

To all Exalted Rulers, Secretaries, and Youth Activities Committee Chairs

Don't forget to apply online for a Promise Grant on July 1. Promise Grants are available for up to \$2,000 for hosting a youth event for local youth. Go to <http://www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm> to read the details. Then, go to <http://www.elks.org/SharedElksOrg/enf/files/PGapplicationinstructionsforweb.pdf> for instructions on how to apply. Remember, there are only 500 grants available and will be given on a "first come – first served" basis to the first 500 lodges that apply and meet the requirements. Also, application is online, only. Stay up late Thursday night and apply after 1 AM (12 midnight, CDT)!!

Below is an excerpt from <http://www.elks.org/enf/community/PromiseGrants.cfm> giving you the basic information about these grants.

Remember to apply next Friday, July 1.

Roger Monger, Webmaster

## **Promise Grants**

*Promise Grants offer Lodges up to \$2,000 to host an event that builds the character and competence of local youth by addressing one or more of five promises to youth:*

- **Caring Adults:** *Ongoing relationships with caring adults offer youth support, care and guidance.*
- **Safe Places:** *Safe places with structured activities during non-school hours provide both physical and emotional safety.*
- **A Healthy Start:** *Adequate nutrition, exercise, and health care pave the way for healthy bodies, healthy minds, and smart habits for adulthood.*
- **Marketable Skills:** *Effective education can help youth successfully navigate the transition from school to work.*
- **Opportunities to Serve:** *Opportunities to give back through community service enhance self-esteem, boost confidence and heighten a sense of responsibility to the community.*



*The Elks of Salisbury, N.C., Lodge 699 treated youngsters from the Nazareth Children's Home to a day at the lake.*

*A Promise Grant is:*

- *A grant of up to \$2,000.*
- *Intended to encourage and support Lodges working to build the character and competence of local youth.*
- *Available **online starting July 1.** [Click here](#) for detailed instructions on how to apply.*