

What Optimist Clubs Do

Optimist Clubs are dedicated to "Bringing Out the Best in Kids" and do their part through community service programs. Since each Club is autonomous and run by members in their community, Optimists have the unique flexibility to serve the youth of their area in any way they see fit. Optimist Clubs see a need in their community and react to it.

Optimist International officially sponsors several International Programs: the [Childhood Cancer Campaign](#), [Internet Safety](#), the [Optimist International Junior Golf Championships](#) and the organization's [scholarship contests](#) (Essay Contest, Oratorical Contest and Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing). In addition, Optimist International encourages involvement in several other community activities:

[Respect for Law/Promotion of Non-Violence](#)[Youth Appreciation](#)[Youth Safety](#) Optimists conduct 65,000 community service projects each year, spending \$78 million in their communities. Annually, six million kids are positively affected by Optimist programs.

For more information about Optimist International's dedication to serving youth, please contact the Programs Department by e-mail at programs@optimist.org or call (800) 500-8130, ext. 235.

The Optimist Creed

Promise Yourself

To be so strong that nothing can disturb your peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person you meet.

To make all your friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make your optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as you are about your own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature you meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of yourself that you have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear, and too happy to permit the presence of trouble

Optimist Club of Leesburg, Virginia



Our Mission

By Providing Hope and Positive
Vision Optimist Bring Out
The Best in Kids

Contact

www.leesburgoptimistclubva.org

A Few Projects That We Have Done

Annual Essay Contest w/local High Schools

LCHS All-Night Graduation Party

YMCA Kids Health Day

HOBY—Loudoun High Schools

Child ID Program

Teen Night—Claude Moore Center

Tri-Star Baseball & Basketball

Loudoun Girls Soccer Tournament

Childhood Cancer Campaign

Salvation Army Bell Ringing

Leesburg Halloween Parade

People to People Ambassador Program

Christmas—Neighbors Helping Neighbors

Special Olympics—Golf and Basketball

Leesburg Christmas Parade

Transitional Housing Christmas Party

Holiday Coalition Volunteer

Kids Day Loudoun County Fair

Antique Car Show

Food -Families—Christmas/Thanksgiving

Safety on Wheels

Bicycle Rodeo

Kids Shopping at Christmas

DARE Program Simpson Middle School

Tri-Star Roller Hockey

Junior Optimist International (JOI)

Home to the world's most dynamic coalition of youth volunteers, the members of Junior Optimist International live by the motto of "kids helping kids." Junior Optimist International is recognized by the National Association of Secondary School Principals and offers three different age groups: Alpha Clubs (elementary), Junior Clubs (middle school) and Octagon Clubs (high school).

Optimist Junior Golf

One of the largest and well-renowned junior golf tournaments in the world. In order to play in the Championships, golfers must qualify. Golfers must qualify for one of the designated spot(s) granted to a specific District qualifying tournament plus shoot at or below the target score. The number of qualifying spots in each age division varies by District. Please contact your District Chair for details.

Childhood Cancer Campaign

The CCC program model is built to accentuate four areas of service on which Members can focus:

- Support to children diagnosed and receiving treatment for cancer
- Support to families and care partners of children with cancer
- Support to health care and service providers
- Support for cancer research

Scholarship Contests

Optimist International sponsors three scholarship contests for students to earn money to pursue opportunities in higher education: the Communication Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (CCDHH), the Essay Contest and the Oratorical Contest.

Internet Safety

The Internet Safety program was established in December 2008 with the focus of providing Clubs with resources to educate both young people and their parents about potential dangers on the internet and offering information about safe practices while online.

Community Activities

Includes Respect for Law/Promotion of Non-Violence, Youth Appreciation, Youth Safety and Tri-Star Sports. Since Clubs are autonomous, Optimists have the flexibility to serve the youth of their community in any way they see fit.

Other Programs:

Youth Appreciation Week

Respect for Law

Communications Contest for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Oratorical Contest w/ St. Louis University

Club Programs and Projects

Clubs are encouraged to provide their own customized program for their community along with fundraisers.