

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 CHANGES!!!

The United Way of Saginaw County has announced that it will discontinue their service award program after this year. To streamline the process for this year's seniors, they have eliminated the Service Award Evaluation form and the need to submit a reflective essay. Graduating seniors that have completed 25 hours of eligible service during each of their sophomore, Junior and Senior years need to complete the new Application Sheet and submit it to Kelly Johnson at the address specified on the form. The form is attached to this newsletter or can be downloaded from the United Way of Saginaw County web site:

http://unitedwaysaginaw.org/index.php?pr=United_Way_Student_Service_Award

The application form must be submitted before April 15, 2010. United Way personnel will then verify the hours recorded on the 1800-Volunteer web site and notify the applicant of their status.

East Side Soup Kitchen

Saturday, April 17th, the East Side Soup Kitchen in Saginaw is in need of volunteers to do some "spring cleaning". They need 25 people. If you are interested in helping, please sign up in the Key Club binder in the RC. We need to contact the soup kitchen soon to let them know we're interested in helping and how many volunteers we can provide. We'll leave the sign-up sheet in the binder until this Friday. Then we'll call the soup kitchen and let them know how many people we have interested. You can still sign-up after Friday, but we would prefer if you signed-up before then so we can have an accurate number of volunteers when we contact the soup kitchen.

Michigan Waste Authority

Saturday, May 1st, the Michigan Waste Authority (MWA) is hosting the "Go Wild!" event at the Saginaw Children's Zoo. They need about 15 volunteers to help kids with crafts, do some face painting, and help with give-a-ways and games. The sign-up sheet for this is in the KC binder in the RC. We'll be collecting it this Friday and giving the MWA a call to inform them as to how many volunteers we have. We would appreciate it if people would sign-up before then so we have an accurate number to give the MWA. This would be a great opportunity if you need some hours.

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.



United Way of Saginaw County Student Service Award

United Way would like to recognize the dedicated Valley Lutheran High School Key Club members who have given back to their community over the course of their high school career. In order for a key club member, graduating in 2010, to receive the prestigious Student Service Award, the student must have recorded 75 hours of service and meet the service guidelines:

- Sophomore year (September 1, 2007 through August 30, 2008) – 25 hours
- Junior year (September 1, 2008 through August 30, 2009) – 25 hours
- Senior year (September 1, 2009 through April 15, 2010) – 25 hours
- 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 the 1-800-volunteer.org website.

Once a student has completed their 75 hours of service to the community, they can fill out the Student Service Award Application Sheet. The form must be filled out and submitted to United Way by April 15, 2010. After application review, the student will be notified by United Way staff on the status of their award. *(Please note – the 2010 students will **NOT** need to complete an evaluation form or essay to receive their award)*

Students receiving the United Way of Saginaw County Student Service Award 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 the community
- A Certificate of Community Service from United Way of Saginaw County

If you have any questions, concerns or would like an audit of your hours, please feel free to contact Kelly Johnson at (989) 755-0433, ext. 211 or kjohnson@unitedwaysaginaw.org.

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United Way of Saginaw County Student Service Award Application Sheet

1-800 Username: _____ Date: _____

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Phone #: _____

This form must be submitted by **April 15, 2010** in order to qualify for the award. Please return to:
United Way of Saginaw County, Attn: Kelly Johnson – 100 S. Jefferson Ave., 3rd Floor – Saginaw, MI 48607
E-mail: kjohnson@unitedwaysaginaw.org or Fax: (989) 755-2185
For questions, please call: (989) 755-0433, ext. 211

(Lower portion to be completed by United Way)

Service Completed Sophomore Year (9/1/07 through 8/30/08): TOTAL HOURS = _____

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