



## The American Baccalaureate School Volunteer Organizations & Charities in Kuwait

As a requirement for graduation, each and every ABS student is expected to complete a total of 40-hours of volunteer service: 20-hours of volunteer service done with an organization or charity within the community and 20-hours of volunteer service done with ABS events/activities.

Listed below are a number of organizations which have been accredited by ABS as appropriate for students to volunteer at to fulfill their service learning requirement. If you are interested in volunteering for an organization that is not listed below, please speak to the High School Counselor.

### **Oxford Learning Center**

- Students may work as TAs in the KG classroom.
- **Address:** Shaab Al Bahry Ibn Al-Khatib Street, Bldg 83, 1st Floor
- **Phone:** 2261-3535

### **ABS Math Tutoring**

- After-school peer-tutoring for math. Monday & Wednesdays, Boys' Cafeteria, 2:40-3:20.
- Application forms from campus secretaries. Must be approved by Mr. Fares.

### **ABS Science Tutoring Club**

- After-school peer-tutoring for Science. Tuesdays, Girls' Cafeteria, 2:40-3:20.
- Application forms from campus secretaries. Must be approved by Principal, Vice-Principal, or HOD Science Dept.

### **Abeer2**

- Part of the Kuwait Voluntary Work Center (KVWC); volunteer program in assistance of children with special needs in Kuwait.
- **Website:** <http://www.abeer2.com/>
- **Phone:** 9949-4037 (volunteer manager) or 2524-0626.

### **Al Kharafi Activity Kids Center**

- Developed to help special needs children play with their peers within a safe and enjoyable environment whilst developing their physical, emotional, social, and verbal abilities. Volunteer times: Monday & Wednesday evenings (5 - 8 pm) and Saturdays (9 am - 12 pm).
- **Website:** <http://www.kharafi-akc.org.kw/>
- **Phone:** 2539-6278.

### **Kuwait Association for the Care of Children in Hospital (KACCH) at Bayt Abdullah Children's Hospice**

- Non-governmental charitable organization; helps children and their families cope with the stresses of hospitalization. The hospice provides special care for people who are near the end of life and for their families. Volunteers support the play program in six hospitals.
- **Website:** <http://www.kacch.org/>
- There is a volunteer application form on the website at <http://www.kacch.org/home/home.htm>. Fill it out and they will contact you to arrange for an interview.
- **Email:** [nfo@kacch.org](mailto:nfo@kacch.org) or [kacch3@gmail.com](mailto:kacch3@gmail.com)
- **Phone:** Mary Dempsey Booz, Hospital Coordinator, at 2227-6989



### **Kuwait Down Syndrome Society in Khaldiya**

- Spend time with special needs children.
- **Website:** <http://www.ds-int.org/organizations/kuwait-down-syndrome-society>
- **Email:** kmgc2006@yahoo.com (Dr. Laila Bastaki)

### **Kuwait Center for Autism**

- Duties include paperwork, filing, and assisting teachers and students with school work.
- **Website:** <http://www.autism2014.net/KuwaitCenterForAutismActivities.aspx> and [www.q8autism.com](http://www.q8autism.com)
- **Email:** kwautism@gmail.com
- **Phone:** 2530-9300 extension 366 (Mrs. Shaikha Al Subaihi)

### **Kuwait Red Crescent Society**

- Helps those in need in times of disaster. Duties include hospital visits, first aid training, etc.
- **Website:** <http://www.krcs.net/>
- **Phone:** 2481-8084 (general number) and 2481-8085 extension 152 (Dr. Masad is the manager of the volunteer department) or extension 101.

### **Kuwait Society for the Handicapped**

- The Society provides services to all children suffering from motor, mental, behavioral and sensory disabilities, including dual and multiple disabilities. Volunteer duties include music & entertainment programs, talking to patients, etc. Evenings only.
- The volunteer form is located at <http://www.ksh-kw.com/English/VolunteersForm.html> (there should be an Arabic form too).
- **Website:** <http://www.ksh-kw.com/>
- **Email:** ksh@ksh-kw.com
- **Phone:** 2263-2343 or 2263-1277 (reception), ask for Latha or extension 150. Latha's mobile is 99407519.

### **Kuwait Voluntary Work Centre (KVVCP)**

- Projects apparently include working with children with special needs and protection of the environment (desert and sea – including desert/sea clean-up activities).
- **Website:** <http://www.kuwaitvolunteers.com/> (all in Arabic so contact information is unknown)

### **We Are Volunteers (PMI – Project Management Institute, Arabian Gulf Chapter)**

- Exact duties are unknown. Past description focused on groups of students who want to offer a helping hand at various places to help the needy and show support for the ill. Look for the Facebook group.
- **Website** (information, current vacancies, application form, etc.): <http://pmiagckw.org/> (general) or <http://pmiagckw.org/get-involved/volunteer> ("get involved" tab)
- **Email:** volunteers@pmiagckw.org
- **Phone:** 2521-2816 to see if there are any current volunteering opportunities.

### **Protecting Animal Welfare Society (PAWS).**

- Provides assistance (walk, feed, bathe, & comfort animals; clean kennels, paperwork, etc.) to sheltered, homeless, neglected and abandoned animals. Training is provided. Volunteers must be 16 years old or older unless accompanied by a parent.



- **Website:** <http://paws-kuwait.org/blog/>
- There is a volunteer application form at <http://paws-kuwait.org/blog/help-paws/volunteering-with-paws/volunteer-application/>
- **Phone:** 5155-3822 (Rola Al-Baker).

### **Animal Friends League (AFL)**

- Associated with the Kuwait Society for the Protection of Animals and Their Habitat.
- Improves the quality of animals' lives in Kuwait by rescuing animals; providing animals with shelter, food and medical attention; and educating people about the basic needs and proper treatment and care of animals. Marine conservation is every Friday morning (clean up the beaches).
- Please note: commitment is required (e.g. 6 – 20 hours per month).
- **Website:** <http://www.animalfriendskuwait.org/> links to [www.kspath.org](http://www.kspath.org)
- Information on volunteering found at <http://kspath.org/wordpress/volunteer/how-to-volunteer/>
- **Email:** [volunteers@kspath.org](mailto:volunteers@kspath.org)

### **Senyar Dive Team**

- This organization protects marine life in the Gulf. Diving is not a requirement as there are many other ways to help. After school shifts (5-9:30 pm) and weekend shifts available. Note: to apply you must fill in a form and bring in a copy of your civil ID plus two photos.
- **Website:** <http://senyar.net/enwp/>

### **LoYAC (Lothan Youth Achievement Center)**

- LOYAC is a non-profit organization working towards the overall development of the youth. The program aims to bring young people to serve their community through volunteering in various centers such as the Foster Care Center and the Elderly Care Center. There are also numerous programs, some offering international volunteering experience:
- **“Service is My Joy – Winter 2013”.** “My Joy” provides the youth opportunities to volunteer in various community centers in Kuwait. The program is conducted during spring, summer, and winter seasons. More information and the application form at <http://www.loyac.org/Serviceismyjoy/ServiceMyJoyprogram.aspx>
- **Other local programs:** 7 Habits Workshop, My Story Club, Continuous Development, Graduates Empowerment Program, LOYAC Internship Program, Summer Program, Volunteer On Call, and Volunteering for Humanity. Information can be found at <http://www.loyac.org/Students.aspx>
- **Information and application forms for International programs can be found at** <http://www.loyac.org/International/GlobalOutreach/GlobalOutreach.aspx>
  - **K4K (Kuwait for Kenya).** Volunteers help Kenyans (especially women and youth in disadvantaged communities) help themselves to establish sustainable projects that contribute to alleviate poverty and give the people access to basic life and health services. However, opportunities in Kuwait may exist to fundraise, promote, and volunteer in other ways.
  - **We Build-India.** LOYAC sends youth on this four-week program every summer. This is designed as a co-curricular service-learning model, as it connects the theory taught in the school to the application used in the world.
  - **Homes Project (Lebanon).** Youths from Kuwait join a similar group of youths in Lebanon to serve the community by renovating homes of poor people and provide them with safe, healthy living conditions.



- **Main website:** <http://www.loyac.org/>

### **Operation HOPE Kuwait**

- Students actively participate in various drives (shoes, blanket, coat, clothing, non-perishable, etc.) and specific campaigns during spring and winter. For example, the “Winter Warmth 2013” project distributed bags of warm clothes to street janitors. Esther's Attic redistributes lightly used clothing. Other campaigns aim to help groups (e.g. those in embassy shelters, hospitals) as well as individual people in need.
- **Website:** [www.ohkuwait.org](http://www.ohkuwait.org)
- **Email:** [hope@ohkuwait.org](mailto:hope@ohkuwait.org) or [volunteer@ohkuwait.org](mailto:volunteer@ohkuwait.org)
- **Phone:** 9937-5613

### **Dar al-Athar al-Islamiyyah (DAI) Museum Intern Programme**

- Become a Docent! Volunteering at a museum enables you to learn about such things as art history, conservation, and exhibition presentation. You then have the opportunity to teach, inspire, and enrich the lives of others -- visitors to the museum who are just as curious as you are. This is a long-term commitment (Sept. 2014-June 2016) and will get you at least 66 hours of volunteering, plus lots of training in valuable skills. **DEADLINE TO APPLY IS JUNE 3, 2014.** See your counselor for more information and application forms.
- Suitable for grades 9 & 10, possibly grade 11 students. It is not recommended for senior students due to the amount of commitment required.
- **Website:** <http://darmuseum.org.kw/dai/>
- **Phone:** **6683-8585** (Al-Maidan Cultural Centre, Maidan Hawally) or **2240-0992** (Amricani Cultural Center, near Parliament building)

### **Camp Leaders Kuwait**

- Summer camp. Duties include helping and directing children from one activity to another and assist where needed, including on field trips. It is a 4 week program held during Ramadan (1-5pm, 5 days a week). Interviews held each April.
- Winter camp. During winter break for 2 weeks, 4-8 pm. Check their instagram or website for interview dates.
- **Website:** <http://www.leaderskw.com/index.html>
- **Phone:** 9968-6092

### **Kuwait Kids Camp**

- Summer camp. Duties for senior counselor positions (aged 16+) include being responsible for junior counselors assigned to them as well as a long list of duties akin to a teacher's assistant (behavior management, field trips, bathroom breaks, change room for swimming time, talent show, safety, and various day-to-day activities). The camp runs from 12:00 - 4:30, Sunday to Thursday, from June 29 to July 17, 2014.
- **Website:** [www.kuwaitkidscamp.com](http://www.kuwaitkidscamp.com)
- **Email:** [kuwaitkidscamp@gmail.com](mailto:kuwaitkidscamp@gmail.com)
- **Phone:** 9936-3655

### **Kuwait Red Crescent Society**

- Kuwait Red Crescent Society is a voluntary humanitarian society that provides assistance to the most vulnerable people affected by social conflicts, wars or natural disasters without discrimination against any human being regardless of nationality, gender, color, race, religions or political and intellectual beliefs.



- **Website:** <http://www.krcs.org.kw/>
- **Email:** info@krcs.org.kw
- **Phone:** 1814-814

### **National Banks**

- Any official bank with a branch within Kuwait

**\*\*Any student wishing to volunteer at an organization that is NOT listed must obtain approval by the High School Counselor before submitting log hours\*\***