

# **Lads to Leaders Events/Competitions**

## **Year-Round Activities**

### **Service Awards**

**Purpose:** To encourage acts of benevolence in young believers.

**Requirements:** There are many different types of service awards available. For information concerning these, please download the service award descriptions form on our website: [wvcoc.org/lads-to-leaders](http://wvcoc.org/lads-to-leaders).

### **Know the Books**

**Purpose:** To teach the books of the Bible and their themes.

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event, in which the participant must recite the books of the Bible. For a higher level of award, the participant must recite all books of the Bible along with their themes (which will be provided). Books must've been recited by the date of Convention (May 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Award Levels:**

- 1) Reciting the either the Old or New Testament books in order
- 2) Reciting all the books of the Bible in order
- 3) Reciting either Testament in order and the book themes
- 4) Reciting all books of the Bible in order with their themes

**Age Groups:** Open to all ages (Only 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade and younger will be allowed to sing the books of the Bible.)

## **Centurion of Scripture**

**Purpose:** To encourage the memorization of God's word.

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event, in which the participant must memorize and recited 100 verses of Scripture. **Don't panic:** This may be done in any number of sittings. They must recite all verses by the date of Convention (May 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Award Levels:**

- 1) 100 verses in any number of sittings.
- 2) 100 verses in two sittings (50 verses each)
- 3) 100 verses in one sitting

**Age Groups:** Open to all ages.

## **Read the Word**

**Purpose:** To encourage everyone to read the Scriptures.

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event, in which the participant must read the entire New Testament, or the Entire Old Testament. One could also read the entire Bible to receive the highest award. They must finish reading by the date of Convention (May 30<sup>th</sup>).

**Award Levels:**

- 1) Read the New Testament
- 2) Read the Old Testament
- 3) Read the entire Bible

**Age Groups:** Open to all ages.

## **Year-Round Song Leading/Songs of Praise**

**Purpose:** To prepare young men to be accomplished song leaders by encouraging them to lead songs at worship assemblies, Bible classes, devotional groups, or other events. Also to prepare young women to in the same manner in gender appropriate events (such as a ladies day/ladies Bible class).

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event. Participants must lead songs 12 times during the year before an audience, using no less than 3 songs.

**Award Levels:**

- 1) Use of 3 different songs
- 2) Use of 4 different songs
- 3) Use of 5 different songs

**Age Groups:** Grades 3-12 will be allowed to participate.

## **Year-Round Speech**

**Purpose:** To promote year-round local public speaking. To prepare students to be accomplished speakers and Bible class teachers.

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event. Participants must prepare and give at least 12 talks before an audience, using no less than 3 different speeches. They can choose to do more, resulting in a higher award. Speeches must all have been spoken by the date of Convention (May 30<sup>th</sup>)

**Award Levels:**

- 1) 12 speeches, using no less than 3 different speeches.
- 2) 18 speeches, using no less than 4 different speeches.
- 3) 24 speeches, using no less than 5 different speeches.

**Age Groups:** Open to Grades 3-12.

# On Site Competitions/Events

## Bible Bowl Competition

**Purpose:** To enable participants to enhance knowledge of textual context; to develop quick reference to Bible facts and gain knowledge of Scripture; to bond through team spirit.

**Requirements:** This is a competitive event, in which the participants (in teams of 4) must compete in a trivia based tournament.

**Award Levels:** The winning teams of each division will receive awards.

**Age Groups:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through Adults will be allowed to compete, but will be split up into their respective age groups:

**Intermediate** (Grades 3-6)

**Teenage** (Grades 7-12)

**Open** (Adults)

## Bible Bowl Written Test

**Purpose:** To enable participants to enhance knowledge of textual context.

**Requirements:** This is a competitive event, in which the individual participants will take a written test on the same material as the above-mentioned Bible Bowl competition.

**Award Levels:** The top scoring competitors of each division will be recognized.

**Age Groups:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade through Adults will be allowed to compete, but will be split up into their respective age groups:

**Intermediate** (Grades 3-6)

**Teenage** (Grades 7-12)

**Open** (Adults)

### **Oral Bible Reading**

**Purpose:** To emphasize the fundamental importance of Bible reading and the strengthen the foundation for public speaking.

**Requirements:** This is a non-competitive event, in which the participant will read a passage of scripture out loud before their fellow participants. The reading must be at least 1 minute long and no longer than 2 minutes.

**Award Levels:** All participants will receive awards.

**Age Groups:** Open to K-6<sup>th</sup> Grade.

### **Song Leading/Songs of Praise**

**Purpose:** To train young men to fulfill the role of song leaders in the church, since singing is a vital part of the worship service. Also to train young women to lead songs for ladies events.

**Requirements:** This is a competitive event in which the participant will lead a song before their fellow participants and families.

**Award Levels:** In each age group, there will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Age Groups:** Grades 3-12 will be allowed to compete, but will be split up into their respective age groups.

## **Speech**

**Purpose:** To provide a challenge to students to excel in public speaking and encourage high standards in speech content, organization, and delivery.

**Requirements:** This is a competitive event in which the participant will give a short sermon (or speech) before their fellow participants and families. The lesson must be centered on the theme of Lads to Leaders this year. Grades 3-6 speeches must be three to five minutes in length. Grades 7-12 speeches must be four and a half to six minutes in length.

**Award Levels:** In each age group, there will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Age Groups:** Grades 3-12 will be allowed to compete, but will be split up into their respective age groups.

## **Puppet Theater** *(A more extensive rules list can be found at [www.wvcoc.org](http://www.wvcoc.org))*

**Purpose:** To train students to teach children biblical principles using puppets. Participants learn valuable team-working skills in their preparation and presentation. Great opportunity for participants to gain self-confidence in public presentations.

**Requirements:** This is a competitive event in which the participating team will perform a puppet show before their fellow participants and families. It must adhere to the theme of the year. Also, there may be no more than 5 members on a team. (4 or less are recommended, as five would have trouble all fitting backstage.) After announcement, each team will have a total of 12 minutes to set up, present puppet show, remove all equipment, and exit the stage.

**Award Levels:** In each age group, there will be awarded 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

**Age Levels:** Grades 3-6. Performances will be held in the following divisions: Open/Teen/Intermediate. The team must participate in the division of the oldest member. Students may participate on only one puppet team. Students in grades K-2 may participate on third grade or older puppet teams.