



# THE KAY MINUTE

with Annie Diederich

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Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year and another opportunity for your KAY Club to do amazing work in service and leadership. It has been three weeks since KAY Leadership Camp 2022 concluded and I'm not sure about your students who attended, but my excitement about the possibilities ahead is still strong. This year we had over 200 campers and 27 staff members who came together to learn about service, leadership and so much more. The campers were incredible and met every expectation we had of them throughout the week. This group of leaders is going to accomplish so much in their KAY Clubs this year. Areas Presidents, Caroline Chiddix (Area 1), Alexis DeLong (Area 2), Kyra Bergman (Area 3), Harlie Bittel (Area 4), Nevaeh McVey (Area 5) and Emmalynn Kohn (Areas 6) not only led their areas but all campers to be the best leaders they can be. Because of the Area Presidents and their leadership, we have more KAY members interested in serving as an Area President in the future and that is exciting.

As we start this new year, please remember that my role as your State Director is to serve the KAY Clubs across the state. If there is something that I can do to assist your club this year, do not hesitate to reach out and ask. Remember to post your back-to-school events and membership drives on social media and tag us so we can share with all clubs. Have a remarkable 2022-2023 year!

## This Month:

- Kicking Off the New Year
- 2022 Regional Conferences
- Sponsors Session
- Area Projects

## Kicking Off the New Year

August 20 - [KAY-1](#) Due

August Board Workshop—Conduct Club August Officer/Board Workshop ASAP! See KAY Handbook, Section 2-9 for the agenda.

Schedule all board and club meetings. Protect dates on the school calendar and post on the KAY bulletin board.

Set Club KAY Goal—Establish club goal and inform members of the requirements.

Plan Membership Drive—Schedule dates for drive and set membership dues. Memberships due to KSHSAA October 20.

Review activities and tasks for the upcoming month. Include Regional Conference and Unit Conference dates on the school calendar.

## Area Projects

During KLC, Area Presidents led each area through the task of identifying an area project to be completed by each club and then reported on at each Area Regional Conference. Some areas chose to coordinate their area projects with Citizenship Week which is November 13-19. If that is your area, just be prepared to have your club discuss plans for the area project at Regional Conference. There were many good ideas brainstormed during KLC.

*KAY Motto: Today for Tomorrow*

*KAY Slogan: Laugh, Love, Lift*

*2022-2023 Theme: Service With Purpose*

## 2022 Regional Conferences

November and the KAY Regional Conferences will be here before we know it. Make plans now to bring delegates from your club to your Area Regional Conference. Annie has been meeting with host schools and these conferences are going to be outstanding!

Area 1 -- Hoyt-Royal Valley High School -- Monday, November 7

Area 2 -- Yates Center High School -- Thursday, November 3

Area 3 -- Council Grove High School -- Friday, November 11

Area 4 -- Stockton High School -- Tuesday, November 8

Area 5 -- Meade High School -- Wednesday, November 9

Area 6 (HS) -- Maize High School -- Tuesday, November 1

Area 6 (MS) -- Wichita-Gordon Parks -- Wednesday, November 2

## Sponsor Duties

Since KAY is a KSHSAA activity, all KAY sponsors must be CPR and AED certified. Please check with your AD to make sure you are current on this requirement.

## Sponsor Session

Sponsors, mark your calendars for Monday, September 19 and join us for the KAY Sponsors Session at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This day is geared for new and veteran sponsors at both the middle and high school level. Area Sponsors will help lead sessions and there will be time to learn from one another and share great ideas. Registration is due September 9, so don't waste any time getting this in. The day begins at 9:00 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m. and lunch is provided with your paid registration.

Grab another sponsor in your area and make plans to attend this year's KAY Sponsor Session.

