

Who We Are

With a combined membership of over 1,000,000 members in the Loyal Order of Moose and Women of the Moose, our presence is felt in over 1,500 communities across all 50 states, four Canadian provinces, plus Great Britain and Bermuda.

Our Origin

Our roots can be traced to 1888 and the founder of the Moose, Dr. Henry Wilson, who successfully established the first Lodge in Louisville, Kentucky. In the early years, the Moose was to serve a modest goal of offering men an opportunity to gather socially, to care for one another's needs and celebrate life together.

Since those early years, our fraternal organization rapidly expanded to include valuable service to our communities, care for children and teens in need at Mooseheart Child City & School, a 1,000-acre campus, located 40 miles west of Chicago and care for our senior members at Moosehaven, a 70-acre retirement community near Jacksonville, Florida.

Our Mission Statement

Strive for excellence in the following areas:

- A fraternal program and community service within our lodge and chapter system known as the Loyal Order of Moose and the Women of the Moose.
- To provide a family environment and education for underprivileged children in our community and residing at Mooseheart.
- To provide for the needs of seniors in our community and the members at Moosehaven.
- To promote membership growth.

Our Membership

Our membership consists of both young and old. To become a member is by sponsorship only. The potential candidate must be at least 21 years old and be sponsored by an active member of either the Loyal Order of Moose or the Women of the Moose.

Member Benefits

A Moose membership card provides access to over 1,500 Lodges across North America, but it also offers much, much more. Our Moose Benefits Program provides benefits that allow members to save more than their annual membership dues. Being a member of the Moose Fraternity offers members with a variety of money saving opportunities in categories like Travel, Entertainment, Insurance, and Health & Wellness.

Moose Rewards Program

Earn Points for sponsoring members, attending meetings, holding office, or just renewing your dues, then redeem your points for valuable awards, gifts, and experiences.

Moose Charities

Moose Charities Inc., is a registered nonprofit, Illinois-based 501 (c)3 charity, charged with the primary goal of providing the necessary resources for the continued support and maintenance of the Mooseheart Child City & School and the Moosehaven retirement community.

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And Celebrating Life**



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Welcome To The Moose

What We Do

The Moose organization contributes between \$75 to \$100 million worth of community service. Our contributions include monetary donations, volunteer hours worked, and miles driven annually. Our goal is for residents, both members and non-members, to see the Moose as “*The Heart of the Community.*” The following “CORE Programs” demonstrate our commitment to the community.

Special Olympics - In 2009, the Moose made possible the first Special Olympics National Invitational Softball Tournament, which was held in Lincoln, Nebraska as a test event for the 2010 Special Olympics USA Games. Since that initial event, we have sponsored the softball venue at the 2010 and 2014 Special Olympics USA Games, and have enabled Special Olympics to hold a North American Softball Invitational Tournament during the interim period between USA Games.

Moose is pleased to support and volunteer to work at local Special Olympics events in our lodge communities and across the fraternity. Members are encouraged by seeing first hand the impact we have in our local communities.

Safe Surfin - The Moose fraternity has always had concern for the welfare of children as one of its core missions. It should come as no surprise that the fraternity that cares enough about children to make Mooseheart a reality enters the 21st century with protection of children who use the Internet as a key concern. In 2008, the Moose entered into a partnership with the Safe Surfin’ Foundation, a Virginia-based organization which has been a leader in attempts to keep the Internet a safe place for children to explore. In addition to educating children and their parents on using the Internet safely, support provided by the Moose has enabled Safe Surfin’ to expand its programs to furnishing law enforcement with computer equipment to be used to pursue Internet predators, as well as ballistic vests to protect officers while apprehending these criminals. Moose is also a strong proponent of the EZ Child ID program, which provides parents with an electronic file that contains personal information, electronic fingerprints, photographs and a video file of their children. This information is readily available to law enforcement if a child becomes lost or is abducted.



Youth Awareness - For more than 25 years, we have organized high school students into a highly effective speakers’ bureau with the goal of educating preschool and elementary school-aged children on a variety of topics, including drug and alcohol abuse, child abuse, “stranger danger,” bullying, peer pressure, and healthy habits and nutrition. Through Moose “KidsTalks” presentations, participants in the program have reached an audience more than 750,000 children throughout North America. Students also have a chance to compete for \$30,000 in college scholarship money that is awarded annually through this program.

Tommy Moose - The Tommy Moose program aids in helping children overcome fears and anxiety during times of stress. Donated to Law Enforcement, Fire, and other Emergency workers, Tommy Moose plush dolls are presented to children in various traumatic situations.

Veterans’ Programs - It is certainly no secret that supporting those who have served our countries is something special to Moose members, and many lodges already put forth efforts that benefit military veterans. It has been determined that these activities should receive a higher degree of recognition, and as a result, support of veterans will fall under the inner-most circle of the Heart of the Community program.