

Joint Project Ideas!

Service Projects for CKI and K-Kids

Is your Circle K club looking to make connections with the youngest branch of the Kiwanis Family? Here are a few tips to help you along the way!

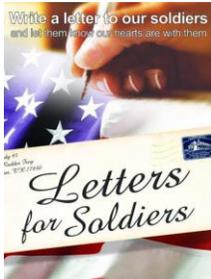
- **Evaluate the needs of your community:** Every community is different and has different needs. If the animal shelter has an overabundance of cat food, don't host a food drive with K-Kids. Always look first in your community to see what is needed, then continue and look at project ideas and adapt them as needed.
- **Keep in mind limitations:** K-Kid members need projects that can be done on the school's grounds and during general meeting times to avoid permission slips and liability concerns. If there is an afterschool or off-campus project, be sure to provide appropriate notice to the parents/guardians and to school officials. Crafty projects are always a great idea. Of course different schools have different rules so please make sure to check with the administration and advisor beforehand!
- **Plan well in advance:** Sometimes it can take a bit longer to gather supplies since it will most likely be held on site at the school. Make sure to start planning early and get the K-Kids just as involved in the planning process.
- **Evaluate:** Make sure you take the time to debrief with your club and the K-Kids after the event. Use the time to get feedback on how the event was successful and how it could be improved for the future.
- **Don't stress:** Either during planning or during the event, make sure to relax! Take the time and focus on the true meaning of the project, connecting and inspiring a new generation of the Kiwanis Family!
- **Invite K-Kids to your events:** Include them by welcoming the K-Kids to CKI events such as talent shows, sports fundraisers, or clean-ups. By simply inviting them to a project or event, it not only increases your volunteer numbers but also strengthens your K-Family ties!

Making cards for various occasions- For pretty much any holiday, K-Kids can get creative and make greeting cards for retirement/veteran's homes. Make sure to coordinate with the homes where they are to be delivered to check and guidelines that must be adhered to.



Flower straws- Can be used with *Meals on Wheels* program to brighten people's day!

Letter's to Soldiers- Help make the day of someone stationed far from their home. Go through an organization set up for this activity.



Bookmarks for school or public library- Either let them make their own or print off coloring bookmarks with seasonal or educational themes.

Paper holiday decorations- These can be used around the school or given to a retirement home/hospital to help celebrate the holidays!



Organize a drive- Have K-Kids sponsor a book, clothing, food, or pop tab drive. Check with the organization the drive would benefit for things needed or recommended.

Campus beautification (trash pick-up) – This is a super easy and much needed project around the school. All you need is a nice day, trash bags, and plastic gloves for the students.



Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF- Either encourage K-Kids to go out on Halloween or go around the school. One good idea (if approved by their school) is to dress up and trick or treat during Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences.



Make desk/school supply holders- Use recycled soup cans to create a great gift for teacher appreciation.

Veteran's Day pins- These beaded pins are great ways to celebrate your country! You can either make and distribute them to veterans or sell them at the school to raise money.



Friendship bracelets- These are great for hospitals, kid's programs, and even fundraisers.

Host an event- Host a Halloween, Valentine's, or any other holiday party for your K-Kids; it's a great bonding activity!



Care packages- Put together care packages either for soldiers or for the organization *Operation Christmas Child*, sending gifts to children across the world that wouldn't normally receive gifts.

Ask the K-Kids! Many K-Kids have their own initiatives they want to do. Hold a brainstorming session at one of the first meetings or at the end of the year to gain some great ideas straight from those who will be doing it!

