Peer Group Leader Job Description
Welcome Week 2010

Purpose of Peer Groups:

1. To model successful academic practices and behaviors for new students.
2. To provide mutual support for new students in their transition to Messiah College.
3. To inform students about the traditions and history of Messiah College.
4. To model holistic student-centered learning practices.
5. To provide leadership training for peer leaders.
6. To foster student-student, student-peer leader, and student-faculty relationships.
7. To support the integration of students into the Messiah College community and the surrounding area.

Selection Criteria for Peer Leaders:

Preference will be given to students who will be Juniors next year, recommended by a member of the Community of Educators and have a minimum GPA of 3.0 and also have:

1. Previous or current leadership experience/involvement in campus life.
2. Genuine enthusiasm for the College, members of the campus community, academics, and co-curricular life.
3. A commitment to encourage other students to uphold the standards presented in the Community Covenant.
4. An interest in working closely with a First Year Seminar instructor.
5. A willingness and ability to model appropriate behavior, goal-setting, and mentoring for new students.

Peer Leader Duties and Responsibilities:

1. Serve as a mentor for academic, cocurricular, and leadership involvement.
2. Follow-up with individual questions and concerns including academic, social, and spiritual issues. Refer students to appropriate faculty members and/or offices as necessary.
3. Help students adjust and become academically successful.
4. Meet with the FYS instructor and actively involve him/her in suggesting/planning group activities. Invite the instructor to some of the Group activities.
5. Assist instructor as requested in arranging visitors, tours, and trips to cultural events/locations.
6. Participate in the Peer Leader Training Sessions.
7. Plan and lead FYS Peer Group meetings and activities; one activity per week until Fall Break
8. Inform Peer Coordinators of your group activities, attendance, and concerns through weekly reports.
9. Pray for members of your group on a regular basis.
10. Following Fall Break, complete an evaluation form.
PEER LEADER APPLICATION
WELCOME WEEK 2010
Applications are due by Monday, March 1, 2010

Selected Candidates must be able to participate in:

**SPRING TRAINING DATE:**
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – 5:30pm – 6:30pm in Frey 150

**FALL DATES:**
- Return to campus by 5pm on Tuesday, August 24
- Participate in training on Wednesday, August 25
- Participate in Welcome Week Thursday, August 26 - Monday August 30

Name______________________________ Year
_______Major_____________________

Preference of FYS Instructor_________________________ T-Shirt Size
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Summer Address___________________________ City________________ State____ Zip_______

Summer Phone Number (___)____ - ________ Cell Phone Number (___)____ - ________

Cumulative GPA as of December 31, 2009 ______>3.0 _______2.0-3.0 _______<2.0

Are you currently or have you been on Discipline or Chapel Probation? (explain)

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Briefly describe two experiences that were helpful to you in your transition into Messiah College.

Why are you interested in serving as a Peer Leader?
What qualities and characteristics describe a good leader and how have you exhibited them?

Indicate factors/commitments that might affect your schedule during Welcome Week and the fall semester (ex. work study, student teaching, off-campus study opportunities, athletics, other leadership positions, etc.)