

## KEY LEADER FAQs

**April 25-27, 2025 – Mount Shepherd Retreat Center, Asheboro, NC**

### WHAT IS KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is Kiwanis International's leadership education program for students, primarily in high school. The Key Leader mission is to provide a life-changing experience that inspires young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. Developed with the United States Army and approved by the National Association Secondary School Principals, Key Leader is the perfect leadership development tool that will change your life!

### WHO CAN ATTEND A KEY LEADER EVENT?

Events are open to all students ages 14 to 18, including those currently in a Kiwanis student group such as Key Club and students who have not yet been a part of a Kiwanis family program. There is no limit on the number of participants from the same school.

### WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND?

Students will arrive for registration from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday and depart after 11 a.m. on Sunday. All lodging, meals and activities are at the event site during that time. Check out the Key Leader sample weekend agenda. The students have large and small group activities, with a combination of lectures, discussion, ropes course, team building and interactive activities. Every weekend will offer a lot of fun with new friends.

### WHICH ADULTS WILL BE PRESENT DURING THE WEEKEND?

A professional Key Leader facilitator will lead the event. This facilitator brings to the program excellent experience working with young people, and has successfully completed a training course on the curriculum. Each Kiwanis district provides trained adult volunteers to coordinate the logistics and supervise students. Kiwanis International requires a comprehensive background check for all of the adults who will be present for the weekend. Additional chaperones may attend at the same cost as students, plus \$25 background check fee if there is not a Kiwanis approved background check on file within the past 2 years.

### HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

The early bird registration is **\$250 per student** for registrations received before **February 28, 2025**. Kiwanis clubs can reserve a place at camp even before students have been identified as long as the registration fee is paid in full. Regular registration rate of **\$300** begins on **March 1 - March 31, 2025**. If any spots remain after **April 1<sup>st</sup> the fee is \$350 per student**. A school, Kiwanis club, community organization, religious group, family or others can sponsor a student and pay the cost. Attendance will be capped at 80 students and we expect to fill quickly and maintain a wait list to ensure the camp is full.

### ARE THERE STUDENT LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES DURING THE EVENT?

Yes. Students who have previously attended a Key Leader event may apply to be student facilitators. Fill out the application available on the Register Now page. The fee for student facilitators is **\$100 upon approved application**. Students will be notified within one week of completing an application with confirmation.

### HOW DO STUDENTS REGISTER?

Go to [www.Carolinaskeyleader.org](http://www.Carolinaskeyleader.org), click the Register Here tab and complete.

### WHERE CAN I FIND MORE INFORMATION ABOUT KEY LEADER?

Go to [www.carolinaskeyleader.org](http://www.carolinaskeyleader.org) or [www.key-leader.org](http://www.key-leader.org) to learn more about the program and see videos from events held around the world. Email Laurie Nappier, District Key Leader Chair or Amber Pendlay, Site Coordinator at [carolinaskeyleader@gmail.com](mailto:carolinaskeyleader@gmail.com) with questions or comments. Also look for us on Facebook and Instagram @CarolinasKeyLeader