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Contest entries due April 1

It's contest time for Builders Club members, a great time for students to get involved, show their special talents and, especially, grow in areas beyond their comfort zones. [Builders Clubs](#) have awards for writers, speakers and artists, and the scrapbook contest is an ideal way to involve every club member in documenting a year in the life of their club. Contest entries and forms are due to district administrators by April 1. First-place winners will then be judged after April 30 by Kiwanis International.

Have your students start by considering which contest inspires them. You'll find the [contest process](#), individual requirements, past winners and forms for [Builders Clubs](#) contests online. Contact Lisa Pyron at lpyron@kiwanis.org and 1-800-KIWANIS, ext. 168, with questions.

The Family that Serves Together Stays Together

Each year, all members of the Kiwanis family are encouraged to serve together on Kiwanis One Day. This year, Kiwanis One Day is Saturday, April 5, so mark your calendars and start planning your projects! The goal of Kiwanis One Day is to team up with as many members of the Kiwanis family as possible to work on a service project. There are no rules or restrictions, so be creative!

[Read more.](#)

Save the date for Eliminate Week

Builders Club Eliminate Week is May 5–9. Kiwanis-family clubs around the globe are using this week to focus on raising funds and awareness for The Eliminate Project: Kiwanis' initiative to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus.

Whether your club hosts a [penny war](#) or coordinates a week of “spirit days,” every K-Kids club, Builders Club, Key Club and Aktion Club is needed to participate. The time to start planning your fundraising project is now, and we’ve made it easy:

1. A [step-by-step guide](#) will help your club plan, implement and celebrate your event.
2. We’ve outlined simple fundraising ideas to make it easy for you to choose your event.
3. If your club participates, the club is eligible for [fundraising recognition](#) and a [2014 Eliminate Week patch](#).

Check out all of the great resources online:

www.buildersclub.org/EliminateWeek. And, don’t forget to submit the [Kiwanis-family giving form](#) with any donation to The Eliminate Project. Every penny counts to make a difference. Every US\$1.80 can save or protect a life.

Annual Achievement Report: easier than ever

Your Builders Club has done an amazing job this year! In less time than ever, you can let us know all about your club’s successes. After you’ve wrapped up your club’s activities for the year, use the updated [Annual Achievement Report](#) to highlight your club’s accomplishments and earn a banner patch. If you run into any issues or have any questions, please contact lpyron@kiwanis.org.

Electing new officers

The school year isn’t over quite yet, but it’s already time to think about electing new club officers for next year! April is the ideal month to begin the election process. This leaves plenty of time to make a smooth transition from current officers to new ones, which will help your club hit the ground running at the start of next year.

[Read more.](#)

Easy service projects

Need a fun service project that you can do during your meeting? We have two inexpensive projects that let your members express their creative sides—and make children’s hospital stays much more enjoyable: non-slip socks for children and decorative pillowcases.

[Read more.](#)

Dates and deadlines

April 1	Builders Club contest entries are due.
April 5	Kiwanis One Day
May 5–9	Eliminate Week
May 5–9	Teacher Appreciation Week

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