

**NEW!**

# HOW DO YOU FEEL?!

a Packet for New Key Club Members

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## In this packet:

- Stories from Key Clubbers telling you why you were smart for joining **Key Club!**
- Brief descriptions on fun upcoming events that you will experience!
- Guaranteed un-boredom!



# Foreword

This might look boring, but seriously, a 15-year old girl with a short attention span wrote this. So it can't possibly go on about boring stuff since she'd fall asleep while writing it.

It's short, concise, full of facts, and rather amusing.

A lot of the material in here is also good for future reference.

OH and be nice and read the articles. 😊  
They actually have something to say (unlike most of this foreword...)

Back to the main point, **IT'S NOT BORING.**

So stop reading this foreword and read the more important facts.

Go on.



# “Are you serious? Key Club?”

Yes. We’re serious.

But the question is, are you?

Now you might be asking me, “Why did you join Key Club?”

Why? I’m not even sure why I first joined Key Club. A friend convinced me sometime in February and said I’d get service hours. Thinking that I had to get 100 hours to graduate, I signed up like THAT.

I still vaguely remember my first meeting [wow I feel old]. I always thought Key Club was like, this nerdy club or something. But when I walked in, this guy was telling everybody about **a trip to Long Beach for 3 days**. It was shocking. I was like, “Key Clubbers travel together? What? Is it that big?”

So I decided to go to check it out. Turns out that Key Club is an **International Club**. And it wasn’t just like a room with boring people sitting around, it was literally **an entire community center packed with 3000 people cheering their head off and having spirit rallies**. Craziest thing of all? These people were only from California, Nevada, and Hawaii, a tiny fraction of the entire organization!!!!

Next thing I knew, I was just like everybody else – Key Club crazy.

And right now, I’m writing this little article telling **you** that Key Club isn’t quite what you think..

So **are you serious about Key Club?**

- *Hillary Yuan*



# Basics

Yay, you made it this far! I'm so proud of you!

Now you've probably joined Key Club because of one of the following reasons:

- You want an easy way to be informed about events for community service hours;
- A friend told you to join because it's fun;
- You have no idea what this club was about but it seemed interesting so you signed up;
- You thought that it was a club that made keys.

If you joined because of one of the reasons above, I can promise you that you will not be disappointed! Yes, we even make keys.

Keys to the future, that is.

## **THE MOTTO**

Caring - Our Way of Life

Haha, bear with me here.



Now, in order for you to meet your expectations of Key Club, the one guaranteed way is through **attending events**.

Not only do these events give you your much-needed hours, but you also have lots of fun with other Key Clubbers while working towards a good cause. Most events are also raising awareness so you might learn an interesting fact or two.

And all the meanwhile, you're building keys to a brighter, happier, unicorn-ier, future. 😊

## **THE PLEDGE**

**I pledge on my honor to uphold the objects of Key Club International; to build my home, school, and community; to serve my nation and God and combat all forces which tend to undermine these institutions.**



# "What does Key Club mean to you?"

When you ask me this question, you probably just want to know: **"What will Key Club do for me?"**

**Key Club has indeed given me the opportunity to do different things, both things that I enjoy and things that I want to learn.** However, most of all, Key Club has opened up so many different perspectives for me. From guiding kids at the Special Games to [supporting cancer research] at the Relay for Life...to fasting for hunger awareness, from meeting Key Clubbers of other schools to screaming cheers at convention, Key Club has become such an important part of me.

**I've met some of the most inspiring people I think I'll ever meet:** someone who has to argue for hours to go to every Key Club event but still makes it to every single one; someone who fights an uphill battle every day to revive her school's Key Club and is succeeding; someone who, even after leaving his school, still wants to return to and be a part of Key Club; and so many Key Clubbers whose hearts believe in service. These people are proof that Key Club isn't about some president's award or college recognition: it's about true dedication to service.

**I used to be unable to understand such dedication,** and I was scared I wouldn't graduate when I heard the rumor that you need 100 hours to graduate. (You don't.) But 100 hours isn't much compared to what I've been able to get out of Key Club. So, instead of asking what Key Club does for you, try asking yourself, **"What can I do for Key Club?"**

*-Erika Ji*



# Events

All of the events are fun!! Invite your friends to join and you guys can while doing service. 😊

## **DCM – Divisional Council Meeting**

DCMs are monthly meetings where Key Clubbers from our division gather! There is always a small, fun project that goes to charity. You get newsletters informing you about upcoming events! DCMs are usually hosted by schools within our division. Best of all, DCMs are really fun!

## **DCON – District Convention**

DCON is a 3-day annual meeting where Key Clubbers from the entire district gather in one city to elect new District officials! There are also general sessions, dances, and spirit rallies!

Not only that, but you can meet Key Clubbers from other divisions! There is usually around 3,000 people so you will definitely meet somebody cool. 😊



## **Relay for Life**

This event is an overnight fundraiser for 24 hours to find a cure for cancer. It's also one of the most popular events. People walk around a track decorated with bags as a tribute to those with cancer.

There are slideshows, live music, lots of mini-fundraisers, and other little events. And you can have a massive sleepover with your buddies! 😊

## **Kiwanis Special Games**

Key Clubbers come out to help set up games for the challenged youth. From helping them walking around a track to cheering them on, not only will you gain hours, but there's guaranteed fun!

You can meet many other Key Clubbers and leave with the self-satisfaction that you made somebody's day and a difference in the world.



## **Blood Drive**

No, you don't need to give blood, but that's helpful too! (You need to be at least 110 pounds.)

In this event, volunteers will help donors register, escort them around, and help them after they donate blood. This event occurs during school so if you want to help out, you must go during your classes. (Not all, you can choose some.) Plus side, free food!

## **Moonlight Run**

This event is part of the Grand Prix. And from the name, you can guess that it happens at night. This is a race and Key Clubbers will help monitor it.

Why should you go? Not only is it a good cause, but you get free long sleeve shirts!! Yay!



# “What’s your favorite thing about Key Club?”

For me, one of the best aspects of Key Club is the fact that projects are always varied and fresh.

**We tend to get a multitude of service opportunities** that range from helping out at the Moonlight Run to helping disadvantaged families obtain necessities for daily life. Because of this wide variety of events, service is always fun and engaging and is always easy to look forward to.

**It's easy to get bored of the same work every day after day but with Key Club, that's definitely not the case.** I remember one December day in my freshman year where I went to a divisional Caroling for Cans event in the afternoon and then went to a dinner event where I helped serve food and clean up. Options are things we like to strive for at Key Club.

- Gilbert Choi

**I enjoy key club because of the marvelous experiences.** First is the community service aspect. With the plethora of events, I feel like my efforts are actually working and that I can make a difference by attempting to volunteer.

**The second reason why it is the best ever is because you meet tons of people.** The entire key club community is like a big family. So key club is good...and yeah.

- Nikhil Bhargava



# Conclusion

So out of this member packet, what did you get? It should be at least one of the following...

1. Key Club is your ticket for community service hours.
2. Not only do you get hours, but you gain lots of other lifetime perspectives as well!
3. What the popular events are!
4. How to make keys to the future.
- 5. KEY CLUB IS AWESOME!!  
WHOO!!**

Now turn the page for an inspiring essay by Brian Hsueh! Read it! It's worth it! 😊



# "Why Key Club?"

Some clubs let you socialize and make friends. Other clubs let you help your community and obtain service hours. And still others teach you tons of important life skills. Fortunately, Key Club does all of the above.

**Through Key Club, I've made friends from all over the region and state, had tons of opportunities to do community service, and developed countless skills - ranging from leadership to catering tables.** Key Club embodies the meaning of the word "awesome." In fact, you couldn't speak of Key Club without including the word "awesome." Because Key Club is awesome. No other organization gives its members so many opportunities in so many areas - you can serve; you can learn; you can have the party of your life - and you can do it all at the same time. Only through Key Club.

**And the greatest part about Key Club?** You don't need to have special skills, nor will you ever feel useless. In Key Club, your experience and reward is directly related to the energy and commitment you put in. So that's why you're asked to devote time and energy to yourself and community. Only through Key Club are you simultaneously part of an enormous organization that holds Charities, Fundraisers and Events across the nation AND a local group of friends that will have fun with you no matter what.

**The blood drives, the charity events, the volunteering? That's Key Club.** The spirit-filled mob of purple penguin loving fanatics? That's Key Club. The excitement, gratitude, unity and individual development? THAT is Key Club.

*- Brian Hsueh*

