

## Member Involvement Policy

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### Members Are the Heart of Modern Woodmen

Our chapter and youth club activities aren't just events – they are chances to bring families together and make a real difference in local communities.

### Why Member Involvement Matters

Modern Woodmen is a 501(c)(8) tax-exempt fraternal benefit society. That means we provide financial products and give back to communities nationwide. Our members share three common bonds:

- Financial security
- Quality family life
- Community impact

Because we're a membership organization with tax exemptions granted by Congress and state legislators, member involvement is essential. These exemptions help fund fraternal programs so members can:

- Join activities that strengthen family and community ties.
- Volunteer and fundraise for causes they care about.
- Work together to create meaningful impact.

### Ways to Boost Member Involvement

#### Plan activities they'll enjoy

- Use the *Activity Ideas* document under Chapter & Club Resources on the Training and Resources site.
- Check Impact magazine for ideas.
- Connect with other leaders in the closed Facebook group.

#### Stay in touch

- Call members personally.
- Share updates and photos in the closed Facebook group.

- Send personal emails or texts inviting members to events.

### **Ask for input**

- Use the member interest survey (found under Chapter & Club Resources) to gather ideas and feedback. Giving members a voice increases participation.

### **Show appreciation**

- Thank members at events and celebrate their volunteer efforts.

### **Guests Are Welcome**

We love when members share the fraternal spirit! Guests - those who don't yet hold a Modern Woodmen certificate or social membership - are welcome to attend activities with a member. The goal is for guests to experience what makes Modern Woodmen special and inspire them to join.

### **A Few Reminders:**

- Chapter and youth club activities are member events, so invitations and mass communications should go to members - not the public. Members can invite guests personally.
- Matching fund projects may be promoted more broadly to boost fundraising and participation.