

K-Kids Interactions



K-Kids is an international student-led organization for elementary-aged children, providing members with opportunities to perform service, build character, and develop leadership.

Core values:

Character building: The ability to do the right thing, even when it might be the unpopular choice.

Leadership: The ability to listen, communicate, serve, and guide others.

Inclusiveness: The ability to accept and welcome differences in other people.

Caring: The act of being concerned about or interested in



Some Suggestions to What Your Club Can Do

Community Clean Up

- Have a Kiwanis family clean up of a local park or forest. Split up into groups that have at least one member from each branch represented.



Scramble for Charity

- Host a fundraiser for the K-Kids, their families, and their school. You can host an Egg Hunt and charge money for registration. Have bins with 2 or 3 different charities and whichever charity has the most eggs wins all the money!

Caroling for a Cause

- Go around the neighborhood and sing holiday carols! The cute K-Kids members bring more attention than just Circle Ker's.

Lemonade Stand

- Hosting a lemonade stand is a perfect way to fundraise money. K-Kids are the perfect volunteers to help make and serve the lemonade!



Trick or Treat for UNICEF

- It is not safe to trick or treat alone, so set up a trick or treating event with your local K-Kids to fundraise money for UNICEF.

Dime Wars

- Have a competition between your local K-Kids and your Circle K club: who can collect the most dimes!



Cards for Children

- Decorating cards for children in the hospital always puts a smile on everyone's face!

Bookmarks

- Decorating bookmarks are always a fun favorite during meetings! Give them to your local library to distribute.

Write a Book

- Write or color their own stories into a book that parents in a Neonatal Intensive Care Unit can read to their children.



Tips on how to interact with the K-Kids

Modify your vocabulary to make sure kids understand you.

- Sometimes we use advanced language that they do not understand
- Also, remember to screen your language: no cursing!

Always use the term “guardian,” rather than “parent.”

- We don't know what the child's background at home is.

Befriend the kids and interact at their skill level.

- Don't tower over them with superiority

Be patient with kids.

- Sometimes they can be a handful!

Get to know the K-Kids!

- You will probably end up working with them for the next year, so get to know their names!

Chartering and Co-Sponsoring a K-Kids

There are three simple steps:

1. **Find:** Find advisors, members and a place to meet.
2. **Lead:** Get organized, file paperwork, train club leaders and build enthusiasm.
3. **Serve:** Reach out to the community and make a difference through meaningful service projects.

All the resources you need for each of these steps and further information can be found at:

http://kiwaniskids.org/en/KKids/Discover/Start_a_club.aspx

To find your local K-Kids, please contact the Kiwanis International Office at 1-800-549-2647 extension 411, and an operator will direct you to the appropriate personnel.



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