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## **About SPJST**

Founded in 1897 by pioneers of Czech descent in La Grange, Texas, SPJST is a fraternal benefit society, providing life insurance and fraternal benefits to approximately 50,000 members in 117 lodges throughout Texas.

# **The SPJST Youth Program**



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**Pulling  
together  
makes  
wonderful  
things happen!**

## A well-rounded educational, patriotic, and social program

ON THE COVER: SPJST youth club members participate in the Leaders-in-Training (LIT) retreat in Bandera, Texas. LITs apply teamwork in moving the A-frame apparatus and its rider 30 feet from point A to point B.

BELOW: Through active participation in SPJST social, civic, and athletic events, SPJST youth club members acquire team-building skills and establish lifelong friendships.

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## Welcome to the SPJST Youth Program!

SPJST is a fraternal organization founded on the time-honored idea of doing good for each other and for the communities that we seek to serve. **Our youth mission is to provide a well-rounded educational, patriotic, and social program.** We also like to have fun!

Through active participation in local **SPJST Youth Clubs** and **Statewide Events**, youngsters between the ages of five and 18 develop a greater awareness of the common bonds that we all share. SPJST youth clubs also work with community-based organizations to tailor programs to fit local needs.

**SPJST Summer Camp** fosters a spirit of cooperation, forms an appreciation of the natural environment and helps campers to achieve their full potential. Summer camp is provided on the basis of active participation.

SPJST sponsors **Youth Achievement Day (YAD)** competitions on the District and State levels as an educational activity for SPJST youth club members. Contestants field entries in a range of areas including arts and crafts, music, dance, drama, and public speaking. Individuals participating in YAD must be a member by October 31 of the previous year in addition to meeting other contest guidelines.

Knowledge is power. SPJST strongly encourages its outstanding young members to continue their educational development. Since its inception, the **SPJST Scholarship Program** has awarded more than \$1 million to deserving, college-bound youth. Selections are based on academics and leadership. Active youth may also qualify for educational grants.

If you have any questions about participation in the SPJST Youth Program or would like to request membership information, please contact me anytime at the SPJST Home Office in Temple at 800.727.7578. Or, feel free to email me at [johnh@spjst.com](mailto:johnh@spjst.com). I look forward to meeting you!



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