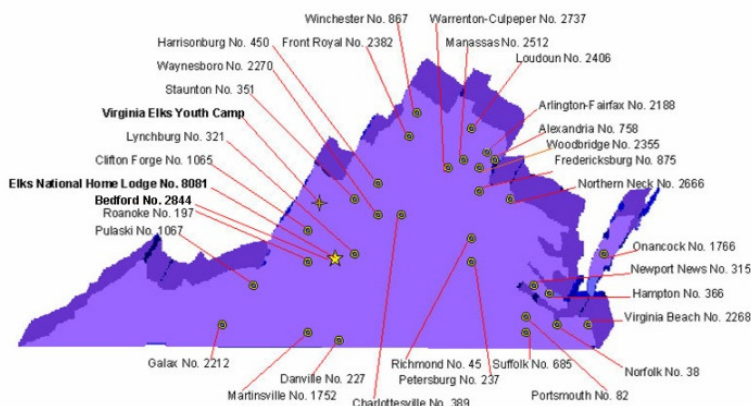


Attention VEA Lodges



Contest 'A' - All American Lodge

The term "All American" in Elkdom and in our society means that you are the best that you can be. There is only one way to earn this title, that is through hard work and dedication to your Lodge and the Programs of our Order.

I have no doubt that a majority of our Lodges are already putting forward the effort to qualify for the All American Lodge Contest "A". A number of Lodges are doing what is required, but unfortunately, are not taking that one more step forward that is needed to enter Contest "A", All American Lodge.

Make the effort to obtain the ultimate in Elkdom, All American status. If you don't try you will not succeed. It may not happen overnight, but through determination and hard work you will reach your goal. The key point to remember is that while you are striving for your success, you will be fulfilling the Programs of our Order and helping so many along the way - proving once more that "Elks Care - Elks Share".

In January of each year, your Lodge will receive an entry form from the Grand Lodge. The form covers all Programs for which points are awarded. Use this form as a guideline to evaluate what your Lodge has accomplished and will strive to fulfill in the future. Carefully follow the directions while completing the form. When your form is complete, certify and send it along with required documentation to your District Deputy, postmarked by March 15.

The National winners will be announced at the Grand Lodge session in July. This is your Lodge's opportunity to be recognized before the entire Order of Elks as the best there is, an All American Lodge

Download: Contest "A" Form (<http://www.elks.org/grandlodge/lasac/files/contesta.pdf>)