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Check out the new K-Kids contests

Shoebox float contest

In New Orleans, huge floats are decorated for Mardi Gras street parades. Elementary students living in the area join in the fun by making small versions of the floats using shoeboxes. Elementary schools throughout New Orleans hold shoebox float contests - and the most uniquely decorated float wins.

The 2012 Kiwanis International Convention will take place in New Orleans this June. What better way for K-Kids to make their presence felt than with shoebox floats?

K-Kids clubs worldwide are invited to participate in the Kiwanis K-Kids Shoebox Float Contest. Each club can submit one contest entry. Floats will be displayed and judged at the Kiwanis International Convention in New Orleans. Download [contest rules](#) and the contest theme [Idea Kit](#) to share with club members.

This is also a fun way to introduce K-Kids club members to The Eliminate Project, since contest themes are related to this topic.



Greeting card art contest

Gather markers, colored pencils and paper and spend part of your K-Kids meeting creating interesting 5 x 7 inch greeting cards. Submit your club's drawings along with completed contest entry forms to Kiwanis International for receipt by November 30. This fun activity may produce new greeting cards used by the Kiwanis International Board. To learn more, download the [greeting card rules and themes](#) and use the [greeting card template](#) to draw pictures the perfect size.



Service project planning tool

Club members can get help with project planning by reading page eight of the K-Kids member handbook and using the [service project planner template](#) posted online.

Ask K-Kids members to download the service project planner template and fill in the blanks. It will teach club members how to organize and plan an event - an important skill set to develop.

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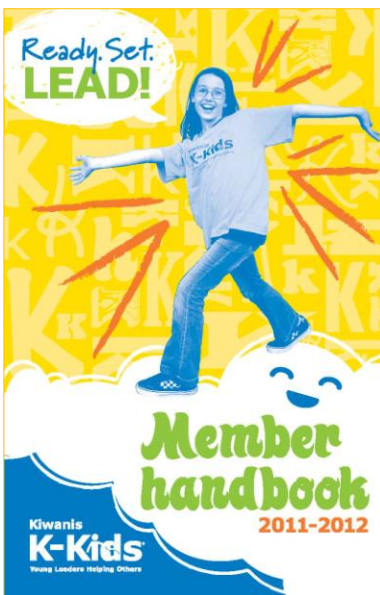
If your K-Kids club hasn't received materials, it could be that K-Kids club registration hasn't been completed.

Registering the K-Kids club is easy – just visit the [K-Kids Club Renewal Center](#) online. The sponsoring Kiwanis club usually completes this task.

Information needed to register includes the K-Kids club's identification number (Example: P00456), faculty advisor information, Kiwanis advisory information and the number of members in the K-Kids club.



Something new in the K-Kids program kit



There's something new and improved in the K-Kids program kit this year the K-Kids member handbook! It's more robust and includes lots of fun activities and information about how to conduct service and fundraising projects. Here's a peek at what's inside:

- K-Kids member welcome
- Note to Mom and Dad
- Characteristics of a leader
- Teamwork
- How to conduct a service project
- A service calendar to track your service hours
- A guide for reflecting on club service
- Information about The Eliminate Project with a fun puzzle
- Contest information
- Fun website links to help club members find important Kiwanis stuff

Start planning for Kiwanis One Day



On April 21 Kiwanis One Day, is the opportunity to work with members of all Kiwanis-family clubs and other members of the community to make an impact through service. How will your K-Kids club participate? If you are looking for ideas, download [Kiwanis One Day planning tools](#) from the Kiwanis –family website.

Search the new Kiwanis Service Source for project ideas

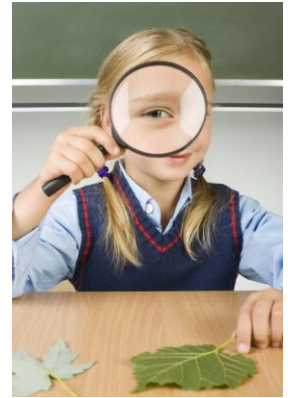
Kiwanis International launched a new database that houses community service project information submitted by Kiwanis family members. If you're looking for great service project ideas, or want to share your club's amazing service project, visit the [Kiwanis Service Source](#).

Cool online tools

Teachable moments

If you're looking for an interesting way to discuss certain topics with your K-Kids members, consider using resources offered on the [Teachable moments](#) page at the K-Kids website.

There are resources for discussing good character, bully prevention, success at school, leadership and what being a good leader means. There are also downloadable booklets for club members.



K-Kids census report



Help Kiwanis International collect the data needed to create better resources to support K-Kids clubs. Ask your club secretary to go to www.kkids.org, click on the census report button at the top of the page and answer the questions. There may be a few questions the secretary will need help answering, so try to be present when the club secretary is completing this report. ***The deadline for completing the Census is December 1.***

Getting kids to relax and focus

Engaging K-Kids members and getting them to focus isn't always easy. Kids are often excited about starting the next project, or thrilled to talk to their K-Kids friends. But if you have difficulty getting kids focused, try leading students through a guided meditation exercise.

Online meditation resources

[Research](#) (Benefits to students)
[Mindful meditation used in hospitals/schools](#)
[Stress reduction activities for students](#)

Stomp out bullying with a theatrical production



Here's an interesting way to start a bully-prevention campaign at your school: use a theatrical production to educate students about bullying and how to respond to bullies. This [guide](#) was created and used by middle school teachers. It illustrates how to organize and deliver a successful theatrical production. Although this activity is suggested for middle school students, elementary students will also find this project to be great fun.

Are you posting on Facebook?

Remember to share information about your club's amazing service projects at www.Facebook.com/Kiwaniskids.

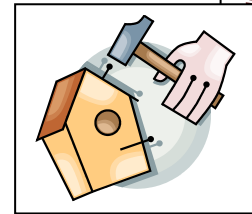
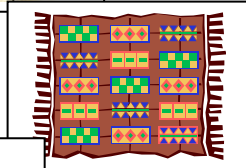
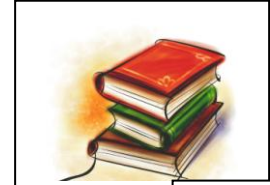


Family giving night

If your school has a parent group (PTO or PTA), the school might take part in the practice of conducting [School Family Nights](#): Go Green, Family Reading and Family Movie night.

K-Kids can participate by organizing a Family Giving Night. K-Kids club members plan an evening service project and invite students and their family members to participate. Here's how.

1. Brainstorm great service project ideas with club members.
2. Identify four service projects as possibilities.
3. Meet with the PTO/PTA president and school principal to pitch your idea.
4. If approved, set a date and time when the event will occur.
5. Establish committees for each aspect of the project (planning, promotion, and logistics.)



Ideas for organizing this event

- Conduct one big service project with four different work stations.
- Conduct four different service projects with a work station for each.
- Plan a project that appeals to both men and women.

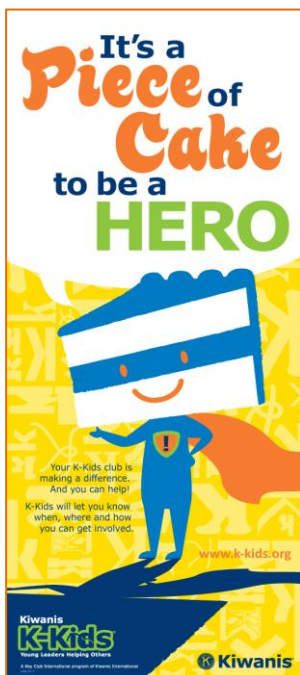
Sample project ideas

- Slipper socks for the elderly
- Paper placemats for a nearby nursing home
- No-sew blankets for new mothers
- Bookmarks for young elementary students learning to read
- Flower pens
- Build birdhouses
- Goodie bags for U.S. troops
- Shelves for a daycare or library

Advisor resources

- [K-Kids calendar](#)
- [Advisor tools](#)
- [Educating members](#)
- [Finding business sponsors](#)
- [Club tools](#)
- [Earning club banner patches](#)

Promote your K-Kids club projects



Your club has a huge service project planned and you want to keep everyone in school informed. A great way is to use resources provided in the K-Kids program kit and online.

Use the call-to-action poster included in the K-Kids program kit. Hang it in the cafeteria where students can see it while walking through the lunch line. Download and print several copies of the cafeteria table-top templates.

[Cafeteria table tent 1](#)

[Cafeteria table tent 2](#)

Ask K-Kids members to write information about the club's upcoming service project on each table tent, fold them and place them on the cafeteria tables. Don't forget to promote upcoming projects on your K-Kids bulletin board! Bulletin board décor is also included in the program kit.

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