

Key Club Interactions



More than 5,000 high schools have Key Clubs

Mission Statement: Key Club is an international student-led organization, which provides its members with opportunities to provide service, build character and develop leadership.

Vision: We are caring and competent servant leaders transforming communities worldwide.

Core Values: leadership, character building, caring and inclusiveness

Some Suggestions for What Your Club Can Do

Dress up and Read

Around Halloween, help organize a day when high school students can dress up as their favorite book characters. The students can then go to elementary schools and read “their story” to the children and maybe even sign a few autographs! If you would simply like to go to a class and visit on a regular basis you can always adopt a classroom. You can not only read to the children, but also create special math games designed to make learning fun, and offer tutoring services if individual children are in need of extra help. Set up a writing program, and encourage the students to write letters to you and you can write letters back to them.

Stomp Out the Doldrums

Assist in organizing this fun idea! “Footloose” is an opportunity for faculty members to show just how creative and crazy they can be. Teachers are asked to dress up their feet using items such as wild-colored socks, boots, leg warmers, polka-dot sheets, or panda bear slippers. Pictures are taken of participating feet and displayed on a bulletin board. Students and teachers then vote for the most unique pair of feet. A prize is given to the winning teacher. Jump in yourself!

Toy Dance

Help host a dance at your school or community hall to which the only admission is a new or used toy. The toys can then be donated to needy children.

Common Service Partners

There are a lot of unique things to do with Key Club involving our service partners. Some options include Trick-O-Treat for UNICEF and fundraising to bring awareness about premature births with March of Dimes. The Children’s Miracle Network is another one of their service partners that you can always work with too.

Recognize Responsibility

This would be a great project to help build school camaraderie! Get students to recruit school staff members to nominate up to ten students weekly who have demonstrated positive acts, such as helping an injured student on crutches; taking homework home to a student who is sick; volunteering time; improving attitude, conduct, attendance, or grades; providing leadership; or encouraging school spirit. A staff committee reviews all nominations and selects up to ten students to receive recognition. Each Monday, the winners are announced over the PA system.

How to Interact with Key Clubs

As Key Club is a high school organization, several factors must be taken into consideration when trying to arrange group projects and special events. Each Key Club must be treated differently when it comes to the actual school that it is sponsored through. Certain efforts must be put forth, including contacting the high school principal or counselor to find out if it is all right for Circle K members to enter the school and, if so, what times are appropriate. After these details have been laid out, it is important that these rules are followed to the letter of the law so as not to endanger the activities of the club. Now you are ready to start building relationships with the students and the advisors of the Key Clubs! In choosing projects and activities, be sure to pick them based on the interests of the Key Club so that participation can be optimized. Also, be careful of what dates you pick. If a joint project is scheduled for a school holiday or on a school-wide affair such as state testing, prom, or graduation, students' abilities to be involved may be diminished. Most importantly, a joint project could not be successful without the participation of other K-Family members, whether it be K-Kids, Builders Club, Aktion Club, Kiwanis, or Circle K!



Chartering and Co-Sponsoring a Key Club

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

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://www.kiwanisone.org/Pages/Resources/default.aspx?PageID=375>



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