

# 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 district's camp - that is okay - you can register for any of the camps!



Happy New Year to our District Youth Counselors, Assistant District Youth Counselors, Youth Leaders, and SPJST Youth. Please help me wish Lynette Talasek the best in her new position as our HR administrator. Lynette will be helping some as needed through the year.

I am looking forward to the new year and working with your youth club and districts. I will be attending many events this year. You will see me at your Districts Youth Achievement Day. I will be at the camps when time allows. Here's to the New Year!

## 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](http://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.



## Backing the Blob

This summer at SPJST Camps, the Blob received a non-repairable tear. The cost to replace The Blob is \$4,400. SPJST has 33 active youth clubs, and if each one were to donate \$150, united we would be able to replace the blob. Please send all donations to P.O. Box 100, Temple, TX 76503.

## Scholarships and Leadership Grants

All members who are high school seniors are encouraged to apply for the SPJST General Scholarship. Undergraduates are encouraged to apply for the General Scholarship as well. Please, remember if you are an active youth club member, you may apply for both the SPJST General Scholarship and 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 in the Home Office on or before February 1, 2018.**



Youth Leaders Workshop will be held at SPJST Home Office located at 520 North Main Street in Temple. This will be a one day event. Please note that attendance is a requirement of a youth leader. If you or your assistant is not able to attend please identify a member of your lodge who would attend on your behalf. District Youth Counselors cannot be considered a lodge representative. We will cover the youth program, incentives, youth achievement day projects, and Home Office sponsored contest. The registration form will be in the January packet.

## December 15 - Quarterly Reports Due

Please make every effort to submit your quarterly reports Youth Leaders. We still have a number of them that have not been turned into the office. They were due 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.

## President's Volunteer Service Award

The SPJST Youth Program is a sponsor for the President's Volunteer Service Awards for all SPJST youth who are eligible to receive the awards. No youth may receive more than one President's Volunteer Service Awards during the preceding calendar year. The SPJST will recognize youth for volunteer service during January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. You can log your hours online. For information on logging hours online please contact Fraternal Services Specialist Tammy Martinez at 254-773-1575 or 800-727-7578. The deadline for logging hours is February 28.

## Youth Development Workshop

The District Youth Development Workshops will be conducted by your District Youth Counselor. Please watch your email and the Vestnik for more information. You will be covering topics that pertain to youth achievement day projects and a lot of other fun ideas to share. Please be sure to encourage your youth members to participate.



## January Vestnik Project

January's *Vestnik* project will talk about Apollo 1 — try and plan an activity or memorial to honor our fallen astronauts.

The February *Vestnik* Project will be the phases of the moon. Have a fun activity with Oreo Cookies — instructions in the packet for next month.



## 2018 Youth Program Theme: “Out Of This World With SPJST”

Our youth club theme is “Out Of This World With SPJST”. This is a great theme that hopefully will give our young artists the opportunity to make some great designs for next year’s camp tee-shirt design contest.

The camp tee-shirt theme is “Out Of This World With SPJST”. Complete information and an official entry form are enclosed. I would really like for youth leaders to encourage some discussion on this topic during your next couple of meetings. Please encourage all of your youth club members to enter. The grand prize is a \$100 gift card and a free tee-shirt for the winner. Contest deadline is January 31, 2018. All participants receive 2 merit points and a participation certificate.

## Mark Your Calendar: May 5 is Join Hands Day

Our goal for 2018 is to have 50 or more lodges participate. What can your Youth Club do? Some of the great projects from past years included baking for the needy, cemetery clean-ups, highway beautification, assisting veterans and senior citizens programs and fundraiser for your local volunteer fire department. You’ve still got plenty of time to decide what you want to do in 2018. The main thing — at this point — is committing to doing something. If you have any questions on this, please contact me.

Again, this year, the Supreme Lodge will offer a \$100 incentive to local SPJST lodges to be used in developing and/or promoting their project. This incentive will be for lodges who partner with youth in their community. To receive the \$100 incentive, lodges must register the event with the Home Office.

# SPJST January Vestnik Project - Remembrance of Apollo 1

This project earns a maximum 1 point in the SPJST Youth Clubs Merit Points System. Mail completed project no later than **February 15, 2018** to:  
**SPJST Youth Program c/o SPJST Home Office • P.O. Box 100 • Temple, Texas 76503**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

## Apollo 1: National Day of Remembrance

The Apollo program changed forever on January 27, 1967, when a flash fire swept through the Apollo 1 command module during a launch rehearsal test. The three men inside perished despite the best efforts of the ground crew. It would take more than 18 months, and extensive redesigns, before NASA sent more men into space.

NASA had a lofty goal, set by President John F. Kennedy in 1961, to land a man on the moon and return him safely to Earth by the end of the decade. Earlier Mercury and Gemini flights had been the first steps toward that goal, testing how humans behaved in space and how to do technical spacecraft procedures such as meeting other space craft (rendezvous). Now the Apollo missions would take astronauts all the way to the moon for orbital missions and landing missions.

The Apollo 1 crew commander, Virgil "Gus" Grissom, was an Air Force veteran of the Korean War. He was chosen among NASA's first group of seven astronauts, the Mercury Seven. Fellow spaceflight veteran Ed White, an Air Force lieutenant colonel, was the first American to make a spacewalk, on Gemini 4 in 1965. Roger Chaffee was a seasoned Navy lieutenant commander who joined the program in 1963, but a rookie in space.

Decades later, NASA recalls the Apollo 1 incident every January in an annual Day of Remembrance. It also honors the Challenger and Columbia crews, who died in 1986 and 2003, respectively.



Words to find: APOLLO, ASTRONAUT, EARTH, GEMINI, MERCURY, MOON, NASA, SPACE, & STARS

# 2018 SPJST Camp Tee-Shirt Design Contest

## Official Entry Form

2018 Theme:

“Out Of This World With SPJST”

Entry Deadline: January 31, 2018

Draw your original design in the space blocked at left. See 2017 - 2018 SPJST Youth Club Handbook for contest rules for complete details.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge \_\_\_\_\_

Age\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

This is my original artwork -- not traced or copied. I understand that it becomes the property of SPJST and will not be returned.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Youth Member's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent's Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**Mail entry by January 31, 2018 to:**

SPJST Camp  
Tee-Shirt Design Contest  
c/o SPJST Home Office  
P.O. Box 100, Temple, TX 76503

## Oreo Moon Phases

During a month, the part of the Moon that we see in the sky changes shape. It passes through different phases, growing from New Moon to Crescent to First Quarter to Gibbous to Full, and then decreasing in the amount *that we see from Earth* that is illuminated until it is back at New Moon again. Each of these stages is a "phase." Invite your child to create the 8 phases of the Moon using Oreo cookies.

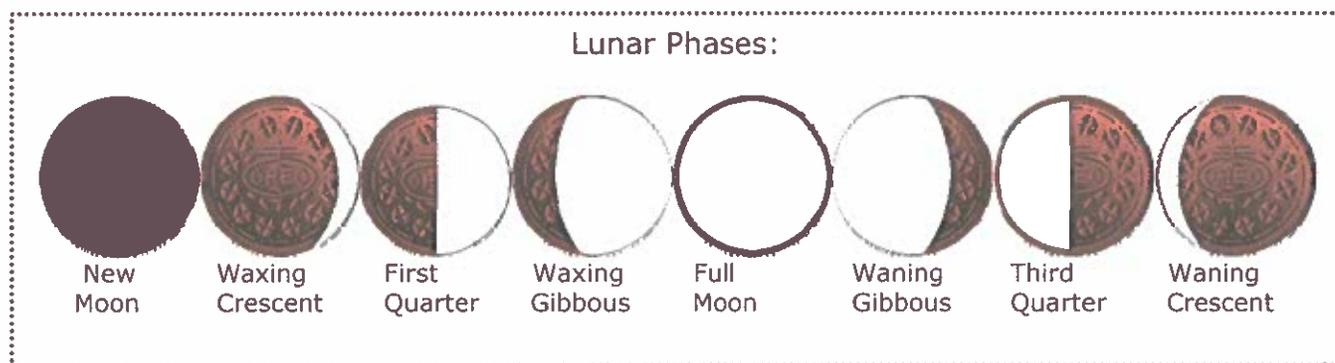
In this activity, you and your child will learn about the Moon's phases using Oreo cookies!

### What You Need:

- 4 Oreo cookies
- Paper towel
- Plastic knife, spoon or popsicle stick
- Phrases with Phases song sheet

### What to Do:

- Twist open the Oreo cookies and remove the cream with the knife, spoon or popsicle stick so that it looks like the pictures below.
- Place the cookies in order in a line to represent the order of our Moon's phases.
- Point to and name the different phases with your child while singing the Moon phase song – Phrases with Phases.



### Parent Prompts:

What are the different phase names – can you place them in order?

What phase is the Moon in tonight?

How does the Moon's appearance change?

Which phase will the Moon change to next?

# Moon Phases Data Sheet

Names \_\_\_\_\_

