

10 Things You Can Do for Ally Week

1. Register and get resources at www.allyweek.org

Register your participation for Ally Week and download free resources – including pledge cards, sticker templates and more – to make your school’s Ally Week even more successful! Register your event on studentorganizing.org.

2. Ask people to pledge to be an Ally

Download The Ally Week Action instructions, Ally Week Pledge Form and Ally Week Pledge Card sheet at AllyWeek.org. Talk to people about why it is important to be an Ally and ask that they sign the pledge form. They can also give an email address if they want more information about safe schools issues. Then hand them a pledge card so they can remember their pledge!

3. Set up a booth or table at your school

Get permission to have your GSA or similar club set up a table in your cafeteria or in a main hallway where you can distribute information and resources such as pamphlets, ribbons, stickers, pledge cards or flyers.

4. Host presentations in your auditorium

Have your GSA or similar club develop a presentation about what it means to be an Ally, Allies in historical civil rights movements, LGBT 101 or another interesting topic. Or host presentations during the day, lunch time or after school in your auditorium, gym, cafeteria or library.

5. Meet with other clubs to discuss issues

Host a meeting where members or leaders from other clubs, such as a diversity club, Black Student Union, student council or a political club can meet and discuss issues and concerns you may have in common. This is a great way to open up the door for outreach.

6. Make Allies and form partnerships with other clubs

If your GSA or similar club is interested in a weeklong awareness event, it’s a great idea to get other clubs involved. Why not create displays or make public service announcements all week? Why not have an Ally Week in which (for example) the Asian student club presents on Monday, the human rights club on Tuesday, the GSA on Wednesday and so on?

7. Present at a faculty/staff meeting

Whether you make a speech or do a workshop, it’s a great idea to have your GSA or similar club talk to teachers. Host an event, distribute pledge cards or ask staff to get involved in other ways.

8. Make a display case

Have your GSA or similar club make a display case in a public space at your school. It can feature anything from a history lesson about Allies, to student artwork about inclusion and tolerance, to what students can do to be allies, to basic information about your club.

9. Initiate class discussions

Ask your teachers to set aside some time during the week to discuss what it means to be an Ally, and why it is important. You might spend some time discussing current events or having dialogues about bullying or asking students to sign the Ally pledge form.

10. Host an Ally Party!

Have your GSA or similar club host a social meeting in which you welcome new members – or anyone that’s interested – for fun, games and good conversation. You might have a movie party, dance or social gathering outside of school for members and allies to have a good time and get to know each other, putting an emphasis on the importance of having Allies and building alliances.