## Moose Youth Awareness Program Student Instructions

Each packet should contain the following:

- Overview of Moose Youth Awareness Program
- Applications for Consideration
- Interested students should complete application (front and back), sign and date it and return to Guidance Counselor no later than \_\_\_\_\_\_.
- Guidance Counselor will consult with appropriate teachers and administrators to review applications and develop a list of students to be recommended for interviews with Lodge Youth Awareness Committee.
- The Lodge Youth Awareness Committee will interview recommended students to select representatives to the Association Student Congress.
- The Youth Awareness program is not for kids who have issues with drug and alcohol abuse. This is a program for high school students who can combine academic skills and leadership qualities to target 4 – 9 year-olds with positive messages through KidsTalks. Previous presentations have been given on a variety of topics, such as:

Drug/Alcohol Abuse	Manners
Smoking	Fire Safety
Peer Pressure	Washing Hands/Hygiene
Bullying	Internet Safety
"Stranger Danger"	Stay in School
Nutrition	Dental Health

Following the interview process, at least 2 students will be selected as representatives to the Association Student Congress. The students and their families may be invited to the Lodge to be introduced to the members at an event prior to the Association Congress.

# MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM HISTORY /OVERVIEW

After several years of donating to local prevention programs, such as D.A.R.E, Red Ribbon and Pride, the Loyal Order of Moose was asked to participate in the "Just Say No to Drugs" Program in 1986 by First Lady Nancy Reagan. Since that time, we have developed a positive approach and, in 1988, changed the name from "Just Say No To Drugs" to the Moose Youth and Drug Awareness Program. Knowing that there are more adverse elements in the community, we changed the name again, in 1994, to the Moose Youth Awareness Program.

The program consists of the various State and Provincial Moose Associations throughout North America holding Association Student Congresses during the fall of each year. Lodges are encouraged to invite two high school students to those particular congresses. The purpose of the Association Congresses is to develop presentations that could be delivered to the targeted group of 4 - 9 year-olds (a target group established in 1988, following that year's International Student Congress).

The one-day Student Congresses at the Association level challenge the participating students to become a speakers' bureau and to encourage each of them to present a minimum of three Moose "KidsTalks" presentations to the target group in their own community. The students' presentations are not scripted, as they are to prepare their own message to deliver to the 4-9 year-olds, encouraging them to make wise and healthy choices in life.

Moose "KidsTalks" presentations run from November through February each year. After each "KidsTalks" presentation, the students are required to submit a written report telling us about their presentations. In March, students who attended the Association Student Congresses and completed a minimum of three "KidsTalks" presentations are judged by their peers, and one or more from each Moose Association are invited to attend the International Student Congress.

In the past, International Student Congresses have been held in Washington, D.C., Anaheim, California; Niagara Falls, New York; and Mooseheart, Illinois. At the International Student Congress, the teenagers explain to each other how they went about their particular "KidsTalks" presentations. The International Student Congress is a student-run meeting, which encompasses about 13 hours over a four-day period. At the end of the meeting, the students vote for the top five presentations. Scholarships are then awarded as follows: first, a \$12,000 scholarship; second, a \$8,000 scholarship; third, a \$5,000 scholarship; fourth, a \$3,000 scholarship; and fifth, a \$2,000 scholarship. To date, our Moose "KidsTalks" presenters have reached over 250,000 4-9 year olds.

Moose Youth Awareness Program Application for Consideration	
Name: Date of Birth:	
Address:	
E-Mail Address:	
Home Telephone Number:	
School: Grade:	-
School Activities:	
Hobbies /Other Interests & Activities: (Scouting, Community Service, Volunteer Activities)	-
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Please answer the following questions. If additional space is needed, attach a separate piece of paper. Please type or print legibly.

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Explain why you would like to be selected for this program.

What do you feel is the greatest danger facing the youth of our local communities? Why?

I acknowledge that the information provided is true to the best of my knowledge. This application is intended to express my interest in being considered as a Student Congress Representative.

I understand that this application does not guarantee that I will be selected to represent Loyal Order of Moose Lodge / Women of the Moose Chapter # \_\_\_\_\_\_ at the Association Student Congress.

Signature

Date

### MOOSE YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM 2012-2013 ASSOCIATION CONGRESS CONSENT FORM

I, the undersigned parent/guardian of	("my child"),
a minor, hereby give my consent for him/her to attend the Moose Youth Awareness Congress at	
on, 20	

In consideration for my child being allowed to participate in this event, I hereby authorize the provision of all necessary emergency (as defined by local and national medical standards) medical care to my child (including medical, dental and/or surgical) and attach a current, valid copy of my medical insurance card to this agreement. I agree that neither Moose International, Inc. ("MI") nor \_\_\_\_\_\_ Lodge No. \_\_\_\_\_, Loyal Order of Moose, Inc. ("Lodge") shall have any financial responsibility for the emergency medical care provided to my child. I also agree to fully defend, indemnify and hold harmless the Lodge and MI, their respective agents, volunteers, employees, directors, officers, successors and assigns from and against any and all losses, damages, claims and causes of action brought by or on behalf of my child, with the exception of losses arising from their sole gross negligence. I further agree this agreement shall be binding upon my heirs, successors and assigns.

#### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Student's Name:		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		Sex (circle	one) Male Female
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City:		State/Province:	Zip:	Phone:	·····
School Name:				School Phone:	
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#### **PUBLICITY RELEASE**

Moose International may use my name and photograph in publicity concerning the 2012-2013 Moose Youth Awareness Program.

Signature of Student Representative

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_,

Parent/Guardian signature

Parent/Guardian signature

Parental Consent form

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Contact person:	I		
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Any comments from teachers or administrators are welcomed and may be attached on a separate sheet.