

**⌘⌘⌘ GUIDELINES FOR ESTABLISHING & OPERATING ⌘⌘⌘  
YOUTH COUNCILS**

**ALL BOYS AND GIRLS AGES 5 TO 18, REGARDLESS OF RACE, CREED OR COLOR OR NATIONAL ORIGIN, ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE YOUTH COUNCIL (YOUNGER CHILDREN MAY BE CONSIDERED JR. YOUTH COUNCIL MEMBERS OR MASCOTS UNTIL REACHING THE DESIRED AGE)**

**PARENTS OF SAID BOYS AND GIRLS MUST CONSENT TO THEIR BELONGING TO THE YOUTH COUNCIL OF THE ORDER. (YOUNGER CHILDREN MAY TRAVEL AND PARTICIPATE ONLY IF THEIR PARENT(S) IS AN ELK OR BOOSTER.**

**LOCAL YOUTH COUNCILS ARE SUPERVISED BY A JOINT COMMITTEE OF BROTHERS AND DAUGHTERS.**

1. Discuss with the Lodge & Temple the possibility of organizing a Youth Council, and becoming the sponsors. A Lodge & Temple may have as many Youth Councils as they can support. It is not required that a Lodge & Temple have a joint Council. However, it is required that if there are separate Councils under one Lodge & Temple, when requesting contributions, it must be done jointly. (Funds should not be requested separately)
2. Select a name for your Council, not one of a living person, and apply for a Certificate of Participation. (\$25.00 - applications are available upon request from the Office of the Grand Secretary, Elks Grand Lodge Headquarters, P.O. Box 159, Winton, NC 27986-252-358-7661. The Grand Lodge will issue your Council a number.
3. Youth can form drill teams, sports teams, after-school projects, or any other supervised group. It is not mandatory that said Council form the aforementioned groups. Regular meetings can also be attended to discuss various workshop topics, to plan group activities, fund raising, visit state associations, participate in public functions, etc. Your Council is at leisure to operate in any acceptable structure, as agreed upon by the membership. However, when participating in public activities, they should be uniformed and uniforms and should never be misrepresented. It is the responsibility of the Adults, to see that the Council be of best behavior during any public outing. Hold Harmless Clauses & Permission forms must accompany each youth, when participating in events. (These forms may be copied)
4. Boosters may be acquired (Parents, guardians, or any interested person) to assist with chaperoning. The Boosters may be Non-Elks. (However, you should encourage them to join the local Lodge or Temple) We encourage all Adults affiliated with the Youth Council, to obtain and become dues paying members of the National Youth Council. (\$10.00 annually). It's a requirement for all Local Directors & Directresses to become a member of the National Youth Council. Contact the Grand Director or Grand Directress for further instructions on dues cards.
5. The following Officers, of the Youth Councils, should be elected: President, Vice President, Second Vice President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary, Recording Secretary, Chaplain, Sergeant of Arms, and Inner Guard. It is always wise to appoint Assistants. (Adult members should supervise the Youth Council Officers, with their duties, until they are comfortable functioning alone.) District Deputies should be made aware of election. Meetings are not required to be held in the Lodge or Temple.
6. Dues of the Youth Council are set by the members on majority vote. All funds of the Youth Council are banked in a bank of their choice. There are no taxes set to be paid to the Grand Lodge or Grand Temple by the Youth Councils.
7. Send reports to your State Director & Directress.
8. All departments of the Order should be briefed to the Council and to someday become a Brother or Daughter should be their ultimate goal.

**GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK!**