



## Service in the Summer FAQ

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Service in the summer can be hard. A lot of people may go home and be too far away from their home clubs. Some Presidents may even end up unavailable. While it may seem difficult, it is very important that your club remains active over the summer. If not, you are losing out on 3 months: a whole quarter of the service year! We hope that this guide will answer your questions and give you some great ideas to get you started!

### **So, I'm the President and I'm not from here. How is my club supposed to be active without me?**

If you have enough locals in your club, consider having a "Service in the Summer" Chair. One of our tenants is leadership so we should be constantly striving to allow our members to grow in their leadership skills. Talk to a member that is local and passionate and see if they would be interested in heading up summer events. Even if you are local, think about giving a member the opportunity to step up! Obviously, you should help them but allow them to really make this position their own.

### **We have never been active in the summer. How do we start?**

We suggest starting small for your first summer. Every club is different so obviously this won't work for everyone, but starting with one event each month is a good goal. They don't have to be huge things. You might even want to throw in a social too!

### **Most of our members are from out of town. How can we help them to stay active with Circle K over the summer?**

There is a good chance, that if your Circle Kers live in New York, there is a Circle K Club in a college near their home. If they would like, talk to your Lieutenant Governor and let them know where your member is from. They can then ask around and help you to connect your member to an active Circle K Club in their home town so that they can be active over the summer!

### **I'm the Club Secretary, even if our club isn't active for the summer months do I still have to fill out the Monthly Report Forms?**

Yes! You should be keeping track of your member's service hours during the summer. Many of your members may do service on their own so it is important to do your best to keep track of their hours during the summer. You may want to send out a google form where they can enter their hours each month. Even if you do not receive any response please fill out the MRF just so that we know who is active and who is not.

## Easy ways to get started...

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- Get involved with Kiwanis
  - For Kiwanis, summer is just like any other season. Chances are, they may be even more active during the summer. Make sure to ask them about any upcoming events they have and how you can help!
- Animal Shelter
  - Volunteer at your local animal shelter to help walk dogs or upkeep.
- Soup Kitchen, Food Bank, and Homeless Shelter Trips
  - Contact your local soup kitchen and schedule a day to help prepare and serve a meal with your club
- Park/Beach/Community Cleanup
  - Help pick up trash at a location near you
- Lemonade Stand in Park
  - Hold a Lemonade Stand for your favorite charity
- Participate in Walks
  - Make a team at any of the many walks for charities that take place over the summer
- Work with Refugees
  - Help out at a local refugee center to help them with their transition into their new life here
- Water Drive
  - Hand out free water and educate people on the Global Water Crisis. Accept any donations for a charity which helps fight the Global Water Crisis
- Visit a Nursing Home
  - Spend a day playing games or just talking with the elderly, they are sure to love it!
- Help in a community garden
  - Do some weeding and planting for a community garden in need
- Kids Enjoy Exercise Now
  - Spend a day volunteering with K.E.E.N to work with youth with disabilities  
<http://www.keenusa.org/volunteers>
- Habitat for Humanity
  - Contact your local Habitat for Humanity Chapter to help build homes for those in need
- Garage Sale
  - Hold a garage sale and donate all profits and leftover objects to a local homeless shelter

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