

Youth Activities Janet Kays, Chairman

I cannot think of a better time than now to prepare a youth activities program which will teach students about an important part of American history.

Abraham Lincoln served as the 16th President from 1861 until his assassination in 1865. President Lincoln knew the importance of educating youth about freedom, patriotism, and honor. I am sharing a few quotes from Mr. Lincoln about children.

- 1. Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults.**
- 2. A child is a person who is going to carry on what you have started. He will assume control of your cities, states, and nations. He is going to move in and take over your churches, schools, universities, and corporations. The fate of humanity is in his hands.**
- 3. May our children and our children's children to a thousand generations, continue to enjoy the benefits conferred upon us by a united country, and have cause yet to rejoice under those glorious institutions bequeathed us by (George) Washington and his compeers.**
- 4. It is not merely for to-day, but for all time to come, that we should perpetuate for our children's children this great and free government, which we have enjoyed all our lives.**

February 12th is the birthdate of Abraham Lincoln and February 21st is celebrated as Presidents Day across the nation. Use this opportunity to reach out to a youth group and help them learn about the life of a great man from Illinois and other important people in history who were

important in the birth and growth of our democratic country.

Please do not overlook the importance of the Youth Activities Program. Working the programs of our organization is not just about awards and marks on an x sheet. It is also about taking pride in helping others, fostering patriotism and true allegiance to our country, and educating others about freedom and honor. Do it for our nation, our youth and our future.