

Junior Activities  
2017-2018

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Junior Activities and the 2014-2019 Centennial Strategic Plan – Inspiring active participation by ALA members under the age of 18, the Junior Activities program builds a strong future of the ALA by engaging productive members to carry on its mission for life.

**BRING YOUR JUNIOR MEMBERS TO EVERYTHING**

Junior members learn from doing, so bring them to meetings, to picnics, to fundraisers; bring them to EVERYTHING! If we don't start promoting our Junior Program, our future will be grave.

**Make Junior Meetings fun and informative.**

- Junior Members can help and lead the meeting to make it more fun and informative to their age group.
- Plan activities that are fun, yet teach about the mission of the ALA. Remember, they are kids with short attention spans.
- Crafts are another good activity for Juniors. They can make Poppy crafts for a fundraiser, patriotic decorations for your post local Veterans Home, handmade cards to send to Veterans at your local VA or Soldiers away from their families.
- Have Snacks and Drinks on hand. Juniors could even make Poppy cookies to snack on.
- Give your Juniors a place to display their crafts or artwork.
- While away at a District or Department meeting, have the Juniors bring a To-Go Bag. Make sure they have activities to do while sitting in the 'boring but informational' parts of the meeting. Have the activities structured more toward a certain or a couple different chairmanship here in the ALA.

**Promote and encourage Junior Participation in the Patch Program.**

- Mentor Juniors and help them to acquire patches. The Patch Program activities can be found on the Junior Member Activities page in the Members Only section at [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).
- Hold special meetings to help Juniors earn patches.
- Older Juniors can help the younger Juniors earn patches.

Consider a Junior for the Junior Member of the Year award. Consideration of only Junior members in good standing for 2017-2018. Each Unit is limited to one nomination. There is more information as well as the form to fill out on [www.ALAforVeterans.org](http://www.ALAforVeterans.org).

Also have your Juniors submit a History book or a Photo History Book at the Junior Convention in May.