



AMERICANISM

Eva Wallace, Chairman

Americanism Essay Contest

The essays are due to me **no later than April 1, 2024**, {my post office is slow so get them mailed early). Each Unit will judge the essays and only send one per age group category. Don't forget to give each child who participates a Certificate of Participation. They are all special and the thought that goes into each one shows their feelings about "What Does Freedom Mean to Me?" The Department winners will be announced at our Convention in July and National will announce the Division and National winners at National Convention.

"Star Spangled Kids"- a few ideas for your Unit

- 1) Create a Unit Citizenship Award in conjunction with your local schools, honoring kids who have demonstrated the ideals of the U.S. Constitution
- 2) Let your Juniors report on different sections of the Bill of Rights
- 3) Hold a scavenger hunt at the post where children find information relating to the Constitution (Spring Break is coming, have a movie night with the hunt)

"Star Spangled Kids" will be a continuing program, however, National will not be distributing the Americanism Kits, as that was a special grant from the American Legion Children & Youth Foundation. If your Unit would like to continue the kits, I can provide a list of the supplies, or you can make up your own.

Unit Reports are due to me **by April 1, 2024**. Don't forget to email your pictures to me so I can share them with our National Chairman. Who knows, your Unit could be shown on the big screen at the National Convention.

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