

Valley Lutheran High School

Key Club Newsletter

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Newsletters are emailed to all members and are available on the School Website. Check them out for information on the latest club happenings and volunteer opportunities.

Remember to log your hours on the 1-800-volunteer.org web site. This is the official log of your hours for the United Way service award. To receive this award you must have accumulated 25 service hours during each year of high school. They count hours from June 1st to May 31st as a school year. Seniors must have their hours completed and recorded by April 1st. The United Way only counts service hours worked on "community service" projects. They do not count hours worked for your church or non-public schools.

Another award that you can work towards is the Key Club Medal. This is one of the few awards that can be worn during the commencement ceremony. To earn this award, you must acquire 50 hours of service during each of your junior and senior years. You can count hours worked for your church or school in this total.

Get Your T-Shirt Orders In

If you want a Key Club T-Shirt, get your order in before November 13th. The cost is \$8.00 each. The order form was included in last week's newsletter. Place the completed order form, along with your payment, in the Key Club box in the school office.

Bring Your "Normal Sized" Shoe Boxes to Mr. Zill's Room

Key Club will be sponsoring a "Christmas Boxes for the Homeless" program this year and we need about 60 shoe boxes. We have requested funding from the United Way to assist with this project. **We need someone to take charge of this project, as well as people to go shopping for the needed supplies.**

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Christmas is coming and so are the Salvation Army kettles. The Key Club will again be "manning the bells". The Salvation Army has reserved Saturday, December 19th from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. @ Wal-Mart on Brockway (Food Entrance) for us. Our sponsoring Kiwanis Club will be at the other entrance. Let's see if we can "out ring" and "out collect" them.

Mobile Food Pantry

A mobile food pantry has been scheduled for Monday December 21st at the Neighborhood House. We need as many volunteers as possible to help with this food distribution. Bring your friends and join in the fun. Unloading begins at 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Fall District Rally – Saturday, November 21, 2009 at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, Frankenmuth.

Gift Wrapping at Barnes and Noble – Friday, December 4th from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Salvation Army Bell Ringing – Saturday, Dec. 19th from 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. at the Wal-Mart on Brockway (Grocery entrance).

Mobile Food Pantry – Dec. 21st at the Neighborhood House (3145 Russell Street, Saginaw).

District Convention – March 19-21, 2010 at the Treetops Resort, Gaylord MI. More information will be available in January.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

(Taken from United Way Weekly Listings)

To volunteer your services or to donate goods, please call Karla Brzak at the United Way of Saginaw County 755-0433, Ext. 214, kabrzak@unitedwaysaginaw.org. Or **check out our web-based volunteer program at www.1-800-Volunteer.org.**

MUSICIANS & VOCALISTS needed by local agency to play the piano, organ, violin, harp or other instruments. Also seeking volunteers who sing or do public speaking to perform at fundraising and community awareness events.

BINGO callers and helpers needed at local organization on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00 pm. Help is needed to transfer patients to bingo from their unit. All ages welcome.

READING MENTORS Dependable volunteers needed to serve as reading mentors with elementary children. Volunteer one hour, one day a week during the school year. Daytime and after school times available in many locations throughout Saginaw County.

AFTERCARE volunteers are needed to take care of donors after they have donated blood by serving them cookies and juice, talking to them and watching for adverse reactions. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old. Volunteers are needed at various locations and various times.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES ASSISTANTS are needed by local organization to assist the volunteer coordinator and improve the office efficiency by providing basic clerical assistance.

READING MENTORS are needed by local organization to Reach out and Read! Volunteers are being sought to read to children in the pediatrics rooms of local doctor's office. Volunteers must be at least 14 years old.

LIFE ENRICHMENT volunteers are needed to lead activity programs, specifically bingo on Friday afternoons, at local nursing home. All supplies are provided. Responsibilities include setup and teardown.