

# Junior Auxiliary Spring Conference

Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
River Falls, WI



*Calling All WI Auxiliary Juniors!*

Spring Conference is right around the corner!  
**WE WANT YOU!** to come learn more about  
America the Beautiful and our Stars and Stripes!

**Who?** *Juniors ages 1-18 (bring friends too)*

**What?** *American Flag themed junior conference*

**When?** *Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017*

**Where?** *River Falls, Wisconsin*

The Theme of this year's Junior Auxiliary conference is "Stars and Stripes" and we will be learning about the American flag.

I came up with some activities related to the "Stars and Stripes" theme. Feel free to add in some of your ideas too! Something I did not add could be a crossword puzzle. Do not feel like you have to do all of the activities. You will be reimbursed for the supplies you purchase.

Last year there was only three junior members that came so we finished the activities faster than anticipated. Feel free to take walks every once in awhile to burn off some energy. Janet Michaels had me make up a poster to send out to the Auxiliaries to promote the Junior Conference so hopefully you have more of a turn out. The poster is at the top of this page. I would say to plan for about 15-20 juniors because it is better to have too much than not enough.

One thing that might be worth checking into is if there is a veteran's home in River Falls within walking distance from the conference. It might be neat to have the juniors paint flags and decorate the veteran's home with the flags.

Thank you so much for being willing to step in for me this year! If you have any questions, feel free to email me and I would be happy to help! [Laura.L.Bauer@uwsp.edu](mailto:Laura.L.Bauer@uwsp.edu)

Laura Bauer

## **Background Questions:**

Begin the conference with some background information of our flag. Ask the junior members questions. *(Remember they will range in ages so if they don't know, it's 100% okay!)*

**Q: What are the colors on the American flag?**

**A:** Red, White, and Blue

**Q: How many stars are on our flag?**

**A:** 50

**Q: What do the 50 stars symbolize?**

**A:** There is one star per state.

**Q: How many stripes are there on the flag?**

**A:** 13. There are 7 red and 6 white.

**Q: Has our flag always looked like this? (Show a picture of the American flag)**

**A:** No

**Q: What did it look like first?**

**A:** The blue part of the flag used to have 13 stars in a circle to symbolize the original 13 colonies. (Show a picture of the first American flag)

**Q: Do you know what that flag is called?**

**A:** The Grand Union Flag

## **More questions for later throughout the day:**

**Q: Did our flag go straight from having 13 stars to 50 stars?**

**A:** No. We had a 15-star flag which was called the Star Spangled Banner. That flag is what our National Anthem is based on.

**Q: Which state was the last state to declare?**

**A:** Hawaii

**Q: What does the color white symbolize on our flag?**

**A:** Purity and innocence

**Q: What does the color blue symbolize on our flag?**

**A:** Hardiness

**Q: What does the color red symbolize on our flag?**

**A:** Perseverance and Justice

**Q: Does anyone know who made the first American flag?**

**A:** Betsy Ross from Philadelphia

**Q: What is another name for the Fourth of July?**

**A:** Independence Day

**Q: Does anyone know why we call it Independence Day and why we celebrate it on the Fourth of July?**

**A:** July 4<sup>th</sup> is the day America declared their independence from the British.

**Q: What year did that happen?**

**A:** 1776

**Q: Who was the president that year?**

**A:** George Washington

## Possible Activities for the Day

**SUGAR COOKIE BAKING AND DECORATING** (supplies needed: sugar cookie recipe and ingredients, frosting, red and blue food coloring, cookie sheets, hot pads, mixing bowls, measuring cups, sprinkles, star shaped cookie cutter, butter knives) [*might be easiest to make cookies before the conference and just have the juniors decorate them*]

**CHOCOLATE COVERED PRETZELS** (supplies needed: pretzel rods, white chocolate, glass measuring cup, spatula, red and blue food coloring, sprinkles, wax paper)

**GLITTER MASON JAR VASES** (supplies needed: mason jars, mod podge, red glitter, navy blue glitter, white glitter, sponge paintbrushes) [there is a picture of these on the poster on the first page]

**PAPER MACHE MASON JAR CANDLE HOLDERS** (supplies needed: mason jars, red and blue tissue paper, mod podge, sponge paintbrushes, tea light candles) [there is also a picture of these on the poster on the first page]

**EYE SPY SCAVENGER HUNT** (supplies needed: about five copies of the “eye spy” page, something for everyone to write with)

**AMERICAN MANICURE** (supplies needed: nail polish remover, cotton balls/cotton pads, red nail polish, white nail polish, navy blue nail polish, maybe some glitter nail polish and maybe some star stickers, clear coat nail polish)

**FLAG BALLOON DARTS** (supplies needed: red balloons, white balloons, blue balloons, tape, a wall, darts, maybe put a piece of candy in the balloons so there’s incentive to popping them)

**COFFEE FILTER FLOWERS** (supplies needed: coffee filters, paint brushes, red paint, blue paint, silver glitter, glue)



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