



LEO CLUBS
LEADING FOR LIFE

ALPHA MEMBER GUIDE

WELCOME!



YOU'VE TAKEN THE FIRST STEP TOWARD THE ADVENTURE OF A LIFETIME.

Alpha Leo clubs are for young people around the world just like you—active, social and fun. Now that you've joined, you get to develop leadership skills, serve your community and, more than anything, have a good time.

THAT'S WHY LEOS ARE LEADING FOR LIFE

WHAT WE ARE ALL ABOUT IS SIMPLE:

LEADERSHIP: Develop your skills as a project organiser, time manager and team leader.

EXPERIENCE: Discover how teamwork and cooperation can bring exciting changes to your community.

OPPORTUNITY: Make friends and feel the rewards of community service.

As a Leo you get all three....and have fun at the same time.

SO YOU ARE WONDERING WHAT THIS REALLY MEANS FOR YOU?

LEADERSHIP

Leos develop skills as organisers and motivators. They learn that good leaders should be trustworthy, accountable and fair. As a Leo you have many ways to lead. Maybe you'll organise a new project or direct a team. Or perhaps you'll have the chance to hold a leadership office.

PRESIDENT: Manages club and board meetings, works with other officers and reports to the sponsoring Lions Club.

VICE PRESIDENT: Assists the President and assumes the duties of President if elected President cannot complete the term.

SECRETARY: Maintains club records and meeting minutes, and submits reports to the Sponsoring Lions Club and LCI.

TREASURER: Manages the club budget and finances.

In addition to holding an office in your club, you also have the chance to learn leadership skills from the members of your sponsoring Lions club and from your club's advisor. They are here to help you succeed and to provide resources, direction and support to your club so that you can make a difference in your community.



EXPERIENCE

There are lots of fun and meaningful ways you can get involved by helping out in your community. Common Leo club projects from around the world include:

- Providing clothes for children in need
- Collecting books for students
- Repairing a playground
- Visiting children in the hospital
- Volunteering during a Special Olympics tournament
- Raising funds for the homeless
- Starting an after school tutoring program

Through projects like these, Leos provide hope to thousands of people across the globe, with a special focus on children. Spotlight on Children is the international service project of Leo clubs. In recognition of service to children in need, your Leo club can earn a special banner patch after completing a Spotlight on Children project. And, if you provide a lot of support to a Spotlight on Children project, you might be able to receive an individual certificate of recognition. The ways you can make a difference are endless.

OPPORTUNITY

Your Leo membership opens doors to fun opportunities other people might miss out on :

- * Developing leadership and teamwork skills by organizing a service project or holding office in your club or district.
- * Traveling to leadership seminars, district conferences and other events like the Lions Club International Convention, a chance to meet with Leos from around the world.
- * Earning recognition from your peers, mentors and community leaders for your work with awards like Leos of the Year, the Leo Award of Honour or Lions Young Leaders in Service.
- * Connecting with Leos in other countries through the International Club Twinning Program, a program that links your club to another Leo club in a different country.

If this sounds like a lot to do—it is! But Leos will tell you that it's also a lot of fun and well worth it. Plus you have access to the tools you need to make it happen, like training programs, marketing materials and an online community.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Learn more about the Leo Club Program at www.lionsclubs.org/leoclubs

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