

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.

United Way Service Award Program Deadline is Near!!!

What is the United Way of Saginaw County Student Service Award Program?

The United Way of Saginaw County (UWSC) Student Service Award is a way of recognizing high school graduates who volunteer a considerable number of hours to benefit their community through service and volunteerism during the course of their high school careers. The UWSC Student Service Award will honor those special students who give their time, talent and treasure in activities outside of their school that help make an impact in their community. The Volunteer Pin will serve as a symbol of pride and dedication to helping other people and organizations in a considerable way.

How Can You Receive the Service Award?

Over the course of four years in a Saginaw County high school, students complete and officially document a significant number of hours of non-paid community service. Students must be registered on United Way of Saginaw County's volunteer management website, 1-800-Volunteer.org. Through this program, participants will secure volunteer opportunities and record their service hours. A minimum of 25 hours must be done each school year. * Participants will also be responsible for making sure their hours are verified by the corresponding agencies. Participants in 9th – 11th grades must make sure all their hours for that year have been entered and verified by June 1st of that school year. **Participants that have met all the previous years' requirements must have everything submitted and verified by April 15th of their graduating year. They must also complete a Service Award evaluation form and submit a reflective essay/summary of their experiences.** The award is not contingent upon grade point averages or activities done through the school - it is based on volunteer hours and how much time committed to the community. Once everything is submitted and verified the graduate will be recognized and given a pin at their senior awards ceremony.

Recognition of Your Commitment

The students from all Saginaw County high schools will be eligible to receive this prestigious award. This award will also be beneficial to the community as well as the student. The student will be able to put the award in their portfolio for future employment and college applications, and will be able to use the official UWSC volunteer summary when applying for scholarships and grants. Student recognition will take place at the annual honors award program at each school before graduation, when the student will receive:

- A pin to be worn as a token of honor with the graduation cap and gown,
- An official United Way of Saginaw County Service Report documenting hours served in their community, and
- A Certificate of Community Service from United Way of Saginaw County

Phase-In Period

To begin implementing the Award Program, United Way will allow these future graduating classes to complete the following reduced service hours.

2010 – 75 hours completed over three years
2011 and beyond - 100 hours completed over all four years

**Additional Information*

Hours will not be counted for church, school or individual volunteering. United Way of Saginaw County Volunteer Services will make the initial determination if the service qualifies for the award requirements. All service hours must be recorded on 1-800-volunteer.org. For any questions or for more information contact, [Kelly Johnson](mailto:Kelly.Johnson@uwsc.org).

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**.

RESALE SHOP volunteers are needed by local agency to staff sales floor. Duties include assisting customers, operating register, pricing and rotating stock and creating store displays. Must be at least 13 years old.

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.

THERAPIST volunteers are needed to provide individual, couple and group therapy at local organization. Must be licensed. Psychotherapy and/or substance abuse treatment experience preferred.

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.