



ELROY is the Elks Drug Awareness mascot. ELROY is available for use at just about any public events, free of charge. To schedule the ERLOY at your event, please contact your local Elk's Lodge for details and scheduling information.



For more information on the Elks, the Elks Drug Awareness Program, or to locate your nears Elks Lodge, Please go to WWW.ELKS.ORG

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The Elks Drug Awareness Program currently has material dealing with Alcohol, Methamphetamine, Marijuana, and Tobacco. Other Drug Awareness material is also available afford at no cost to you.



The Elks Drug Awareness Trailers contains a large selection of Drug Awareness Information from videos, posters, pamphlets, coloring books, fatal vision goggles, and promotional give away items. The Elks Drug Awareness Trailers are available for use at just about any public events, free of charge. To schedule the Elks Drug Awareness Trailer at your event, please contact your local Elk's Lodge for details and scheduling information.

Elk's Drug Awareness Program



Who We Are and What We are About!

Who Are the *ELKS?*

Our Mission:

To inculcate the principles of Charity, Justice, Brotherly Love and Fidelity; to recognize a belief in God; to promote the welfare and enhance the happiness of its Members; to quicken the spirit of American patriotism; to cultivate good fellowship; to perpetuate itself as a fraternal organization, and to provide for its government, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America will serve the people and communities through benevolent programs, demonstrating that *Elks Care and Elks Share*.

Our Programs:

- Elks National Foundation
- America's Promise
- Scholarships
- Veterans Services
- Hoop Shoot
- Drug Education
- Youth Activities
- Elks National Home

The Elks are well known for their dedication to providing America's youth with a bright future. In 1997, the Elks made seven promises to America's youth.

One of the promises was to sponsor drug-free proms or graduation parties in 2,000 communities by the year 2000. The Elks National Foundation and the Elks Drug Awareness Program are proud to announce their partnership with Safe Night USA to help meet this commitment.

As an incentive, the Elks Drug Awareness Program, through funding by the Elks National Foundation, has offered to reimburse expenses of up to \$200 for any Lodge that participates. For more information on Safe Night USA, visit their website at www.pbs.org/safenight.

The Elks have also committed to developing mentoring relationships with 20,000 youth and involving 275,000 youth in community service. The Elks have developed several new programs to meet these ambitious goals.

The BPOE pledged to commit \$34.9 million a year in support of Scouting, athletic programs, the Elks "Hoop Shoot" National Free Throw Contest, and other youth organizations and programs. In 1996-97, the BPOE exceeded this goal, by contributing \$44.53 million, and in 1997-98, the Elks once again surpassed its goal by contributing \$44.96 million to youth programs and organizations.

The BPOE also pledged to provide \$6.5 million each year in college scholarships, based on need, leadership, and scholastic ability. In 1996-97, the Elks contributed \$6.56 million in scholarships, and in 1997-98 \$8.52 million in scholarships was provided. The Elks commitment to its many college scholarship programs has made it one of the largest private source of college scholarships in the nation.

Another commitment made by the BPOE was to

provide \$12.1 million each year, by the year 2000, in aid to children with disabilities and to drug education and prevention programs. In 1996-97, the Elks contributed \$11.95 million. In 1997-98, the Elks met its commitment with more than \$14 million in contributions.

Since its inception in 1983, the Elks Drug Awareness Program has worked to prevent drug use by our youth through education. The Elks recognize that they are not experts in the field of drug education. However, we do have the resources -- in dollars, facilities and volunteers -- to work with the experts to ensure that young people know the facts about drugs. In addition to sponsoring seminars, workshops and drug-free functions, we print and distribute literature developed by authorities on drug awareness. Since 1983, we've printed and handed out more than 125 million pieces of literature to students, their teachers and their parents. The Elks Drug Awareness program holds essay and poster contest to help the youth of America understand the dangers of drug use.

