

Washington State Elks Association Newsletter



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Informing, Educating, and Communicating with WSEA Members

September 2025

WSEA President Message



As we transition from summer to fall around the state, we should be looking strongly at communications we should be making throughout our communities.

MVS Most Valuable Student program is open now for applications and ends November 12th. We should be Highlighting the scholarship opportunities for college-bound seniors, reaching out to guidance counselors to disseminate information to eligible students. How can you do this? Consider setting up a booth at fall festivals, school open houses, or back-to-school nights to engage potential applicants and their parents. Submit articles or announcements to local newspapers, school newsletters, and online community calendars.

Other important programs are Drug awareness and the Child ID programs. Great communication avenues for discussion at booths at state and county fairs, school open houses, or back-to-school nights. Focus on the importance of drug prevention and education as children return to school. Collaborate with local law enforcement, youth organizations, and public health agencies for outreach events. Provide resources and brochures at community centers, libraries, and health clinics. Ask your members for assistance in getting the word out to the community.

As summer comes to an end and the kids head back to school, now is the perfect time for Elk lodges across the country to focus on increasing membership. The transition to cooler weather and longer nights creates the ideal setting for families to seek safe, enjoyable, and welcoming environments to spend their free time together.

Before the onset of cabin fever, let's remind our communities that Elk lodges offer a warm and friendly space for families and individuals alike. This season presents a unique opportunity to highlight the many social, recreational, and charitable activities available at our lodges. Whether it's a game night, a family dinner, or a community service project, there is always something for everyone.

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Happy Halloween



WSEA President Message Continued...

We encourage all lodge members to help spread the word. Reach out to friends, neighbors, and coworkers who may be looking for a place to connect this fall. Share stories of the fun and fellowship you've experienced at your local lodge. Let them know that Elk lodges are more than just meeting places—they're a home away from home.

Let's make the most of these next couple of months by inviting new faces into our Elk family. Together, we can grow our membership, strengthen our bonds, and continue to make a positive impact in our communities all year long.

Remember, Break that Communication Barrier and step out of that box. Let everyone know how great it is to be an Elk.

Fraternally,

Scott Rainey
WSEA President



WSEA President Elect Message

By Ben Braden



Recently, I learned something that gave me pause. Someone I respect within the Elks shared conversations in their home, about me. The gist being that I take on positions in the Elks for personal recognition.

Hearing that was deflating. Not only because of the public and awkward way it came out, but more truly because it isn't how I see myself. That's not why I'm an officer in this organization.

It's had me ruminating these past few days. Thinking about the miles driven, the weeks of preparation for a single convention presentation, one short video, or a training program. All the behind-the-scenes work done to bring something positive into our Order. So much of it no one will ever know about without seeing my volunteer sheet, my charitable report. The perception lacks depth of knowledge if you will.

Sounds familiar, doesn't it? That's the Elks story.

For generations, the Elks have done good deeds quietly, without expecting praise. Elks do simply because it is right. In our past, in the smaller more connected communities that worked beautifully, people knew what was

being done. But today, our communities are different. We're not as connected face to face as we once were, and much of what people see is shaped by outside voices. We all know how a single negative story can outweigh 20 positive ones.

That's why I'm so excited about our plans for the State Association October Meeting. We're transforming it into a true celebration of what Elks accomplish across Washington. We'll highlight the incredible work of our Therapy Program, share the impact of committees supported by our Charitable Trust, and recognize volunteers who have gone above and beyond, like those who ensure a Hoop Shoot or a Veterans stand down is successful.

The goal is to share the positives 20 times over, every year, rotating celebrations through different districts and lodges. We want Elks everywhere to see and feel the value of the work being done. We want lodges and volunteers to hear the praise.



So, mark your calendars for the third full weekend in October 2026 at the Oak Harbor Elks Lodge #2362. Prepare for a state dinner celebration where

we'll share our story with not only Elks but also local, state, news and corporate leaders. Yes, we may even stream the presentation part of the event live, so it reaches further than ever before.

Negatives are out there, and they are discouraging. But together, we are making the effort towards positive change. Don't miss the boat—be part of the celebration!

WSEA Vice President East Message



Greetings!

Summer is quickly coming to an end, and we will be returning focus back to our lodges. I am

seeing more events submitted to our state calendar, which means lodges are filling their events calendars! That is great! Remember, bringing in members is only the start! Retaining them is the key to long lasting success for your lodge.

As we look ahead to the lodge year, I have been thinking about “success” - how we measure that from the lodge level up to the state level. That answer is different for every lodge, for every committee, and for the state association. Now is the time to focus on one of the best tools to success: goal setting. Whether it's the membership plan you have created, improving community outreach, or holding more lodge activities, setting clear and achievable goals will guide us in our mission and strengthen our impact.

Exalted Rulers, have you met with your committees and officers to discuss your goals for the year? Goals are more than just a list of objectives—they're a way to channel your efforts into *meaningful action*. Setting goals helps to create focus, measure progress, and celebrate achievements. Make them specific, measurable, and achievable, then share them with your membership. Celebrate the achievements and **SUCCESSES** and be sure to recognize those that have helped!! What a

great way to build morale and further success, right?

As I always mention, please use the tools available to you. The State Association has worked to put committees and people in place to help. Our goal is to help you! If you need help with whom to contact, ask your Executive Board member. We are all happy to help!

Let's work together to achieve our goals and enhance our Lodge community.

Here's to a year of purposeful action and accomplishments!

Fraternally yours,

Lana Davick
WSEA 1st Vice President

JOIN THE CLUB

Scan the QR code to join the Fidelity Club with a monthly donation to the Elks National Foundation through your credit card or bank account. It is an easy and secure way to support your Foundation!

Learn more at enf.elks.org/FC



Helping Elks Build Stronger Communities

WSEA Vice President South Message

By Caroline Bradwell



September brings Fall with warm days, cool nights and getting dark sooner. Vacations come to an end, outdoor events slow down and that means lodges are going to be doing more indoor activities!

I am going to talk about membership and membership engagement.

You're getting started distributing information for our youth programs. Scholarships, Americanism Essay contest, Hoop Shoot, Halloween events and right around the corner Christmas and Holiday parties. Those are some really community focused events to get engaged at the lodge. When you have an event that involves youth, consider reserving and using the EZ Child ID kit. You can find your contact person for your district on the WSEA Website under committees EZ Child ID.

Red Ribbon planning for the last week in Oct planning is another activity to include members to be involved.

Our membership growth and engagement are so important they are at the root of our continuation as an organization. Some members have been busy with summer activities and you want to be sure you have activities, projects, entertainment, and social fellowship planned to get them coming back to the lodge this fall. Some of our lodges are working on projects with their Grant programs, another great way to get back to being engaged with your lodge.

The WSEA event calendar on our website is an easy way to see what other lodges are doing to bring their members into the lodge. If it sounds like something fun to do, give it a try! If you're a new member reading the newsletter and would like help with an event at your lodge this is a great opportunity to get to know other members.

If you haven't seen someone at the lodge, reach out and see how their summer went and invite them to the lodge. Sometimes it just takes a little nudge to get some of your members back in the habit of going to the lodge after summer is over.

Does your lodge have a committee member for every committee? Talk with your ER and find out which committees could use a chairperson or some additional support with more committee members. Being a committee member really helps build membership engagement. We all should want to feel like we are contributing to our lodge, our members and our communities. That is the reason many of us joined.

When you travel do you ever go to another lodge? I try to and one of the first things that I notice when I walk in the door of a lodge is do they greet me and invite me to sit with them or do they just glance over and see who came in the door and then go back to what they are doing. I encourage you to recognize and say hello to every person who comes into your lodge. Even if they are a long-time member of your lodge. Being personally recognized goes a long way to feeling welcome and like you belong to a lodge. If they don't belong to your lodge, it makes them feel like they sure would like to belong to a friendly lodge.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events throughout the state.

Fraternally,
Caroline Bradwell
Vice President South District

Membership and Marketing Message

By Nancy M. Oakes, PER
Committee Chairperson

We are almost a full 6 months into the 2025-2026 year, and there are still 2,388 of the WA State Elks members that have not paid their dues. Are you one of those people?

On April 1, you were still considered to be a member in good standing if you had paid your dues last year. So, on that date, the Grand Lodge charged your lodge \$49.00 per capita dues for each member and the lodge had to pay that immediately. The balance of your yearly dues goes to the lodge for operating expenses. If you have not paid your dues, then your lodge is out the \$49.00 they paid in April and they are now short your dues for operating costs and are scrambling to make to make up the difference.

Your dues are vital to the success of your lodge; the support it gives to the community and the family you are a part of at your lodge.

If you are having difficulty paying the amount, just call your lodge, I am sure they will be more than willing to work with you on some sort of plan and ensure that you remain a member of the order.

To the 16,944 members who have paid their dues, THANK YOU!!!!

Remember, you can also help your lodge by bringing in new members and by volunteering, so please consider doing both.

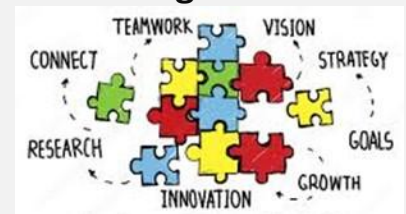
Nancy M Oakes, PER

WSEA Membership Committee, Chair



As always, I am available for any assistance you may need. Feel free to contact me at Nancy@garnettlaw.com, or via text/phone call at 307-250-3378.

WSEA Membership and Marketing Committee



Our purpose as the Membership and Marketing Committee is to use effective internal and external communications to relate to the membership and public our purpose, aims, and goals and publicize the good deeds of our order. We are working hard to meet the needs of the lodges. Should you wish to submit info, ideas, questions, please contact Committee Chair, Nancy Oakes

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Scott Fyelling
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Missy Wheat
Dave Blevins
Lolly Titherington
Beverly Maddox

To all WSEA Lodges:

Each year a great opportunity is presented to each Lodge to sell WSEA State Raffle Calendars!



During your sales campaign don't forget to include Membership Applications.

Use the opportunity to multitask; support the Elks in two different ways at the same time!

Remember we can sell to the public, as potential Elks Members, as well as to our own Lodge Members.

Get out there and help your lodge grow and prosper!

WSEA OFFICER TEAM



The Washington State Elks Association, Founded in 1905, is made up of the state subordinate lodges of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America. It currently has 36 member Lodges within Washington State and more than 20,000 members. Its purpose is to unite all Elks in closer bonds of fraternity, to promote the interests of the Order, exchange items beneficial to member Lodges, foster the virtues of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love, and Fidelity and to further patriotic devotion to the principles of the United States of America.

President:

Scott Rainey

President Elect:

Benjamin Braden

Vice President/East:

Lana Davick

Vice President/Central:

Scott Knight

Vice President/South

Caroline Bradwell

Secretary:

Steve Scholz

Treasurer:

Robert Finley

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Vocational Grant Committee Report

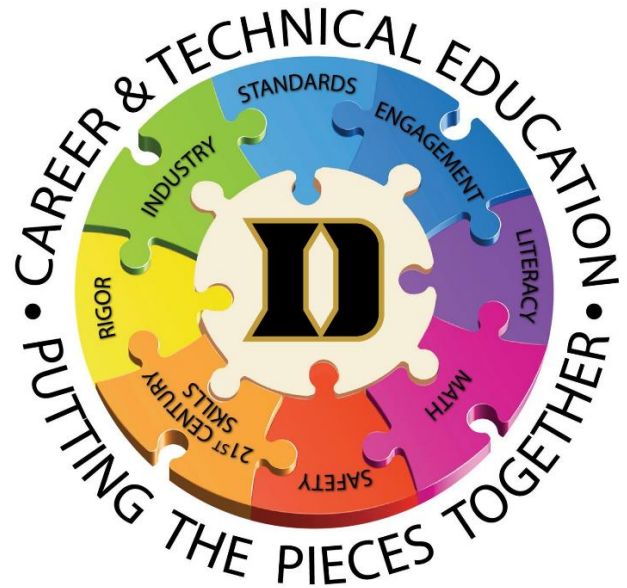
The purpose of our committee is to promote the WSEA Vocational Grant program. These grants are for residents of Washington State who are United States citizens desiring education or training in vocational fields in the state of Washington.

The WSEA Grant Program is open to graduating high school students and/or GED students receiving a diploma or certificate during the current program year. The program will award (4) \$5,000 1-year grants this year, payable to the schools upon enrollment confirmation.

To achieve the goal of growing these grants, we are finding new avenues of promotion. We have already secured links to our grants on the Washington State School Counselors website along with other groups scholarship links. Students looking for grant opportunities will easily find us; a simple click on the link takes them directly to our applications. Currently we are attempting to have our link placed on the sites for national scholarship services. Even though we are state-specific, many other groups such as ours use these sites to promote their scholarships. We are also currently working with high school counselors in the state to have them promote our links on their sites as well.

With the addition of the Darimont Program, which is a supplemental grant program for lodges that offer vocational scholarships. All qualifications for these supplemental grants are on our WSEA website. Briefly, when the qualifiers are met, WSEA will supplement a lodge's 1-year vocational grant up to \$1,000 each for 2 recipients. This is a great reason to consider a vocational grant program in your lodge.

There is currently an ever-increasing number of students enrolling into Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs. Enrollment at public two year schools with a "high vocational focus" grew 13.6 percent in Fall 2024, the second year of double-digit growth.



With over 11 million students in Career and Technical Education programs, 98% of high schools offer CTE courses and programs that lead directly to college level programs as well. There is a very real need for more grant opportunities for students focused on Career and Technical Education.. The success rates of these students far outpace their peers in traditional college settings. Jobs are readily available for students prior to graduation.

WSEA members can really make a difference in this area with the continued growth of our grant program. At both the state and local lodge areas Please feel free to contact me if you have growth ideas for this committee. Our goal is to promote these great programs. Thank you for your support.

Lorin R. Combs Sr.
WSEA Vocational Grant Chairman

Washington State Elks ENF Resources



Aim for ENF Excellence in Washington State

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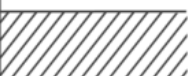
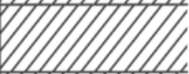


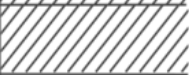



ENF PROGRAMS	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
WSEA State President \$20 Per Capita Award	Reaching the \$20 per capita or greater 1st Place: \$1,000 award 2nd place to all lodges with \$20/capita: \$500 award	Achieving \$15 per capita or greater <\$19.99/capita	Achieving the GER goal of \$5 per capita or greater <\$14.99/capita	Achieving less than the GER goal of \$5 per capita <\$4.99/capita
ENF Chairman's Challenge Awards	Achieving 750-1000 points on the Chairman's Challenge form 1st Place: \$500 award 2nd Place: \$300 award 3rd Place: \$200 award (3 lodges can win, unless there are more than 3 with a perfect score of 1000 pts)	Achieving 650-749 points on the Chairman's Challenge form	Achieving 550-649 points on the Chairman's Challenge form	Achieving less than 550 points on the Chairman's Challenge form
CIP GRANT PROGRAM	4 - Excellent	3 - Good	2 - Satisfactory	1 - Needs Improvement
CIP Grants	Receiving and implementing 4 or more grants successfully within the current Lodge year (40-50 points)	Receiving and implementing 3 grants successfully within the current Lodge year (30 points)	Receiving and implementing 2 grants successfully within the current Lodge year (20 points)	Receiving and implementing 1 grant successfully within the current Lodge year (10 points)
Promotion of ENF in the Lodge and Community	Promotion of CIP grants at the lodge (posters/website/news letter); WSEA newsletter/website calendar , in the Elks Magazine , and publicly (news sites/newspapers). <i>Send in articles attached as proof to jseeder2171@gmail.com in March. Ties broken by utilizing a larger variety of the above.</i> (5 points ea, 40-50 points or more)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 30-35 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 20-35 points)	Promotion: lodge, state, nationally, and publicly (5 points ea, 10-15 points)
Overall Grants Score	80-100 points 1st: \$500, 2nd: \$300, 3rd: \$200	50-75 points	20-45 points	0-15 points

Elks National Foundation Chair Challenge Guidelines

WORKSHEET

The Chair Challenge encourages a broad-based fundraising program and is not built for Lodges to receive a perfect 1000 point score.

Read through the [Chair Challenge Guidelines](#) page and fill out the worksheet below. The amount of **points available** to your Lodge this fiscal year will be based on prior year's fundraising, **due dates** and remaining opportunities. Linked reports in the category descriptions on the Guidelines page can help inform the amount of **points available** to a Lodge. **Points available** to a Lodge will be different than the amount of **points allocated** to each category.

DONE?		POINTS AVAILABLE	POINTS ALLOCATED	DUE BY
<input type="checkbox"/>	Registering as ENF Fundraising Chair	50		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Earning the ENF Fundraising Chair Certificate	included above		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ordering new, updated ENF supplies for the new fiscal year	50		 = March 31
<input type="checkbox"/>	Using the ENF in Our Community Poster	50		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquiring new donors	60		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Acquiring new sustaining givers	70		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Membership Support	70		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retaining second-year donors	5 pts ea	___/70 pts	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Retaining third-year donors	2 pts ea		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Renewing donors	13C		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Reactivating donors	included		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donation frequency	50		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Utilizing an Online Remittance form	60		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Donors receiving Foundation Fellowship recognition	90		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Making a leadership donation	50		
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	Total	1,000		

Washington State Elks Soccer Shoot News!

Soccer Shoot is back nationwide! It has been several years since Soccer Shoot has had participation in all states. I am currently looking for a Chairman for all districts with the exception of West District. Our state winners will be able to participate virtually for Nationals. If you are interested in being a District Chairman or having your lodge participate, please download the manual from Elks.org and reach out to me. Let's get soccer shoot back to the highest level of competition.



Alison Cline Washington State Soccer Shoot
Chairman 425-359-2133
alisoncline59@gmail.com

Government Relations-Charitable Reporting

Our members who would like to receive up-to-date news releases from the Governor's office here is the link where you can sign up: governor@updates.gov.wa.gov

You can expect to receive at least one a week, and as we get closer to the Legislative session there will be more updates. I am working with the WSEA Executive Board to set up a Elks at the Legislature Day during the 2026 session. We will give you further information as the date is confirmed.

Please remember to enter you lodge volunteer hours into CLMS. You can access the Charitable Reporting manual on-line at Elks.org

If you have questions or would like to serve on this committee, please contact me and put Government Relations in the subject line.

Jill Anderson, PSP, PDDGER
Chair, Government Relations

Most Valuable Student (MVS) Scholarship Information

I hope your summer has been enjoyable. Things are ramping up in the scholarship departments. Please take a few moments to read up on what is happening.

MVS Scholarships have been open for a month now. We are among the first to open and close. Remind our students and counselors of this. Closing date is November 12th. Judging will take place in December, January and February.

NEW THIS YEAR: DISTRICT LEVEL SCHOLARSHIP \$1000 TO TOP BOY AND TOP GIRL IN EACH OF OUR DISTRICTS!



Elks Most Valuable Student

We need the help of each lodge to help fund the district level scholarship. We are asking for \$200 from each lodge. This will be matched by the state. Be creative if you need to raise the extra funds. We know lodges are facing financial struggles.

Checks should be made out to WSEA CHARITABLE TRUST; notation should indicate 'district scholarship'. Mail them to Cheri Michaelon, PO Box 274 Underwood, WA 98651. Due by December 31st as District Judging is completed by end of January. I will be mailing checks received at the end of each month to the state office.

Thank you for making our scholarship program second only to the US Gvoernment.

Cheri Michaelson
WSEA MVS State Chairperson

District Deputy Teams 2025-2026



Central:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Scott Knight

Esquire: Peter Schultz

Auditor:

East:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Richard Shull

Esquire: John Dabney

Auditor: Craig Johnson

Assistant to the Auditor: Patty Wilson

North:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Arnold Smith

Esquire: Aaron Reid

Auditor: Mike Campbell

Assistant to the Auditor: Sheryl DeMarsh

South:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Virginia Basil

Esquire: Caroline Bradwell

Auditor: Michele Jenkins

West:

Grand Exalted Ruler District Deputy: Heather Beal

Esquire: Brandi Wallace

Auditor: Mike Leavit

Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children

Since 1954, the Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children, Inc. has provided home-based occupational or physical therapy to children with developmental delays or physical disabilities. Services are provided at no cost to the family served.

Childrens Hospital



The Elks for Children's Hospital partnership between Seattle Children's Hospital and the Washington State Elks Association began in 1926 and continues today. The bond of these two entities and the care of the Elks has given hope to children in our region for more than 99 years.

Raymond Lodge Using the EZ Child ID Kit at Community Events

We're thrilled to share how the Raymond Lodge has been putting the kits to great use in their community!

During the *Raymond Days* town celebration, the Lodge teamed up with the local police department to set up a kit on-site at their lodge. Together, they processed 13 people—both kids and adults—all with just one kit! Connecting the local police department to kids and families in the community in a positive way is an important step for a positive relationship between public servants and the community they serve.

Next, they brought the kit to *Elks Race Day* in Elma, where they processed 4 more participants and built connections with families. That connection led to another Raymond event where backpacks were handed out, and thanks to the help of the police department once again, they were able to process an additional 33 people using two kits, one from the South and one from Tacoma lodge.

But the biggest win came at the *Pacific County Fair*! Recognized as a valuable public service, the Lodge was given a free booth where they ran two kits and processed an incredible **102 people in 3 days!**

Preschools and Churches in the area have invited Raymond to bring the kit to their locations! They also had 23 interested in membership applications and 2 reinstates from their community exposure at the fair! Well Done!!

In total, that's **150 people processed since August 2**—all thanks to the dedication of the Raymond Lodge and their community partners.



Important Dates/Lodge Events & Activities:

(more info on WSEA calendar)

September 13/14

**South District Ritual Day
Mt. Adams Lodge**

September 27

**Bowling for
Kids/Washington Elks
Therapy Program
Colville Lodge**

October 4

West District Ritual Day

October 17/18

Fall Quarterly

October 31

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HALLOWEEN



FREE

Raymond Elks Present **EZ CHILD ID AT THE PACIFIC COUNTY FAIR!**

This digital fingerprinting child identification system aids in decreasing the reporting time if a child is abducted. The key to recovering abducted children is quick action by parents and law enforcement. There is no other system in the country as comprehensive as EZ Child ID. Completely secure; information is not retained by the system



Aug. 20th-23rd, 2025 **10:00am - 9:00pm**

5 Fair Lane, Raymond, WA 98577

Commercial Building

- 10 Fingerprints for ID confirmation
- 4 Pictures for visual ID
- 1 Video for voice ID and manerisims
- Child profile including distinguishing marks, health concerns and emergency contacts

Completely Secure

(360) 942-1292 **Info@RaymondElks.org**

Americanism Essay Contest Theme Announced

The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee has selected the theme, **“What Does Service to Your Country Mean To You?”** for the 2025-2026 Grand Lodge Americanism Essay Contest. The contest starts with the Local Lodges, progresses through District and State levels, and ends with the naming of our National Winners at the Grand Lodge Session in Chicago, Illinois in July 2026



This contest gives students in four separate grade levels, grades 5-8, the opportunity to thoughtfully evaluate and express their views on the selected annual theme. Nationally, first-place, second place and third place authors in each division will receive monetary awards of \$1,000, \$500, and \$250 respectively. Many Lodges, Districts and State Associations also provide various forms of recognition to their respective winners, and the Fraternal Committee appreciates and encourages their extraordinary efforts in support of the contest. Contest materials, including the “annual contest theme,” are published online on May 1. Lodges are encouraged to communicate with school officials in a timely fashion to facilitate annual curriculum planning.



Contest materials and a fillable Certificate of Participation for Lodge completion are located at:

<https://www.elks.org/grandlodge/fraternal/downloads.cfm>. This contest is vitally important to Elks as it promotes Americanism in our local communities. It encourages 10-13 year old students to thoughtfully consider American values and appreciate the blessings and responsibilities of citizenship. The Grand Lodge Fraternal Committee is committed to assisting you in promoting Americanism.

Please let us know what we can do to be more helpful!



WSEA Veterans Committee Recognition of Outstanding Service to Veterans

WA State Elks Military and Veterans Resources, Referrals and Financial Aid

12 - Behavioral Health/Counseling
800 - Deployment-mobilization events and support
1512 - Backpacks to Children of Service Members and Veterans
8 - Child youth and dependent resources and referrals
12- Education – GI Bill info
40- Employment Services
11- Financial
11- Homeless assistance
364 - Fiscal Welcome Home Kits
8 - Legal
24 - Military Records, pay delayed, entitlements, retirement pay
46 - Household issues
32 - Tricare issues
2596 Service Members, Veterans and Family Members touched by our programs!!
There's so much Elk support in WA State. Be sure to share what you are doing for Service Members, Veterans and their families. Take Pictures! Share your AAR.
Send to this email
elks4vets@gmail.com

VANCOUVER LODGE!!! YOU ROCK!!!

I am so unbelievably proud and grateful for all the hard work this state has done to keep us #1 in the nations for 4 consecutive years!!

Welcome Home Kits averaging roughly \$350 x 2243 is \$785,050. Almost \$1m in support of our WA State homeless Veterans.

If your lodge does not have the funds to pay for the first kit, please have your vet chair and ER email me requesting \$400 to get your program started in your lodge.

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Have a Veteran or Service project you need seed money on? Have your lodge veteran chair put it in an email, include the ER on it and you can get up to \$400.

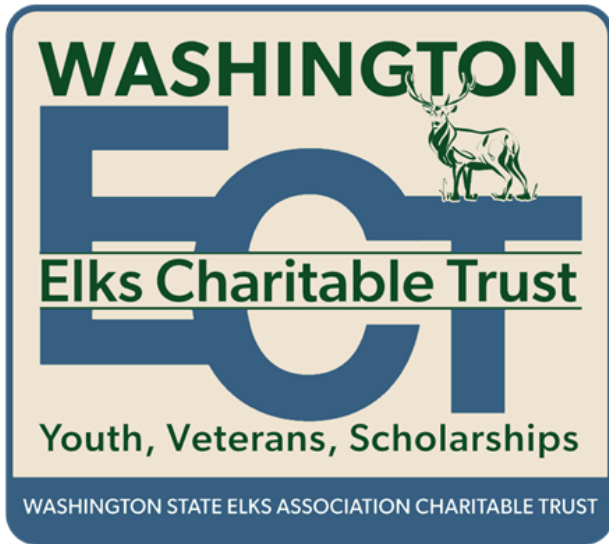
The logo features the word "Elks" in a large, bold, black, stylized font. Below it, the word "Do!" is written in a red, cursive, script font with a white outline and a drop shadow effect.

WA State Elks Welcome Home Kits from the beginning of the program

Kits	Lodge
942	Vancouver
483	Ballard
470	Lynnwood
100	Bellingham
38	Gig Harbor
34	Kelso/Longview
31	Port Townsend
29	Seattle
28	Everett
21	Mount Vernon
16	Forks
14	Shoreline
12	Tri-Cities
8	Puyallup
6	Naval (Port Angeles)
3	Burien
2	Lakewood
2	Shoreline
1	Colville
1	Mount Adams
1	Ocean Shores
1	Walla Walla

2243 kits total since we started.
WA State and Vancouver remains #1 in the country!!! Kits attained from CIP grants are not counted in these numbers per Grand Lodge.

Charitable Trust Working for Washington State Lodges



First of all, thank you all for your support of the Charitable Trust. If you have not received your pin, please contact Tammy at the WSEA office and she will get it to you. Pins are available for \$100.00, \$250.00, \$500.00 and \$1,000.00, the money is put to work for the lodges!

Where does the Charitable Trust Money Go?

- Grants for lodges
- Veterans
- Hoop Shoot
- Drug Awareness
- Scholarships
- Americanism
- many more charities

Jill Anderson and Mike Dahl are the new co-chairs of the Charitable Trust committee and are looking forward to working with all of the members. We are excited to bring Charitable Trust information to all the lodges, we will have a table at convention with information and prizes for

members. Drop by and see us, we are jazzed to get these details to all Washington State Elks members.

WECT LAPEL PIN

WASHINGTON ELKS CHARITABLE TRUST

\$100 WECT DONOR

\$250 WECT DONOR

\$500 WECT DONOR

\$1000 WECT DONOR

Support the programs of the Washington Elks Charitable trust by purchasing your Lapel pin today!

As you reach each donation level you can add a new bar to your pin to proudly show your support of the amazing programs of our Charitable Trust

Washington State Elks Association Charitable Trust Donor Pin & Hanger Program

The Washington State Elks Association Charitable Trust is proud to recognize and thank our generous supporters through our Donor Pin & Hanger Program – a visible way to honor those who make a lasting impact on our charitable efforts across the state.

Elks DAP DRUG AWARENESS PROGRAM

Red Ribbon Week
Say no to Drugs
October 23-31

Community • Friendship • Charity
elks.org

Port Townsend Elks Riders
Membership Drive

Honouring All Who Served



Sept 13th 2025

Dinner only : \$12 5pm

Burgers/Fries

Dinner/ Band: \$20

Band Only: \$10 7pm

Music by: Randall Wolfe Band

Proceeds To Help Local Veterans



50/50 Raffle

SAVE THE DATE
SEPT. 19 & 20, 2025



ELKS VANCOUVER LODGE

11605 SE McGillivray Blvd,
Vancouver, WA 98683
www.elks823.org

Elktoberfest

Vancouver, WA

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

A blend of tradition German fare
along with general merrymaking

Music • Food • Fun

Friday & Saturday

SEPT. 19 & 20, 2025

4:00PM to 10:00PM



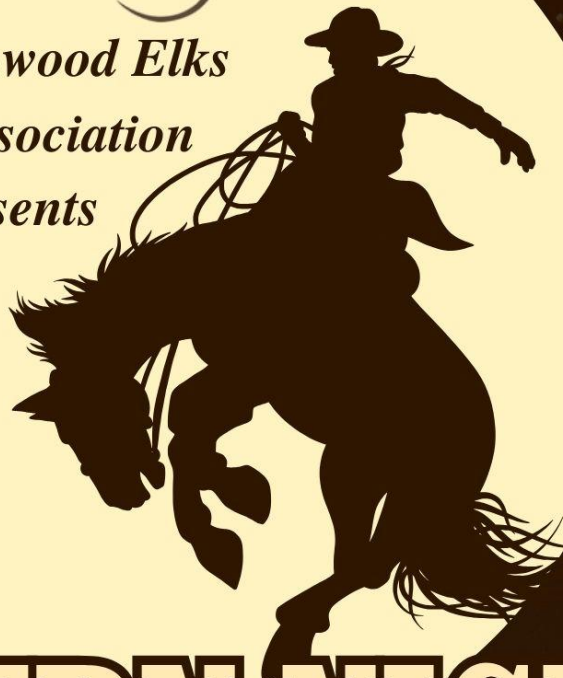
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Want to be a sponsor or vendor?

For more information on being
a sponsor, vendor or volunteering
Elktoberfest823@gmail.com



*The Lynnwood Elks
PER Association
presents*



WESTERN NIGHT

*Chuckwagon Style BBQ Dinner with
Pulled Pork and Chicken*

SATURDAY
Sept 20th

4pm Membership Drive

5pm Social
6pm Dinner

**7pm Dancing w/ The
Davanos**

**Lynnwood Elks
Lodge #2171**

*\$20 – supporting our scholarship program and the Past
Exalted Rulers Association of the Lynnwood Elks Lodge*



Contact Us
206-776-2171



Visit Our Website
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Our Location
15128 Hwy 99, Lynnwood WA 98089



Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children

Location

Copper Bowl
750 S. Main Street
Colville, WA 98273

Lodging:
 Benny's Colville Inn
 509-684-2517

Date
Time

Saturday, September 27, 2025

12:30PM Check-in

Bowling starts at 1:00PM

After-party with raffles to follow
 at **Colville Elks Lodge**
 Kitchen & Bar will be open

RV Spots: can be reserved
 at the Colville Elks Lodge by
 going to elks1753rvpark.com

Teams of 4 or 5 people

\$25 per Bowler

Don't have a team? No Problem, just show up and you'll be paired
 with Elks from another lodge!



For Questions Contact: JOHN MOSER, Colville Elks Exalted Ruler, at 509.690.7554
 or

JENNIFER BRADEN, WSEA Therapy Action Committee Member, at 206.650.2986

Puyallup Elks Lodge

Coin Box

DINNER AND THERAPY
PROGRAM PRESENTATION

6 PM THERAPY PROGRAM
PRESENTATION WITH SPAGHETTI
DINNER TO FOLLOW

Dinner is complimentary with full coin
box donation or \$20/adult \$10/child

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WASHINGTON STATE ELKS
THERAPY PROGRAM

RSVP REQUIRED FOR DINNER
EMAIL: secretary@puyallupelks.org



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FRIDAY OCT. 10TH

