

Youth Development Program: Leo Club

The Leo Club Program objective is:

"To provide the youth of the world with an opportunity for development and contribution, individually and collectively, as responsible members of the local, national, and international community."

The Leo Club Motto is:

Leadership - Leos develop skills as organizers, time managers, and motivators of their peers.

Experience - Leos learn the importance of cooperation through the performance of community service.

Opportunity - Membership in a Leo club provides young people with a chance to excel, to develop character traits, and to receive recognition for their contributions to the community.

In 2002, existing Leo clubs declared themselves as either Alpha or Omega Leo clubs. Members of **Alpha Leo clubs** are between the ages of 12 and the legal age of majority in their country.

Omega Leo club members are between the legal age of majority in their country and an age deemed appropriate by the multiple district. All other requirements are identical for Alpha and Omega Leo clubs.

All Leo clubs have been asked to declare their clubs as either Alpha or Omega Leo Clubs.

Age-appropriate publications will be mailed to Alpha and Omega Leo clubs.

Alpha Leo club advisors will accept a more active role in guiding young Leos to plan effective meetings and successful service projects. Omega Leo club advisors will serve mainly as liaisons between the Leo club and the sponsoring Lions club.

International Leo Project

In April 2005, the Lions International Board of Directors approved **Spotlight on Children** as the International Service Project for Leo clubs.

Leo clubs are encouraged to develop a project for children in adverse circumstances. An ideal day to implement a Spotlight on Children project is December 5, International Leo Day.

