

E-club Expectations

Successful people, regardless of where they are in life or what role they play, can almost always do these three things well:

1. Communicate ideas
2. Solve problems
3. Work Cooperatively

Invo-Co exists to offer junior high age students throughout Effingham County the opportunity to practice these skills by learning how to be an entrepreneurial thinker and by creating entrepreneurial solutions. With this in mind, some ground rules need to be understood by everyone—members, parents, adult volunteers and guest speakers—to help make Invo-Co the best it can be.

1. Communicating Ideas: In order for us to communicate ideas the most effectively, members should be willing to wait patiently for their turn to speak. When they have earned the opportunity to address the group, members are expected to stand and face as many people as possible in order to enhance the presentation of their thoughts.

Communicating is also about listening and understanding. When ideas are being expressed by a fellow member, an adult volunteer or a guest speaker, it is absolutely crucial that everyone does their best to understand what is being said by listening quietly, respectfully, and attentively.

2. Problem Solving: Life is full of problems that need solutions. Some of them are small, such as “We’re out of cereal; what should I eat for breakfast instead?” to rather large, “How can we create, market and sell a product that will eventually earn a profit?” In order to solve problems, we must remember to keep a positive attitude and an open mind. There is almost never merely one way to find a solution, and in order for Invo-Co to find its greatest success, we must learn to respect all ideas, even those that might seem unique to us.
3. Working Cooperatively: People are different. We all come from different backgrounds, we all practice different skills, and we all dream different dreams. Just as our different personalities make us unique, they can also sometimes make working cooperatively a challenge. However, the strength of any group, whether it’s a successful business or the United States as a whole, comes from just that: different people working together cooperatively for a common goal.

Although each of us are individually responsible for our actions, our success in life is greatly influenced by how we are perceived by others. With this in mind, getting along with each other and genuinely respecting each other is an absolutely crucial component to our success. Invo-Co is an environment in which we are all expected to set aside our differences and any personality conflicts in order to work cooperatively.

These expectations exist so we may offer all members of Invo-Co the greatest possible experience. Members who are unwilling to help make Invo-Co better by following these expectations may be asked to refrain from attending some meetings. Members who repeatedly demonstrate this unwillingness will be asked to end their membership in Invo-Co. Invo-Co is an afterschool club put together by adult volunteers who want to provide a safe and healthy environment where its members are challenged to communicate their ideas and create solutions by working together. We look forward to success, and hope you have what it takes to join us!

If you understand and agree to these expectations, please sign and date this contract in the line provided. After your parent/guardian has read and understood these expectations, please have them sign and date this contract before returning it. Notice there is an additional line for your parent/guardian to sign that indicates that they have given you permission to attend potential field trips as a member of Invo-Co. While the field trip permission slip does not have to be signed in order for you to be a member of Invo-Co, it is necessary for you to attend future field trips. Thank you.

I have read, understood and agree to follow the expectations listed above. I understand that if I am unwilling to follow these expectations, I will be asked to end my membership in Invo-Co.

Student Signature _____

I have read and understand the expectations listed above. I understand that if my student is unwilling to follow these expectations, he/she will be asked to end his/her membership in Invo-Co.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

I give my student permission to attend potential field trips as a member of Invo-Co.

Parent/Guardian Signature _____