

What is K-Kids?



K-Kids is the largest service organization for elementary school students (ages six-12), with more than 20,000 members worldwide.

The first K-Kids club was chartered in 1990. Today, there are more than 750 clubs in Australia, Bahamas, Barbados, Canada, Italy, Jamaica, Malaysia, Martinique, Nigeria, Trinidad & Tobago, and the United States.

K-Kids is a "student-led" community-service club, which operates under school regulations and draws its members from the student body. A K-Kids club also can be formed as a community-based club in a community center, library, or church. Membership is open to any child age six to 12 who desires to become a leader in his/her school and community and wishes to provide service to others.

Every K-Kids club annually elects its own officers and organizes its members into committees so that every member finds a role within the club. K-Kids is unique because a Kiwanis club, composed of leading business and professional people of the community, serves as the club's sponsor.

K-Kids is structured only on the local club level but is supported by the Kiwanis International Office in Indianapolis, Indiana, which provides programs, literature, and opportunities to relate to elementary aged students from countries all around the world!

The K-Kids objectives are:

- To provide opportunities for working together in service to school and community.
- To develop leadership potential.
- To foster the development of a strong moral character.
- To encourage loyalty to school, community, and nation.

The K-Kids pledge:

"As a K-Kid, I promise to serve my neighborhood and my school; I will show respect toward my environment; and I will try to make the world a better place in which to live."



How do members benefit?

K-Kids provides members with the opportunity to form sound personal values and build self-esteem based on experiences in meaningful community-service activities.

Members learn the core values of:

- character building
- inclusiveness
- caring
- leadership

What can a K-Kids club do?

Whether the club is involved with a small project at school or a larger project in conjunction with a Kiwanis club, Aktion Club, Circle K club, Key Club, or Builders Club, K-Kids can make their presence known.

Projects might include:

- Sponsoring a "Teacher of the Year" program
- Providing a recycling collection point
- Organizing canned food and clothing drives to support local shelters
- Adopting a resident at a local senior citizens home
- Raising money for new playground equipment/computer equipment
- Raising money for a local children's hospital

The possibilities are endless!