



"The mission of Key Leader is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership."

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To: High School Principals/Administrators

Re: Leadership Training Opportunity

Kiwanis International and the Nebraska-Iowa District invite your students to participate in the new Kiwanis Key Leader program. We are asking for your assistance to help select a student/s for this event and assist them in contacting or finding financial sponsorship to the Key Leader camps by contacting local Kiwanis Clubs.

Teenagers are the leaders of the future. Through the new Key Leader program, Kiwanis offers personal goal setting by focusing on the five key Principles of personal integrity, growth, respect, community building (local, state or national, and global), and pursuit of excellence. The cornerstone of the Key Leader program is service leadership. It offers an enrichment experience for youth. A Key Leader will learn the most important lesson of leadership – leadership comes from helping others succeed.

The program is designed to reach students in the middle of the pack as opposed to those at the top of the academic pyramid. It is open to young people – those who have completed the 8th grade through the 12th grade. Students must register online more than 21 days prior to the camp date.

Nebraska-Iowa will be hosting two events:

- April 20-22, 2007, at Camp Hantesa - Boone, Iowa
- November 2-4, 2007, at Eastern Nebraska 4-H Camp - Gretna, Nebraska

The fee is \$160 and all-inclusive. There are various avenues for funding: a local Kiwanis club, school-supported, personally funded, any service organization or church group, etc or shared funding from any of these organizations. Please consider selecting one or more of your students who may benefit by a leadership training experience and contact the District Chair if you need help in finding the student a sponsor. Once a sponsor is located, he/she may register online at www.key-leader.org.

For further information, please contact Nebraska-Iowa District Key-Leader Chairperson (Ron Petsch, 420 Cottonwood Street, Milford, NE 68405; 402-641-3046; rpetsch@alltel.net using **Key Leader** as the subject) or an individual from any Kiwanis Club in Nebraska-Iowa District (visit www.nikiwanis.org to locate your nearest Kiwanis Club).

We look forward to your school district participating.

"What is the essence of life? To serve others and to do good." - Aristotle