

Knights of Columbus

Arkansas State Council

State Youth Director

In the March 3, 2007 issue of the “*Arkansas Catholic*”, it was reported that between 1995 and 2006 our Catholic population increased 19% and at the same time the general population only grew 13%. However, only 3 of 10 attend church regularly, forty -years ago 7 out of 10 attended church on a regular basis. In the June 2005 issue of the “*Arkansas Catholic*” it was reported that only 22% of our youth attend Sunday Mass. Other sources report that 45% of our College youths leave the church.

Today’s youth are looking for challenges, for responsibility, for *Faith*, and trust. Yet despite their commitment and dedication, youth of the world are often condemned because of uncontrolled actions of a minority of young people. As Knights of Columbus, it is our responsibility to provide our youth the means and the opportunities to become personally involved in meeting the challenges of our time.

The State Council Youth Director is expected to attend the State Council Organizational Meeting, Mid-Year Meeting, State Convention and his Districts Deputy Meetings and all 2nd & 3rd and 4th Degree Exemplifications in your geographical region. At the Organizational Meeting the State Council Program Chairman through the State Deputy will furnish copies of promotional material including the “*Surge with Service*” booklet and goals and objectives for the fraternal year. .

Mission

The Knights of Columbus is committed to providing quality youth programs for all of the children in our neighborhoods. Knights recognize the importance of keeping our youngsters and their families involved with our programs to ensure the future of our great Order. Therefore, the mission of the State Youth Activities Director is to:

- Provide academic and athletic competition for the youth of Arkansas
- Promote involvement by councils with our youth
- Secure the future of our great Order by involving more young people and their families
- Get our youth involved with activities and eventually the Knights of Columbus
- Increase youth related programs in councils
- Publicize youth programs in the State Council Newsletter and web site.
- Working with the State Council Activities Director to publicize youth activities in our local paper, radio and television.

- Work with the State Council College Director and Columbian Squires Chairman and promote their programs.

His Point of Contact in regards to council contact; should be the District Deputies. The Director does have the ability to disseminate information to the individual councils through the DD. He may also ask the DD's to report individual Council Program accomplishments to him. Interfacing with other Program Directors & Chairmen is through individual effort.

Objectives

The objective of the State Youth Activities Director is to ensure that every council conducts and reports at least four (4) major youth involvement activities during the fraternal year on the Arkansas Council Activities Report and that these activities include:

- Free Throw Contest
- Spelling Bee
- Essay Contest
- Columbian Squires
- Knights Daughters
- Poster Contest

Method

“Surge...with Service,” describes the following youth activities and how to develop projects around them:

- Columbian Squires
- Youth Groups
- Athletics
- Educational Programs
- Youth Welfare
- Religious Activities
- Social Activities

District Deputies have several duties and responsibilities listed below as a guide to ensure a successful year of youth programs.

District Deputies are to:

- Receive Youth Packets at the State Council Organizational meeting (one for the District Deputy and one for each council)
- Read and understand Youth Packet
- Distribute a youth packet to each council immediately
- Promote youth activities at all councils
- Request the State Deputy to order District Free Throw medals from Supreme
- Pick up two extra medals from State Youth Director at the fall meeting for 9 year old competitors
- Pick up two extra council winner certificates per council holding Free Throw Contest from State Youth Director at State Council Mid-Year meeting
- Schedule and conduct the District Free Throw in the first two weekends of February
- Forward the results of the District Free Throw on the *original score sheets* to the State Youth Director immediately following the contest
- Call the State Youth Activities Director with any questions

Continue to promote any and all youth activities at council and district meetings

To accomplish these objectives the Program Directors in Arkansas must instill in all District Deputies the need to take back to each council the means to conduct all programs as they are designed to operate.

Directors and District Deputies are the lifeline of success for the Order in Arkansas. They must work with all councils to understand that ***strong programs mean strong membership. Remind them that 88% of our members joined the Order to get involved in Church or other activities.***

Program Directors will be required to assist the State Program Director in voting for the Program of the Year for each of the five categories.

At the conclusion of your term furnish the incoming State Youth Director with an updated copy of your duties and responsibilities.

Program Directors & Chairmen	Time allocation	
Function Performed	Minimum Commitment	
Attend State Organizational Meeting	14	Hrs Once
Attend District Leadership Conference	4	Hrs Once
Attend State Mid Year Meeting	14	Hrs Once
Attend State Convention	20	Hrs Once
Subtotal; State Functions	52	Hrs Once
Prepare Newsletter articles	1.5	Hrs/Mo
Interface w/Other Directors & Chairmen	2	Hrs/Mo
Council Interface	2	Hrs/Mo
Subtotal; Program Functions	66	Hrs/Mo
Total Time Commitment	118	Hrs/Yr

All functions listed exclude travel time and no reliable estimate may be made regarding incurred expenses.

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The only way to recruit a member is to have a Form #100 in hand