

American Legion Auxiliary
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Leadership Article

We have such a large array of programs available to help our veterans, their families, children and our community that it so hard to choose which programs you, as a Chairman, or your Unit should participate in. Sometimes you may feel intimidated or confused with the many choices available. The best way to handle this is to follow these steps.

1. Consider your community and which program can be accomplished within your community.
2. Consider which programs are of interest to your members and best suit their talents.
3. Consider the Unit's resources – members, the money needed and the time required to work the program.
4. Setup a planning meeting with the participating members to work out how the program project will be completed.
5. Be sure to document “who, what, where and when” of your program so you can report all the activities working the program.
6. ENJOY!! HAVE FUN!!

If your Unit is small you might want to work with another Unit on a program. Joining resources can make it easier for both Units to work a program. It is also fun to get together and share ideas. By following these steps the large array of programs available to the American Legion Auxiliary members is not so daunting.

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