

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.

Key Club Celebrates 85th anniversary

2010 marks the 85th anniversary of the founding of the first Key Club in Sacramento High School in Sacramento, California. Since then, Key Club has grown to be the largest high school service organization in the world with clubs in more than 5000 high schools. Even Elvis Presley was a Key Club member. (If you do not know the name, ask your parents.)

Attention Juniors and Seniors

To be eligible to receive the Key Club Medallion at graduation, you must have accumulated at least 50 hours of service during each of your junior and senior years and have attended 75% of the weekly meetings. Graduating seniors must complete the service hours and submit their record of the service to the Key Club advisor for verification at least two weeks prior to the Senior Awards banquet.

Summer is Coming

Summer will soon be here. How will you spend it? Summer break provides a great opportunity to pad your list of service hours. There are many, many community activities happening during the summer months, and all of them need volunteers to be successful. If you look around, you are sure to find something that will interest you. This is also a great time to try something new. Most of the summer activities are short term, so even if you find that your choice is not a perfect match, you are not obligated for the long term.

Don't forget about the summer sporting activities. Many summer sport leagues need assistant coaches, equipment managers, scorekeepers and other workers. Check with the league organizers for your favorite sports.

Summer is also a great time to look at year round service opportunities such as hospitals, nursing homes, day care centers and thrift shops. Many of these agencies need extra help during the summer or while their regular volunteers are on vacations. If you find an activity that you like working on, you may have the opportunity to continue year round.

You can also work with your grade school or church. Check with the principle or trustees for a list of jobs. You will likely find that they have a "waiting list" of jobs that no one ever gets around too. It may be gardening, yard work, cleaning graffiti, or removing the gum that you hid under your desk so many years ago. You may find this arrangement to be more "comfortable" in that you would be working with people that you already know.

You have many opportunities to choose from. Look around and find something that interests you. Do not let the summer go to waste. Seize the opportunity and make a difference in your community.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Key-Leader Conference – May 21-23, 2010 at the Howell Conference Center. Full details are available at the Key-Leader web site <http://www.key-leader.org>.

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**.

OFFICE HELP is needed by local organization label post cards, help with bulk mailings and make copies. Must be at least 13 years old. Hours are flexible.

SPRING CLEANING volunteers are needed to assist local agency on April 17, for a day to clean the agency inside and out. Lunch will be served to all volunteers. All ages welcome.

READING MENTOR volunteers are needed to provide individualized reading time with students to help children learn to read and practice their reading skills. Mentors convey positive values that young children need to succeed and encourage children to view reading as a pleasurable experience.

ENTERTAINMENT volunteers are needed to perform, play music, sing and share their talents during a family friendly entertainment time on the weekends at local museum. Available hours are Saturday from 10am-5pm and Sunday from 12pm-5pm. Family volunteers are welcome.

EARTH DAY EVENT volunteers are needed by local waste authority to assist in duties for annual event on Saturday, May 1, 2010. Tasks include assisting at entrance gate, helping children make crafts, help with games, face painting and assisting with recycling collection. Volunteers must enjoy working with children.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES assistant is needed by local organization to assist the Coordinator to improve office efficiency. Volunteer would be in charge of basic office support such as filing, making copies, faxing, answering phones and scheduling volunteer orientations. Meal tickets will be provided for 4 hours of work.

KITCHEN HELP is needed by local agency to serve lunch and/or dinner, Monday thru Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 4:30. Volunteers must be at least 15 years old.

ADULT LITERACY tutors are needed by local organization to help adults learn to read. Volunteers must complete training to be matched with adult students. Training is free to those willing to volunteer.