



## CALIFORNIA-HAWAII ELKS ASSOCIATION

### Youth Activities & Soccer Program 2026/2027

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#### 2026/2027 Aims and Goals

To provide the District Chairs with up-to-date materials and information needed by each lodge to assist in the early planning stages of their calendars for the Elk year

To encourage the use of our CHEA website program page, for quick reference of youth activities and materials

To emphasize the importance of documenting all youth activities needed to accurately submit quarterly reports, and to assure the District chairs have the tools they need to support chronically late or non-responsive lodges.

To continue expansion of the local Soccer Shoot activity to build interest and encourage a progressively more competitive program through the Virtual Soccer Shoot, elevating support to increase the number of participating lodges to justify regional competition

Through review of the incoming quarterly reports, recognize any hesitation of local lodges to expand their scope of activities designed for youth,

To ensure District Chairs are prepared to promote positive support for the Youth Activities programs at District Deputy clinics

To encourage lodges to expand their services and activities to schools and local groups utilizing all the programs covered under the many Youth Activities available.

To take advantage of modern communication platforms and outside media in addition to our bulletins and Elks magazines, to keep Youth Activities in the fore front of the local community.

To encourage lodge funding and promote the use of available grants.

Finally, to convey that, at the end of the day, working with our youth is rewarding and if you let yourself have fun at it, so will they.

**“OUR YOUTH – OUR FUTURE”**