



Hello Team Arizona from Youth Chair Crystal!

I am beyond excited to kick off this year as your Department Youth Activities Chairperson! As a lifelong Denver Broncos fan, combining football season energy with Youth Activities feels like the perfect game plan for an incredible year ahead.

This year, our focus is simple: start where we are, use what we have, and make meaningful connections with the youth in our communities. We don't need giant budgets or complicated programs to make a lasting impact. Sometimes the smallest efforts create the biggest wins.

Our game plan this year revolves around three simple "plays":

Play #1 – Build the Foundation

We'll focus on creating strong relationships through simple outreach, literacy projects, patriotism, creativity, and visibility in our communities. This is where we plant the seeds for future growth.

Play #2 – Draft Your Team

No successful team works alone! We'll encourage partnerships with schools, libraries, scouts, youth groups, community organizations, and fellow Auxiliary members who want to jump in and help make a difference.

Play #3 – Run the Play

This is where ideas come to life! From art projects and reading initiatives to Lending Libraries and community events, we'll take what we've built and put it into action in ways that work for each Auxiliary.

Throughout the year, I'll be sharing simple ideas, resources, seasonal activities, and easy ways your Auxiliary can participate without feeling overwhelmed. My goal is to help make Youth Activities approachable, fun, meaningful, and something every Auxiliary feels confident tackling.

At the end of the day, our Youth Programs are about more than activities. They're about building patriotism, kindness, leadership, literacy, confidence, and community connections that can last a lifetime.

So, grab your playbook, Team Arizona — because I truly believe this is going to be another amazing year!