



Junior Activities Patch Program

RED LEVEL: 1st – 4th Grades

American Legion Auxiliary Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth members can be active participants of the organization with the Patch Program. Regardless of where one lives, and whether she/he belongs to an active Junior group or squadron, Junior Auxiliary members and SAL youth members can serve their communities and veterans, and learn about patriotism, health, fitness, and leadership through this program.

Each sheet explains the criteria and what must be accomplished in order to earn a specific patch. When the activities are completed, an adult or Senior member must sign the form to verify that the Junior or SAL youth has met the patch criteria.

There are four levels of patch criteria:

- Purple Level: Pre-School through Kindergarten
- **Red Level: 1st through 4th grade**
- Gold Level: 5th grade through 8th grade
- Blue Level: 9th grade through 12th grade (or 18 years old)

Patches may be ordered online at:

<https://member.legion-aux.org/Member/Junior-Patch-Program-Order-Form>

Additional Patch Sheets are available at:

www.ALAforVeterans.org

For questions and comments, please contact the National Junior Activities Committee at

junioractivities@ALAforVeterans.org or 317-569-4500



SPIRIT OF YOUTH FUND PATCH

The Spirit of Youth Fund provides scholarship opportunities for participants in American Legion Auxiliary programs. One is for American Legion Auxiliary Junior members, another for the Junior Members of the Year, and one is for participants in the American Legion Auxiliary Girls Nation program.

A special Junior patch has been created for our Junior members and Sons of The American Legion youth to be involved in raising money for the Spirit of Youth Fund. Help get the word out to all our members! We hope every Junior and SAL youth will be involved in some activity to raise money for the Spirit of Youth Fund.

Any Junior or SAL youth can earn this patch if they raise at least \$5 for each year old. For example, a 17-year-old would raise a minimum of \$85 (17 x \$5 = \$85.)

Donations can be raised a variety of ways. Juniors and SAL youth can solicit donations from family, friends, American Legion Family members, or contribute themselves. Fundraising activities can be coordinated, such as bake sales or other sales, etc. Funds can be raised individually or as a group, but each Junior or SAL youth receiving this patch needs to have raised the required minimum funds for their age. The goal is for the youth of our ALA and SAL organizations to be involved and aware of the scholarship project. Checks should be made out to *National Treasurer, American Legion Auxiliary with SOY Fund* in the memo line.

Get involved today!

To receive the patch, complete the following and send it with the donation to:

American Legion Auxiliary National Headquarters

Attn: Development

3450 Founders Rd.

Indianapolis, IN 46268

Name of Junior/SAL: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ Unit/Squadron: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Phone: _____

Amount raised: \$ _____ (\$5/year of age) Department of: _____

Optional: Tell us about how you raised the money (you may use the back of the page if needed):



AMERICANISM PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Educate yourself about the rights and responsibilities of an American citizen.

Level 1: Eight (8) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Eight (8) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Learn and lead the Pledge of Allegiance at a meeting or your school.		
2	Learn the Star-Spangled Banner and two other patriotic songs and sing them to three (3) adults.		
3	Participate as an active member of a youth organization such as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, or 4-H.		
4	Draw the American Flag and identify the proper number of stars and stripes.		
5	Enter the Americanism Essay Contest for your age group.		
6	March in a patriotic parade with your Junior or Senior unit or squadron, school, church, or community.		
7	Read (or have someone read to you) about the history of the American flag, then tell the story to an adult.		
8	Study the history of Independence Day (July 4) and tell an adult what it means to you.		

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COMMUNITY & FAMILY SAFETY PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Educate yourself about Emergency Preparedness.

Level 1: Eight (8) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Eight (8) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Ask an adult how to explain your emergency to 911.		
2	Discuss a Family Emergency Disaster Plan with your family for relevant natural disasters.		
3	Plan an escape route in case of fire in your home and share with your family.		
4	Have an adult discuss Internet safety with you.		
5	Have a secret code word between you and your parents in case a person wants you to come with them. Ask for the secret code word before going anywhere with them.		
6	Assemble a Kid's Activity Survival Kit in case of disaster – puzzles, books, favorite toys.		
7	With the help of an adult, prepare a list of emergency phone numbers and put it in a convenient place in your home.		
8	Discuss with your family what you should do if you are approached by a stranger on the playground or the street.		

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Enhance the quality of life in your community through caring and sharing.

Level 1: Eight (8) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Eight (8) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	With the help of an adult, get a library card and check out a minimum of three (3) patriotic or community service-oriented books. Write a short summary paragraph of each or tell an adult what the books were about.		
*2	Answer the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What does volunteering mean?• Where can I volunteer?		
3	Locate the nearest hospital and emergency facility and inform your family and friends where they are located.		
4	Talk to two public servants (firefighter, police officer, school crossing guard, etc.) and write down what they do to keep you safe.		
5	Beautify a small area by pulling weeds or planting flowers at your home, church, school, or local American Legion Post home.		
6	Write a thank you note to someone who has done something to help you.		
7	With an adult, visit a local nursing home or senior center during the holidays and take a greeting card you have made yourself.		
8	Write a letter or make a greeting card to send to someone on active military duty.		

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DIGITAL MEDIA PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Empowering our youth as they guide others with technology.

Level 1: Eight (8) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Three (3) activities are your choice. A total of Four (4) must be completed from the Eight (8) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Determine two tools of internet usage that you use daily and explain those benefits to an adult.		
2	Research ALA or SAL membership eligibility online. Print out a membership application and try to recruit new members.		
*3	With the help of an adult, research and discuss internet safety. Write an internet safety pledge and give a copy to your parents/guardians.		
4	Create your own email account with adult supervision. ALWAYS practice internet safety!		
5	Shop online at http://emblem.legion.org/ for ALA or SAL items. Create a wish list & share it with your parents.		
6	Email the National President or National Commander and let them know how excited you are to be a member of this great organization and why.		
7	Visit Legion.org or ALAforVeterans.org and make a list of 5 things you learn about.		
8	With an adult, submit a "Letter to the Editor" or "Community Thank You" letter to your local newspaper via email, expressing your gratitude to our veterans.		

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EDUCATION PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Educate yourself about the rights and responsibilities of an American citizen.

Level 1: Six (6) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Six (6) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Read a minimum of ten books with an adult or alone. Provide a written log of the books you have read with this form.		
2	Select one of The American Legion or American Legion Auxiliary's comic or coloring books to read and color.		
3	Collect ten items (crayons, erasers, pens, pencils, for example) and donate them to your school.		
4	Draw a picture of a special person in your school and tell an adult why this person is special. Display the picture at your home.		
5	Do an activity to raise \$5 for the National Presidents' Scholarship.		
6	Read a book or story about an historical event in United States history with an adult.		

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LEADERSHIP PATCH

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(Grade 1st-4th)

Learning to be a leader...you are the future of our organization.

Level 1: Nine (9) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Nine (9) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Lead The Pledge of Allegiance at a Junior or squadron meeting, or at school, a community group or church.		
2	With help from an adult leader, learn how to properly make a motion at a meeting.		
3	Attend a Senior unit or squadron meeting.		
4	Enter a poppy coloring, poster or display contest.		
5	Serve as an honorary Junior officer of your Junior group or squadron.		
6	Learn how to properly introduce someone at a meeting.		
7	Participate in games that emphasize following a leader, such as a scavenger hunt, Simon Says or relay races.		
8	Attend a Junior leadership workshop, department Junior meeting or department squadron meeting.		
9	Discuss with your teacher or parent what makes a good leader.		

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MEMBERSHIP PATCH

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(Grade 1st-4th)

Your eligibility for membership is a gift from a veteran.

Level 1: Eight (8) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Eight (8) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Wear your American Legion Auxiliary pin or Sons of The American Legion hat to five (5) meetings or to church.		
2	Invite two (2) friends to join the American Legion Auxiliary or the Sons of The American Legion.		
3	Discover through whom you have eligibility membership and write them a thank you letter.		
4	Ask a Senior member to tell you about their life, and what they have done for the ALA or SAL. Send them a thank you note.		
5	Research the heritage of your unit, post or squadron and share it with two (2) adults.		
*6	Start a diary or scrapbook of your Legion Family memories.		
7	Ask an adult to share the eligibility guidelines for ALA or SAL membership.		
8	Make a list of three (3) people you know who are eligible but do not belong to the ALA or SAL. Invite them to join and tell them why you think it is important.		

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PHYSICAL FITNESS PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

Taking care of our bodies and minds.

Level 1: Six (6) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Six (6) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
1	Keep a food journal for two (2) weeks and record everything you eat. Evaluate your diet and decide how you can make healthier choices.		
2	Take a walk with your friends or family after dinner for one (1) week.		
3	Learn about Endurance, Flexibility, Strength, and Balance. Choose an exercise for each and demonstrate to an adult.		
4	Help with household chores twice a week for month.		
*5	Participate in a physical activity (swimming, softball, dance, etc.) and improve your skills. Log your improvements over time (ask a coach or adult how to measure your improvements.)		
6	Participate in a summer camp or church camp.		

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POPPY PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

The symbol of sacrifices our veterans have made.

Level 1: Six (6) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Six (6) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Have a Senior member tell you the Poppy Story.		
2	Ask an adult ALA member, SAL or Legionnaire to tell you what the poppy means to them.		
3	Participate in the Poppy Poster Contest.		
4	With help from an adult leader, ask for permission and plant poppies at your home, your post or other community business.		
5	With a family member or Junior advisor, make poppy tray favors and distribute them to a VA Hospital, VA Home, nursing home or senior center.		
6	With a family member or advisor, distribute poppies and explain what they symbolize.		

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VETERANS AFFAIRS & REHABILITATION PATCH

RED LEVEL

(Grade 1st-4th)

*We assist and enhance the lives of those who
have served our country.*

Level 1: Six (6) possibilities; One* (1) activity is required; Two (2) activities are your choice. A total of Three (3) must be completed from the Six (6) choices.

Number:	Activity:	Date:	Adult Signature:
*1	Discover through whom you are eligible for membership in the ALA or SAL and write them a thank you note.		
2	With the help of an adult, order the Presidential Memorial Certificate for a deceased veteran from http://www.cem.va.gov/pmc.asp . This certificate expresses the nation's recognition of their service		
3	Ask a Senior member to tell you about the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program and find two things you can do to serve local veterans through this program.		
4	Write a thank you letter to a veteran, visit them, and talk about their military service.		
5	Make tray favors and send greeting cards to three (3) veterans in a VA Hospital, VA Home, local nursing home or senior center.		
6	Write a letter to the ALA National President or the SAL National Commander and tell them why you appreciate our veterans.		

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