

A Splash! of Ideas

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Hello everyone!

I hope you all have gotten off to a good start in the new year and have survived the gruesome torture of exams—I know I certainly have! The start of the new year brings one major thing to mind—DCON 2007. In between new projects and fundraisers, make sure to get those registration forms in!

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Attention All Key Club Members!

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That's right...The district Board wants YOU to come to DCON, or district convention. This year's district convention will take place in Boyne, Michigan from April 10th through the 12th. Many great events have already been planned, such as a spirit rally, a Kids Against Hunger Packaging session, and officer training forums. Be sure to bring some extra money for the board auction and miracle minute fundraiser, and in your free time, check out the arcade and free water park. The cost is \$195, and the registration due date is March 7th. The convention may take place in Michigan, but the district board promises that by the end of the weekend, you will have gone "Key Clubbing Around The World".



Quote

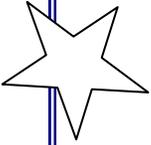
"When you stumble make it a part of the dance."

--Unknown



Splashing Into Creative Projects

Read And Lead!



The Key Club International winter a season of service is Read and Lead. Read and lead is a program where high schoolers read to younger students in order to foster a love for reading at a young age. To start one in your club, contact a local elementary school teacher or a church pastor to set up a time on a weekly basis to read to children.

Some tips:

Before you start the program, ask the children's librarian for a list of the most popular books for children.

Be enthusiastic. Remember, the kids see you as a role model, so your attitude has a direct effect on them.

Speak slowly and clearly

Upon finishing the book, talk to your reading partners about the plot, characters, and lessons learned.

Obey all rules at the school or church you are reading at.

Record every book that you read with our buddy in a journal to show your achievements over time. Perhaps you may also want to tie a knot on a piece of string every time you finish a book. Every couple of sessions, have your buddy try to name the book that each knot stands for.

If possible, ask your buddy to read to you.



Why Read and Lead?

Adapted from www.readandlead.org

For children to:

- ~Improve self image from the approval of the mentor and the acquisition of new reading skills
- ~Improve attitudes towards learning
- ~Have positive role model
- ~Learn communication skill:
- ~Receive diversity training



For Key Clubbers to:

- ~Learn leadership skills
- ~Learn teaching skills
- ~Gain empathy for others
- ~Learn responsibility that accompanies being a role model

Fundraising Idea

Back to the Past: Legos



Sell to students Lego pieces, and have each donator put their name on the piece. Stack the pieces to build a house, a school, a park...whatever your club may please. Ask your principal if your final structure can be displayed in the office or a sports case,

Your Ad Here

Well not here in this newsletter exactly, but in the District Convention program. To help cover the cost of printing district convention programs, we are asking clubs and companies to place ads, which can be from 1/8 of a page to a full page, in the programs. For more information, contact Greg Smith at smith5825@wowway.com



