

Frequently Asked Questions

The following are some suggested answers for frequently asked questions. Please become very familiar with the answers so that you will be able to put them in your own words when asked.

What is Campus Civitan?

Campus Civitan is a part of the Civitan International organization. We are an INTERNATIONAL community service organization. We believe in assisting and leading all facets of community service and developing our members to become better leaders and citizens.

What is Civitan International?

Civitan International is our parent organization. Their goals and mission is very similar to those of Campus Civitan. Civitan clubs are composed of community and business leaders who are dedicated to improving their community and world. Organized in 1917 in Birmingham, Alabama, Civitan now has over 40,000 men, women and young people in clubs throughout North America, Europe, Asia and Africa. Each club has a threefold purpose: service, knowledge and fellowship. Our Campus clubs will be very active with our sponsoring Civitan clubs; this will give us an opportunity to help with their projects and network with their members.

What is the Civitan International Research Center?

The Civitan International Research Center is the major emphasis project of Civitan International. It is a research and development facility at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, which conducts research into the causes of developmental disabilities and provides clinical services and programs for children and adults with these special challenges. It is one of a kind facility that has made tremendous progress in treating people with disabilities. The Civitan organization is proud of its \$20 million commitment to the Civitan Research Center through fundraising projects conducted by Civitans around the world.

What type of things do you do?

Campus Civitan clubs do everything! Our volunteer efforts range from organizing basketball tournaments for people with disabilities to holding large food and clothing drives for the homeless to helping out with other charities such as Habitat for Humanity. We also hold social events such as road trips, movie nights at a dorm or after-meeting dinners.

And since we are new, you will play a large part in deciding exactly what our club will do!! Our events originate from the ideas and suggestions of our members.

When and how often does the club meet?

Our club will begin meeting once every two weeks. You will be contacted soon about when and where the meetings will be held.

How much are dues?

Dues are \$20 per year. If you are a past member of Junior Civitan or renewing member of Campus Civitan, then your dues are \$15 per year.

What will I gain by being a member?

By being a member of Campus Civitan, you will learn practical experience in things such as leadership, public speaking, taking responsibility, running meetings, organizing events, etc. You will also gain new friends. Through working with local Civitan clubs, you will have the opportunity to make some great connections that may prove very beneficial after graduation. Most importantly, you will have the opportunity to truly make a difference in our community!!

How is Campus Civitan different from Circle K or Rotaract?

Campus Civitan is actually very similar to Circle K and Rotaract in the fact that we are all service organizations. Our differences lie mostly in the types of programs that we promote within our organizations and the types of projects that our clubs undertake on a local level. Since this is a new club, it's up to us to make sure that our projects will serve the community's needs in the best way possible.

On many campuses, it has proven beneficial to have a number of community service organizations. It can provide for healthy competition between the groups, which will push each organization to better itself. More importantly, it provides excellent opportunities for these clubs to do joint activities in order to undertake really large projects.

What leadership opportunities are there in Campus Civitan?

There will be a number of offices and committees that you can serve in as a part of this club. Most Campus Civitan clubs have a President, Vice-President of Projects, Vice-President of Membership, Secretary, Treasurer and a Public Relations Coordinator. As a charter member, you will not only have the opportunity to serve in these positions, but you will also be a part of creating positions that you feel the club needs. Also, as the Campus program develops you may have the opportunity to get involved on the district and international levels of the Campus Civitan organization.

What does it mean that you are trying to charter?

Right now is a very exciting time for this club! Civitan International has decided that our university would be an ideal campus for a Campus Civitan club. In the next few weeks, we will be recruiting members and organizing our club. We will be creating an organization that has the potential of making a very strong impact on this community. The exciting part is that you have the opportunity to be a part of building this legacy by becoming a charter member! By doing this, you can help direct the club's goals and projects from the beginning!