a poem or song to sing to St. Nicholas like they do in the Czech Republic. Do your research about Czech traditions surrounding St. Nicholas. January's project will talk about Apollo 1 - try and plan an activity or memorial to honor our fallen astronauts.

Please see the enclosed list of 2018 *Vestnik* Projects.



Volunteer hours should be logged into the system no later than March 31, 2018. SPJST will recognize youth for volunteer service during January 1 through December 31, 2017. For more information please see page 40 of the Youth Club Handbook or online.



YOUTH LEADER TRAINING

The 2018 Youth Leaders Training will be held at the SPJST Home Office. This will be a one day event. All youth leaders are required to attend. If you are not able to attend please start looking for someone who would be willing to attend on behalf of your lodge. Also, please note that if your lodge is interested in starting a youth club you are more than welcome to send a representative from your lodge to this event.

SPJST Scholarships and Leadership Grants

All members who are high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the SPJST General Scholarship and Leadership Grant. Undergraduates are encouraged to apply for the General Scholarship. Please, remember that you need to be an active youth club member to apply for the Leadership Grant. For more information or applications, please call Sandra Dubcak in the Fraternal Department or visit our website. Completed applications and related application materials must be postmarked on or before February 1, 2018.

December 15 - Quarterly Reports Due

Please make every effort to submit your quarterly reports before December 15. This is the report for September, October, and November. This report is used help determine youth club funding and incentives. Not turning in a report could mean losing hundreds of dollars for your youth club.

SPJST November Vestnik Project - Going Green!

This project earns a maximum of 1 point in the SPJST Youth Clubs Merit Points System. Mail completed project no later than **December 15, 2017** to:
SPJST Youth Program c/o SPJST Home Office • P.O. Box 100 • Temple, Texas 76503

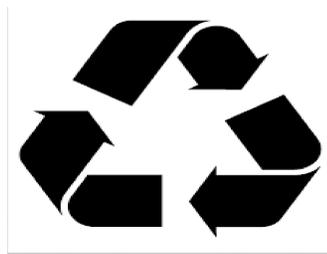
Name _____ Age _____ Lodge _____

Going Green: What Does It Mean?

Green: It's the color of fields, trees and grass. In fact, much of the natural world is green. The phrase "going green" means that you are making choices that are good for nature such as recycling, picking up trash, preserving wildlife or planting trees and plants. It can refer to many different ways on how to make the earth a better place.

Observe The Three Rs

Refuse, Reuse, and Recycle. Whatever you buy, wherever you live, the Three Rs are the most important rules to live by, at least as far as the environment is concerned. The next time you go shopping — whether by yourself or with your parents or friends — think about the Three Rs every time you pull a potential purchase off the shelf. Is it something that is over-packaged or wasteful? If so, Refuse it. Is it something that is made of or packaged in recycled material, or which you can reuse in some way? If so, Reuse it. Is it something that can be recycled easily? If so, Recycle it. If you are interested in "going green" today, here are three ideas for you.



Refuse, Reuse, and Recycle

Growing A Garden

A garden provides flowers, vegetables, and environmental benefits. It can help to reduce soil erosion and may help to reduce some kinds of air pollution. Don't get too close to large trees or hedges that will shade the growing area and take moisture and nutrients from the soil that your plants need. Put the tallest plants, like sunflowers or corn, along the north side so they won't cast shade over the shorter ones. Try to grow your garden using as few pesticides and chemical fertilizers as possible.

Take A Hike...

... or go fishing or bird-watching! Whatever you do, go outdoors to a place where there are as few people, cars, and building as possible. Take a look around. Isn't it beautiful? What would happen if all that beauty disappeared because people littered and polluted and harmed the plants and animals? It's important to keep our natural areas in good shape, so that you can enjoy them and your children — and their children's children — can enjoy them, too! Enjoy the great outdoors whenever you can. And if you see some litter, pick it up and put it where it can be safely thrown away or recycled.

Collect Aluminum Cans

You might raise a lot of money in the process! Sell the cans you collect to a local aluminum recycler and use the money for something fun! Or donate the money to a worthy organization — like the SPJST ENC or Czech History Museum and Genealogy Center. Remember, too, save your pull tabs for the SPJST Youth Department's ongoing collection drive for the Ronald McDonald House!

After reading about the article, fill in the blanks below:

1. What are the "Three Rs" of recycling?

2. Gardens provide flowers, vegetables and environmental benefits.

They can help to reduce soil _____ and help to reduce some kinds of _____.

3. Enjoy the great outdoors whenever you can. And, if you see some litter, pick it up and put it where it can be safely _____

_____ or _____.

Vestnik Project Listing 2018

January - National Day of Remembrance -Apollo 1

Talk about Apollo 1 and consider having a small memorial service to remember our fallen astronauts **Prep for next month:** Purchase enough Oreo cookies for each youth member to get eight cookies.

February - Phases of the moon

Bring Oreos for a fun activity – instructions in the packet.

March – Blue Moon

Challenge your youth members to a photo contest. The subject of the photo would be the blue moon. **Prep for next month:** Find some Krtek cartoons on YouTube to show youth members.

April - Krtek

Play a Krtek cartoon for your youth club. **Prep for next month:** Create a sing along for Johnny Appleseed camp prayer. Talk about why youth think it seems to rain each time we sing it at summer camp.

May - Johnny Appleseed

Sing the Johnny Appleseed song and talk about why it seems to rain after we sing this at camp. **Prep for next month:** Purchase Milky Way candy bars for each youth member. Challenge youth members to find the Milky Way before the next meeting.

June - The Milky Way

Remind youth members to look for the Milky Way while they are at camp this summer. Pass out Milky Way candy bars. **Prep for next month:** try and create a volcano.

July - Space Volcanos

Talk about volcanos and where they can happen. **Prep for next month:** Purchase a dozen eggs to bring to the August meeting.

August - Mercury, Saturn, Jupiter

Challenge your youth members to watch the night sky and have a drawing contest on what they see. **Prep for next month:** Try and stand an egg on its end.

September – Fall Equinox

Talk about the equinox as explained in the project. Remind youth how hard it was to stand the egg on its end last month. Then challenge them to try it again during the equinox.

October - Orionids meteor shower

Talk about the two meteor showers in October. October 8 – Draconids Meteor Shower and October 21, 22 – Orionids Meteor Shower. Challenge your members to go outside and watch one of the Meteor Showers. Make a telescope using paper towel rolls and other supplies for a craft project.

November - Day light savings time

Get your clocks out and talk about why we have daylight savings time. Have them play Daylight Savings Time Board Game. **Provided in packet.**

December Wright Brothers -

Talk to your youth about Wilber and Orval Wright and how important their first flight was to the space program. Have youth make planes and helicopters using Wafer cookies. I could find much on Pinterest but did find something at www.EatMoveMake.com.