

BC WIRE

E-Newsletter for Builders Club Advisors

May 2011

We need your input!



The Kiwanis International staff is in the process of developing two resources, one that will be given to each Builders Club member and one that will be given to each Builders Club advisor at the beginning of the year.

As advisors, you have the most hands-on experience with our clubs, so we need your help and input regarding what should be included within these resources.

Within the survey you will find questions seeking your input, however if you have additional comments to share, please don't hesitate to contact Meghan Ward-Bopp, Builders Club specialist at mwardbopp@kiwanis.org or 317-217-6209.

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Please visit the link to take the brief survey!

Rethinking "leadership"

Greetings from Kiwanis International! This month we invite you to define youth leadership broadly: think about your own assumptions of what leadership looks like and introduce your Builders Club members to a variety of leadership styles and models. Keep in mind that leadership isn't always positional.

Create opportunities for involvement with your Builders Club members that reflect diverse forms of leadership and action. Make sure and take the time to facilitate a discussion about the types of leadership they observed in each opportunity.

Remember that you—as an adult ally—are modeling leadership for the youth with whom you work.

Remain authentic and open to learning about leadership from your club members as well.

Again, thank you so much for all that you have done and will do! Know that the entire KI staff and your Builders Club administrators are always just a phone call or email away—and happy to help in any way that we can!



Meghan Ward-Bopp
Builders Club Specialist, Kiwanis International

May's to-do list

- Conduct a meeting for newly elected and current club officers. Invite newly elected club officers and current club officers to attend a planning meeting for the next year.
- Transfer files from old to new club officers. Make sure that the newly elected officers receive the information from the previous year.
- Plan for the next Builders Club year. Map out the year with your Builders Club president.
- Attend the sponsoring Kiwanis club board of directors meeting to provide input during the club's budgeting process. Mention some of the projects the Builders Club hopes to conduct and provide an estimated cost of these service projects.
- Distribute intent to join Key Club certificates to members graduating from elementary school. These students transitioning to high school will be interested in joining the school's Key Club. If the high school does not have a Key Club, the student can refer to the back of the certificate, which displays instructions about how to build a Key Club.

Service activity idea: Swap 'til you drop!

With kids and young adults growing all the time and many families struggling to make it through the month, we asked families to go through their closets and donate clean clothes that were too small. By donating clothing, the families entered into the swap.

Join the fun! All you have to do is sort through the clothing to weed out anything that's not in good condition, and sort by size and gender. Consider asking for a small donation to cover supplies purchased or selling refreshments during the swap to cover any of your costs. Need other service activity ideas? Visit BuildersClub.org.



Free online resources

The Week in Rap

This website uses rap to summarize the top stories of the week — everything from politics to entertainment! The Week in Rap is a great educational tool that's also entertaining! <http://theweekinrap.com>

GoGirlGo!

The Women's Sports Foundation's GoGirlGo! offers free award-winning curriculum designed for grades 3-8. GoGirlGo! educates girls about healthy-risk behaviors and other issues such as body image, bullying, drugs and stress. For this FREE resource, visit www.womenssportsfoundation.org.

It's Your Life

It's My Life is a website that helps adolescents deal with issues they face every day, like school, friends, body, family, emotions and money. There are tons of quizzes, video clips, stories, games and articles to help adolescents realize whatever problem they're dealing with, believe it or not, other kids and teens have gone through the same thing. <http://pbskids.org/itsmylife/>

New Builders Club website debuts

The newly designed Builders Club website has launched at just in time to give its members, advisors and parents an introduction before summer vacation. Browse the site for your need-to-knows and send any questions, comments or feedback to Meghan Ward-Bopp at mwardbopp@kiwanis.org.

**Don't forget:
advisor input needed!**

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Members of the Builder's Club at Hans Christensen Middle School in Menifee want to make a difference in the community. Club adviser and technology teacher Jim Gammill said the club is an international service organization that develops leadership skills in middle school students interested in helping their school and community....

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