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Attend Service Leadership club meetings and events.

Attending Service Leadership club meetings and events is a benefit to you and the members you serve. As a Kiwanian and the sponsor of a Kiwanis Service Leadership Program (SLP), you are able to play a part in supporting and mentoring this sponsored club. Here are 10 reasons to participate in SLP events and answers to some key questions.

10 Reasons to attend SLP meetings and events:

1. Being at meetings and events reinforces the partnership between your club and the SLP club you sponsor.
2. You and your fellow club members model servant leadership for your SLP clubs.
3. If you're committed to working with your Service Leadership Program club, the children, young adults and adults with disabilities you sponsor will be more committed to Kiwanis.
4. When you work directly with a SLP club, you and SLP members learn from each other.
5. Parents, peers and volunteers involved with an SLP club may be interested in joining your Kiwanis club.
6. Your presence at SLP functions reinforces the concept of the Kiwanis family and encourages SLP members to continue participating in Kiwanis throughout their lives.
7. Working on community projects with SLP clubs is a great marketing opportunity for Kiwanis—and your club.
8. Being with SLP members allows you to see the impact of your service.
9. SLP members are looking for a mentor. You are needed.
10. You'll have fun!



FAQs

Who should attend SLP meetings or events?

As a Kiwanis advisor it is your privilege and responsibility to participate in SLP events. Encourage the rest of your Kiwanis club to join you.

What is your role when attending an SLP meeting?

Service Leadership Programs are designed to be led by their members, so allowing club members this role emphasizes the Kiwanis mission of developing leaders. As a Kiwanis advisor it is your job to work with the faculty advisor to identify the specific needs of the SLP club.

As SLP club sponsor and advisor, you serve as a mentor to club members and volunteers. During club meetings, you can participate as an advisor, although it's not your job to facilitate. You can serve as a coach to the SLP members and leaders.

What's your role at an SLP service project or event?

Prior to an event, work with the club's members and volunteers to establish your role and find out how you can help make the event successful. If an issue or concern arises, determine if you are capable of directly approaching the issue or speak with the faculty/facility advisor to discuss a solution. You may be asked to serve as a chaperone.

What about background checks?

Many schools require volunteers to submit to background checks before interacting with students. Consult the specific school for its requirements. If background checks are needed, help as many Kiwanis members as possible through the process. This helps increase the number of volunteers who can work with the SLP members.

How often should I attend SLP meetings?

A Kiwanis presence at any event demonstrates the sponsorship commitment of the Kiwanis club. Ideally, a Kiwanian would be present at every meeting or project coordinated by the SLP members. This is not always realistic, so you have to figure out what the SLP club needs. Make sure everyone in your club is aware of the SLP's meeting and event schedule, encourage all members to participate with the SLP, and always follow through with the commitments you make to the SLP club.