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Kentucky-Tennessee District
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Message from the Editor

Hey K-T! My name is Sammantha Elkins, and I hope you enjoy The K-T Key Volume II: Summer Edition!



As we enter the 2026-2027 school year, remember to be actively recruiting new members! In terms of service, I hope this summer has been full of fun service opportunities! I am very excited to see what the K-T District will accomplish in the coming months. This edition of the K-T Key will highlight all the amazing things that took place this summer and the amazing things yet to come!

Feel free to contact the board! Visit our website: ktkey.org

Message from the Governor



**Hey K-T! My name
is Kyle Harper and
I'm your District
Governor!**

Hey KT! I hope you all had an amazing summer and are excited for starting up Key Club this school year. I can't wait to see you all at our annual Fall Rally at Dolly Wood on October 17th. The district board has been working diligently to plan Fall Rally and are excited to reveal the 2027 District Convention theme! Please be on the lookout for announcements that will be sent out soon as application for task force co-chair positions and member positions will be out soon.

Message From Our International Trustee



Sawyer Sullivan Pacific Northwest District

I hope you all enjoyed your Summer and are excited to get back to school, I know I am! Outside of Key Club, I have been keeping busy with work, senior events, and enjoying the last few warm days in Seattle! This past month, I had the opportunity to attend the Pacific Northwest Summer District Board meeting in person and Michigan Summer District Board meeting virtually! It was so great seeing some new faces while presenting about the Key Club International level and the opportunities that it provides. As we head into the new school year, I want you to consider a quote from the late Dolly Parton: **"You'll never do a whole lot unless you're brave enough to try."** With countless opportunities ahead, I encourage you to be brave and take chances, in Key Club and beyond. I like to say, take the first step and you'll be surprised by how far it takes you. In closing, if you ever need anything from me, please don't hesitate to reach out!

INTERNATIONAL TRUSTEES

A Congratulations to Clint Bacon



Clint Bacon
Loudon High
School

Congratulations to Clint Bacon for being elected to the high honor of International Trustee at the 2026 ICON! As a District, we are so proud of you!

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REGISTER FOR

Fall Rally



Fall Rally is an annual event held at Dollywood in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, bringing Key Clubbers from across the K-T District together. It's a great opportunity to meet fellow members, hear important updates from the district board, and be the first to learn the DCON theme. After the opening session, members can spend the rest of the day enjoying the park with friends. For Key Clubbers exclusively, Dollywood offers a special reduced ticket price. We'd love to see as many of you as possible. Join us on October 17th for Fall Rally! Tickets will be \$60 and include a T-shirt designed by our Design Team! Registration closes October 9.

Dollywood
PARKS & RESORTS

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE KEY CLUB

Fall

RALLY



REGISTRATION OPENS SOON

****REGISTRATION IS ONLINE ONLY AT KTKEY.ORG**

MEET KEY CLUBBERS ACROSS THE
K-T DISTRICT, LEARN IMPORTANT
UPDATES & THE DCON THEME, AND
ENJOY THE DAY AT DOLLYWOOD!

TICKETS: \$60 (INCLUDES T-SHIRT)

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OCTOBER

Summer Board Recap!

We held our annual Summer Board meeting at the Kiwanis Fresh Air Camp in Knoxville, TN. Our Board discussed Fall Rally, DCON, and all things Key Club! Fun activities for the Board included swimming, snipe hunting, and a late night game of mafia.



TRAINING
DATES

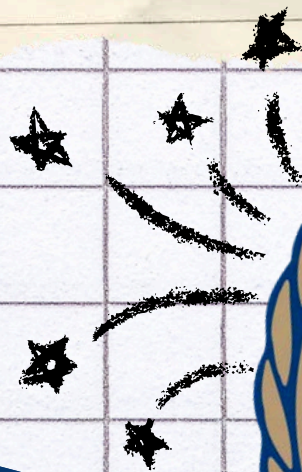
Division Officer

District Officer Training
Dates vary per division.
Make sure to read your
Lieutenant Governor's
Monthly Newsletter or
check your email for
details on your Division's
Officer Training Date. Most
will take place from
August through October.

To access your
Division's Monthly
Newsletter, check
your Division's
Instagram or
Facebook
account or on our
District website
at ktkey.org!

YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES *fund*

The Youth Opportunity Fund is a great way for clubs to get the money they need for service projects. YOF has two cycles, a Fall and Spring cycle. We highly encourage all clubs in our District to apply for this amazing opportunity! Clubs can get \$250-\$2000 for their individual club. However, clubs may only apply **once each year**. Applications for this year's Fall Cycle must be submitted by October 15th. There are some requirements clubs have to meet before applying, so please check those requirements on the Key Club International website. The link to apply can also be found here! Don't hesitate to reach out to our board members if you have any questions.



Club Dues



Club dues become payable October 1st and are due by December 1st! Dues will be **\$20** this year consisting of:

- \$10 K-T District due
- \$10 Key Club International due

If you or your club have any questions about annual dues, feel free to contact our District Treasurer or ask your club advisor!



Our outstanding District Treasurer, Ashton, can be contacted through the website or on the K-T Treasurer Instagram ([ktkeyclubtreasurer](#)).



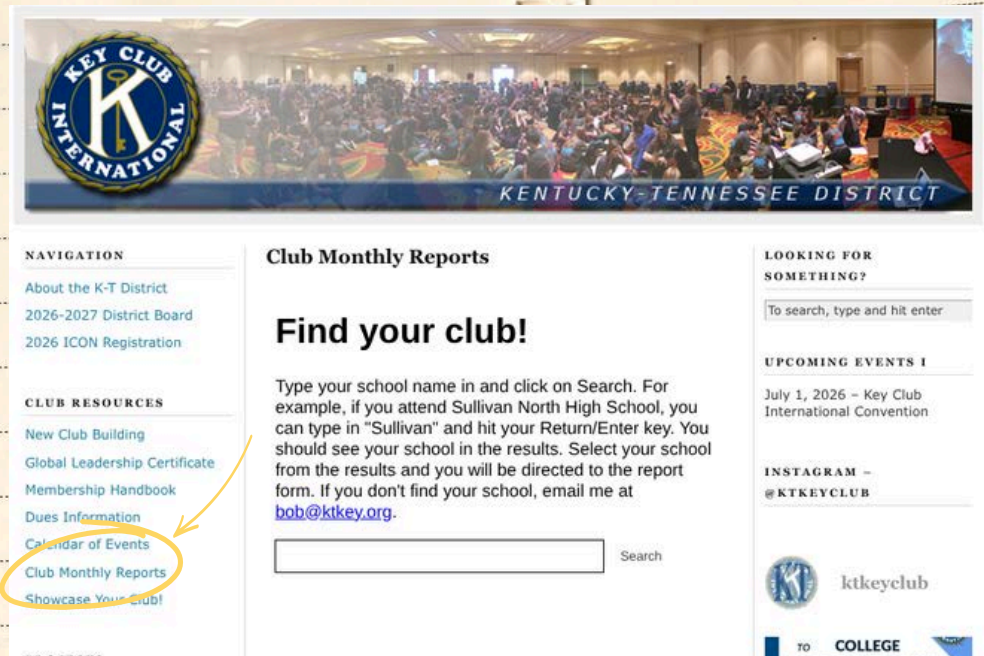
MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly Reports, also known as a Secretary Report, is a quick and simple form that each club is to fill out before the 10th of each month.

It's crucial for every club to submit their monthly reports to ensure records of your clubs' activities and involvement are recorded. Filling this out every month will give clubs opportunities for awards and recognition as well!

To access the form:

- Go to the K-T Key Club website (ktkey.org)
- Select 'Club Monthly Reports' under the 'Club Resources' Tab
- Type in your school's name and fill out the boxes!





TRICK-OR-TREAT FOR UNICEF



Key Clubbers are committed to helping others, and one way we accomplish that is through our partnership with UNICEF. Trick or Treat for UNICEF's initiative supports providing a better life for children in Zambia. We encourage clubs to get involved by fundraising through activities like bake sales, movie nights, or trick-or-treating, where you can explain to neighbors how their donation will support children in need. For more information, clubs can contact Sunny, our District Historian, or visit www.keyclub.org/trick-or-treat-unicef/ to learn how to get started. We look forward to seeing our District participate this October!



KEY CLUB

Week

This year, Key Club Week will be November 2-6 and we strongly encourage KT clubs to participate this year and tag @ktkeyclub to be featured on our socials! Ideas on how to participate are available at keyclub.org/keyclubweek.

"Key Club Week gives you the opportunity to show your community what Key Club is truly about: service. Each day places an emphasis on service, to promote Key Club within our homes, schools, and communities and to make Key Club a household name." -Key Club International

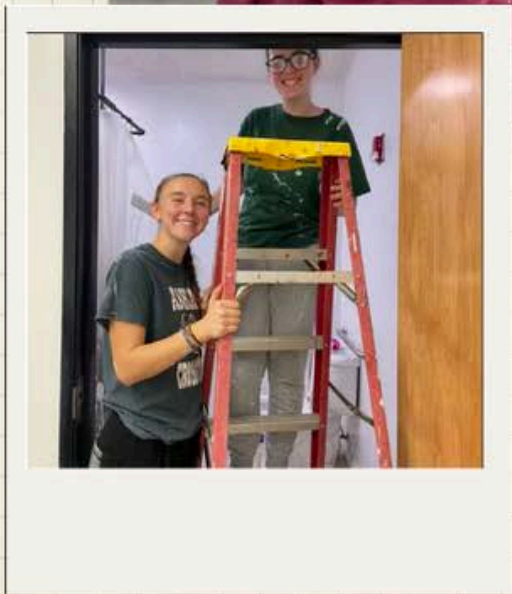
#KeyClubWeek



K-T June Feature

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Spotlight



Paul Blazer High School

In October, Paul Blazer Key Club of Division 8 painted their local Salvation Army Emergency Shelter for over 9 hours! We are so proud of this club's hard work!



K-T August Feature



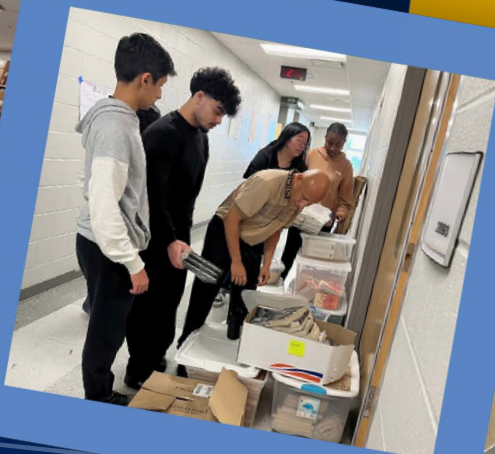
**Hillsboro High School
Key Club**



@burroskeyclub



Hillsboro High School Key Club took on the task of organizing their school's book room, managing an inventory of thousands of workbooks, novels, and literary extracts. After almost twelve months of hard work, they successfully completed the project! Their next mission and goal is to now donate the novels to their local elementary schools. With 72% of elementary students in their district currently reading below grade level, their club is excited to provide resources that will directly support young readers and boost literacy in their community.



K-T August Feature



The University High School Key Club worked alongside other members of the community to help with the Jonesborough Farm to Table Event. This event raises money for Jonesborough Farmers Market and Boone Street Market, which are the pillars of the county's food source.



**University High
School Key Club**



@universityhighkeyclub



KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Service Partners



Thirst Project

The Thirst Project arms students with information about how they can contribute to social change, make a difference and encourage others to join the effort.

The Nature Conservancy



The Nature Conservancy

The Nature Conservancy is a global conservation organization dedicated to conserving the lands and waters on which all life depends.. Guided by science, The Nature Conservancy creates innovative, on-the-ground solutions to our world's toughest challenges so that nature and people can thrive together.



Erika's Lighthouse

Erika's Lighthouse

This nonprofit organization encourages good mental health and strives to break down the stigma surrounding mental health issues. Erika's Lighthouse is dedicated to creating a community of empathy and education and has resources and programs for students and educators.

KEY CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Service Partners



XHunger

XHunger is a student-driven nonprofit organization dedicated to ending hunger by mobilizing high school and college/university students in their communities. Through a growing national network of volunteers, XHunger supports food banks, pantries, and local nonprofits to help those facing food insecurity while building a culture of service, leadership, and impact among young people across the United States.



UNICEF

As the United Nations only organization dedicated exclusively to children, UNICEF helps to provide for children's needs in more than 150 developing countries through community-based services in primary health care, basic education, and safe water and sanitation.

2026 K-T PARTNER

thirst

PROJECT



WHAT IS THIRST PROJECT?

Thirst Project is a non-profit organization that exists to end the global water crisis and the fact that over 785 Million people on the planet do not have access to safe, clean water. We work with the support of young people to end the global water crisis by building freshwater wells in developing communities that need safe, clean drinking water.

WHY THE GLOBAL WATER CRISIS?

Waterborne diseases kill more children every single year than AIDS and Malaria combined, resulting in around 1,000 children dying each day as a result of the world water crisis. The average distance that women and children affected by the water crisis must walk to their nearest available source to fetch water is 3.75 miles.

OUR MODEL

100% of all public donations go directly to building clean water projects in one of four countries!

OUR IMPACT

We've built more than 3.3K water projects, giving over 550K people clean water for **life**.

CONTACT US

Keep up with us online on all social channels by following us @thirstproject, visiting our website at thirstproject.org, or by emailing elliot@thirstproject.org for more information on how to get involved.

ICON Recap



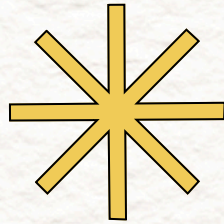
The K-T District was well-represented at the 2026 ICON in Dallas, TX! Attendees got to explore Dallas & Fort Worth, vote on International bylaws, and discuss all things Key Club!



2026-2027 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Aug - Oct 2026

Division Officer
Training Mtgs. (LTG
specific)



October 1, 2026

Annual dues
become payable

October 2026

Trick or Treat for
UNICEF



October 15, 2026

Youth Opportunities
Fund Applications
Due

October 17, 2026

K-T Fall Rally @
Dollywood



November 2-6, 2026

Key Club Week



December 1, 2026

Annual Dues become
Delinquent

