



Santiago High School Key Club

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KEY CLUB IN BRIEF

Key Club International is an international student-led community service organization, which provides its members with the opportunity to perform community service, build character, and develop leadership. Key Club is unique because a local Kiwanis club, composed of the leading business and professional people of the community and a high school, jointly sponsors it.

Key Club is the largest service organization of its kind. It offers numerous opportunities to link with service learning and character education programming.

HISTORY

The first the Kiwanis Club of Sacramento created Key Club in May 1925 at Sacramento High School in California.

The idea slowly spread throughout the United States, and by 1939, Florida had a sufficient number of Key Clubs functioning to hold a state convention and form a district. Other districts followed Florida's lead, and finally in 1943, a national organization was started. In 1946, the first club in Canada was formed.

Today, Key Club International is a student-led organization existing in North American and Caribbean nations. It has its own Constitution and Bylaws and is governed by its own board of 16 student leaders.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

Key Club is dedicated to the principle of being student-led at every level of the organization. Key Club members are elected to serve as the officers at the club, division, district and International levels.

The underlying message Key Club members receive is that every member is a leader, developing skills from planning projects, leading meetings, and being part of a team that helps others. Adult advisors work with the youth leaders to provide guidance and advisement and to help them develop leadership skills.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Key Club International has adopted a service focus, "Children: Their Future, Our Focus" and four service partners and a signature service project with each.



- Children's Miracle Network – Service of Champions Day
- March of Dimes – WalkAmerica
- Read & Lead – One-on-one reading with a child
- UNICEF – Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF

Each Key Club can select and plan its own service projects. Some service projects that our club performs are graffiti paint-outs, playing bingo with senior citizens at Pacific Haven, fundraising for various charities, serving food at soup kitchens, and tutoring.

HOW TO JOIN

Interested in joining Key Club? There are only a few simple steps you need to take in order to join.

- Pick up a membership form and medical release form during one of our meetings, which are held every Monday during lunch in the GYM and fill them out.
- Turn in your membership form, medical release form, and your membership dues (\$10) into our club treasurer.
- Our club treasurer will give you a receipt that verifies you paid your club dues and a member handbook.
- Now you are ready to participate in Key Club events. Remember you must complete 25 hours of service per semester.

THE KIWANIS FAMILY

Each Key Club must have one or more sponsoring Kiwanis Clubs. The program is designed for the Kiwanis members to interactively support the Key Club. In addition, most Kiwanis clubs provide financial support of the club and its members.

Kiwanis International is the parent organization for all the members of the Kiwanis Family. The Kiwanis family includes:

- Circle K International, a service club for college and university students.
- Builders Club, a service club for middle/junior high school students
- K-Kids, a service club for elementary school students

Key Clubs also work as divisions. This is a group of schools that meet once a month to help each other. Clubs in our Division 4 West are Bolsa Grande, Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, La Quinta, Liberty Christian, Los Amigos, Marina, Ocean View, Pacifica, Santiago, and Westminster High Schools.

MEMBERSHIP

Key Club membership is open to students willing to provide at least 25 hours of service per semester, qualified scholastically, of good character, and possessing leadership potential.

DUES

Members of Key Club pay dues to belong to their clubs. Dues fund the operation of Key Club International, each district and each club. Each member receives a membership card and handbook, a subscription to KEYNOTER magazine, the opportunity to attend and participate in various leadership conferences and conventions, eligibility to apply for numerous college scholarships, and other special benefits. Dues also enable each club to receive officer and advisor training, educational materials and resources, and liability insurance coverage.

Key Club meetings are every Monday during Lunch in the GYM