



Minnesota Women of Today
2024-2025 MNJOTS CIP
Youth of Today SPM
Connecting With Children

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Hello MNWT friends,

My name is Cheryl Watson, from the Burnsville Chapter, and I'm the 2024-2025 Youth of Today State Program Manager. I'm excited to work with all of you to "Connect with Children". I've worked with Children as a volunteer in the schools, coordinated youth activities in my chapter and have been a Girl Scout leader and service unit manager. I believe that the MNWT members can make a difference in the lives of children by connecting with them. This year I want to connect with children in trimester 1 during Kids Week, in Trimester 2 with nominations for Outstanding Young Adult and in Trimester 3 with local Girl/Boy Scouts. I'm looking forward to meeting you as I visit chapter and district meetings throughout the year. I will also have project and scholarship fundraising ideas at the MNWT conventions.

August is Youth of Today Emphasis Month

Kids Week August 20-26

This is a great time to connect with children in your community. There are so many things your chapter can do:

- *Host a Picnic in the Park
- *Host an Open Gym at a local School or Community center
- *Have an Ice cream/root beer float social
- *Host a Kids Craft activity
- *Have a Back-to-School carnival and collect School supplies
- *Host Book Bingo at your local library with donated books as prizes

Here's some events that chapters have done in the past:

- *Rice: Bike Rodeo, Kiddie Parade and Cookout
- *Anoka- Refreshments at a concert in the park

I hope your chapter will plan one of these events or another event that your chapter is passionate about for children.

Please remember to submit your project reports, service hours and donations.

Connecting with Children Challenge

I will have a drawing for a Gift Basket at Fall State. Each chapter that submits an activity that the chapter did to "connect with children" during 1st trimester will receive an entry into the drawing.

Chapter/District Visits

I would love to visit and help with your Youth of Today activities. Please let me know if you have something coming up and/or need help. I have organized many activities over the years and am happy to help.

Trimester 1 President Success Bonus Points

- *Complete and submit Fast Start to YT@mnwt.org by July 15 (25 pts)
- *Submit an Outstanding YT Program manager Nomination to YT@mnwt.org verified by PVP (25pts)

See the MNWT President Chapter information Packet (CIP) for the trimester bonus SUCCESS point information!

Fall State Convention

Looking forward to seeing you at the Fall State Convention. Make sure you stop by to check out the Spooktacular Scholarship Silent Auction and learn how your chapter can nominate an Outstanding Young Adult.

Please consult the MNWT official calendar at www.mnwt.org, under Events to ensure that other key dates are not missed.

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