

KEY LEADER®

LEAD. CONNECT. SERVE.

A weekend leadership experience for high school students



NOVEMBER 20-22, 2026

CAMP CARAWAY | SOPHIA, NORTH CAROLINA

Friday registration 4-6 p.m. • Sunday departure after 11 a.m.

DISCOVER YOUR LEADERSHIP POTENTIAL

Build confidence, strengthen communication skills and make meaningful connections through team-building, group discussions, personal reflection and challenge-course activities.



OPEN TO STUDENTS AGES 14-18

No prior Key Club or Kiwanis involvement is required. Space is limited to 80 students. Registration includes lodging, meals and all weekend activities.

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CAROLINAS KEY LEADER WEEKEND FAQ

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WHAT IS KEY LEADER?

Key Leader is Kiwanis International's weekend leadership program for teens. Its mission is to inspire young people to achieve their personal best through service leadership. Students learn through large- and small-group sessions, discussion, reflection, team-building and challenge-course activities.

WHO CAN ATTEND?

Students ages 14 to 18 may attend, including current Key Club members and students who have never participated in a Kiwanis-family program. There is no limit on the number of students from one school.

WHAT IS THE WEEKEND SCHEDULE?

Registration is Friday from 4 to 6 p.m. Students depart Sunday after 11 a.m. Lodging, meals and activities take place at Camp Caraway throughout the weekend.

WHO SUPERVISES STUDENTS?

A trained Key Leader facilitator leads the curriculum. Trained adult Kiwanis volunteers coordinate logistics and supervise students. Kiwanis International requires comprehensive background checks for all adults present.

CAN ADDITIONAL CHAPERONES ATTEND?

Yes. Chaperones may attend at the student rate, plus a \$35 background-check fee when a Kiwanis-approved background check is not already on file from the past two years.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

Registration is \$250 per student. Current registration periods and availability are posted at Carolinaskyleader.org. A school, Kiwanis club, community organization, religious group, family or another sponsor may pay a student's fee. Attendance is capped at 80 students.

ARE THERE STUDENT LEADERSHIP ROLES?

Yes. Students who have attended Key Leader before may apply to serve as student facilitators. The fee is \$150 after the application is approved. Applicants are typically notified within one week.

HOW DO STUDENTS REGISTER?

Visit Carolinaskyleader.org and select the registration page. Kiwanis clubs may reserve and pay for a place before identifying the student who will attend.

WHERE IS THE EVENT?

Camp Caraway, 4756 Caraway Mountain Road, Sophia, NC 27350. The camp is approximately seven miles west of Asheboro in the Uwharrie Mountains.

WHERE CAN I LEARN MORE?

Visit Carolinaskyleader.org or KeyLeader.org. Questions may be sent to Laurie Nappier, District Key Leader Chair, or Amber Pendlay, Site Coordinator, at carolinaskyleader@gmail.com. Follow @Carolinaskyleader on Facebook and Instagram.

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