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## LEADERSHIP TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

### KLC

KAY Leadership Camp (KLC) provides students the opportunity to develop leadership potential, to enrich personalities, to create an awareness of citizenship responsibilities and to develop a desire to become involved in those programs and projects which help to build a better world in which to live. Camp delegates have an opportunity to learn leadership techniques, methods of group guidance and ideas for programs, projects and parties. A wide variety of activities take place during the week. The spirit, confidence and enthusiasm generated at KLC is SUPERFANTASTIC.

### RC

KAY Regional Conferences, held in the fall, are an exciting power-packed day that afford opportunities for student leaders and sponsors from neighboring clubs to share successes and challenges, as well as exchange ideas. Regional Conferences provide an opportunity to recognize clubs for their previous year's accomplishments. New area leaders are elected and delegates (officers and board members) enjoy fellowship and fun.

### UC

KAY Unit Conferences, held during the winter months, are designed to focus on club leadership on the local level. The half-day conference gives KAY students from neighboring communities the opportunity to share project and program ideas and work together on a service project.

## MISSION STATEMENT

The KAY program empowers Kansas students with lifetime leadership skills and an attitude of service to others.

## BELIEF STATEMENTS

- Membership in KAY is available to all students attending a KSHSAA member school.
- Participation in KAY builds character, promotes good citizenship, and improves life skills.
- Participation in KAY allows students to develop lifetime leadership skills.
- KAY provides students the opportunity to develop a positive attitude of service for others.
- KAY provides a supervised opportunity for students to grow in character, leadership, and selfless service.
- KAY focuses on service to a student's school, their community, nation, and world.
- Participation in KAY contributes to school spirit and pride.
- KAY promotes positive school and community relations.
- Participation in school activities like KAY is a privilege.
- Participation in KAY promotes academic achievement and enriches each student's educational experience.
- Service to others benefits both the receiver and the giver.
- All KAY sponsors should be knowledgeable and properly trained.
- Attendance at KLC, Regional and Unit Conferences provide a tremendous networking opportunity for both students and sponsors.

# KANSAS ASSOCIATION FOR YOUTH



# WHAT IS KAY?

The Kansas Association for Youth (KAY) is a character-building, leadership training, service program directed by the Kansas State High School Activities Association. This national acclaimed organization provides students an opportunity to learn to assume their citizenship responsibilities and to enrich their personalities through well-organized programs, project, and parties. Programs educate, inspire and direct members into carefully planned service projects. These projects emphasize four areas of service-school, community, nation, and world.

KAY is student association unique to Kansas and started in 1946 under the direction of Miss Wanda May Vinson. After more than seventy years, the KAY program continues to grow and develop by seeking to fill the needs of current and future generations.



## BENEFITS

Students who participate in activities like KAY tend to have higher grade point averages, better attendance records, lower dropout rates, and few discipline problems. Activities also contribute greatly to school spirit and they help make school much more enjoyable.

## ACHIEVEMENT RECOGNITION

The Kansas Association for Youth stresses group involvement and a "point system" has been devised to award any worthwhile project. It is hoped that participation by large percentage of the members will develop an appreciation for their responsibilities as citizens in a democracy.

## PLEDGE

I will, as a member of the Kansas Association for Youth, endeavor to maintain the high ideals of my organization, to make my personality a positive influence in the life of my school and my community, and to pass on an association which will be a challenge and inspiration to future members.

## MOTTO

Today for Tomorrow

## SLOGAN

Laugh, Love, Lift

## WHO CAN JOIN?

All students in grades 6-12 whose schools are members of the KSHSAA may join the KAY Club in their schools. By belonging to KAY these students can experience the concept of teamwork...that they are all unique individuals and that by working together they can achieve a desirable goal. Through KAY, students can sharpen their leadership skills as well as build their confidence and self-esteem. In addition, KAY school service projects can help promote school spirit and pride. In KAY, students are developing an attitude for life regarding leadership and service-an attitude of "we get to" rather than "we have to." They are learning at a young age about assuming their citizenship responsibility.

## PRIVILEGES

As a youth in the years of decision, I believe these rights and privileges are mine:

- To love and be loved
- To think creatively
- To seek the truth
- To appreciate and respect all races
- To enjoy fun and laughter
- To share with my family and friends
- To strive to be a good citizen
- To live a healthy lifestyle
- To give myself to a cause
- To take the long look

## OBJECTIVES

We, the youth of Kansas, interested in becoming adult citizens worthy of the democratic traditions of our country, will endeavor to fulfill the size objectives of the Kansas Association for Youth.

1. Character (Laugh, Love, Lift)
2. Health (Physical & Mental)
3. Service (School, Community, Nation, World)
4. Appreciation (Friends, All Races, Self)
5. Recreation (Relaxation, Rest, Re-Creation)
6. Leadership (Citizenship & Caring)