Camp Buckeye/Buckeye Adventures Overview

Camp Buckeye/Buckeye Adventures (CBBA) is entering its eighth year of outdoor, adventure-based programming for new students. Participants on each trip are incoming freshmen or transfer students who will begin college at Ohio State in autumn 2013. Our Buckeye Adventures trips focus on outdoor adventure experiences for small groups of incoming students (15-35), and the Camp Buckeye trip focuses on small group interaction within a total participant group of 60+ incoming students at an Ohio YMCA camp. CBBA student facilitators are assigned to one trip a 10:1 ratio of students to facilitators. CBBA programs are designed for students to meet other entering Buckeyes, engage in teambuilding and leadership activities, to promote communication and cooperation, and to learn Ohio State history, traditions, and tips for a successful first year.

Position Description

The CBBA student facilitator position is a volunteer position. Student facilitators are undergraduate students who play an important role in introducing new students to Ohio State. The student facilitators are involved in portions of the planning and much of the implementation of their assigned trip. Student facilitators create an inclusive community by leading activities and serving as a role model to incoming new students; they make camp activities relatable to the transitional issues that camp participants will face in their first year at Ohio State.

Qualifications

A CBBA student facilitator must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at Ohio State who will have completed at least 24 credit hours by the end of spring semester 2013, and whose baccalaureate degree will not be completed prior to December 2013. Student facilitators should be in good academic standing and good disciplinary standing, and should demonstrate success at Ohio State. The FYE staff is looking for individuals who are representative of the diversity of the Ohio State community in their experience and interests. Student facilitators should possess a variety of qualities, including (but not limited to): leadership experience on campus, effective communication skills, ability to work well in group or team settings, appreciation and desire for a diverse and inclusive atmosphere, energy and enthusiasm, pride in being an Ohio State student, and a desire to work collaboratively with students, faculty, and staff.

Expectations

- Attend and participate in biweekly student facilitator trainings during spring semester 2013 and a mandatory all day retreat a Saturday or Sunday in April 2013.
- Attend and facilitate one Camp Buckeye (August 11-15) or Buckeye Adventures (July 25-29) trip, including availability for arrival in Columbus by noon one day prior to the trip. Trip facilitation includes planning and leading small and large group activities such as icebreakers, free time activities, Ohio State songs and trivia, and academic/other transition activities.
- Communicate with participants prior to the trip to introduce yourself and provide specific details about your assigned trip.
- Help facilitate daily logistical aspects of your assigned trip (participant check-in, meal preparation and cleanup, transportation, etc.)
- Participate in CBBA reunion during October 2013 and follow up with participants during their first-year.
Student Facilitator Benefits

- Cultivation of lasting relationships with university faculty, staff, and students
- Leadership development and team building opportunity, résumé enhancement
- Trip expenses waived (including transportation, lodging, meals, and activities)
- Opportunity to share personal expertise and your student experience with a group of incoming first year students in a real-life setting
- CBBA t-shirt and swag

2013 Trips Overview

Details of 2012 trips have not been finalized. Short descriptions of potential CBBA trips are provided below. Student facilitators will be selected for one of the following types of trips:

**We will be taking two groups this weekend. One group will be specifically transfer students.**
- Whitewater rafting on the New River, led by experience guides
- Guided hike with incredible scenery, guided rock climbing in the New River Gorge
- Sleep in 8-person platform tents

Camp Buckeye: YMCA Camp Kern (Ohio) August 11-15, 2013
- High-ropes course, climbing wall, rappelling, zipline, and other high adventure activities
- Amazing Race and other team oriented challenges, small-group interaction, friendly competitions
- 3 mile canoe trip down the Little Miami River
- Indoor cabin sleeping

Selection process

CBBA Facilitator selection has the following steps:

1. Applications will be reviewed by FYE professional staff and CBBA Directors. Depending on the size of the applicant pool, individuals may be invited to a group interview.
2. Selected applicants will be invited to an individual interview by Tuesday, January 22, 2013
3. Students selected for the CBBA facilitator position will be notified no later than February, 8, 2013.

Contact information

If you have any questions concerning this position, please contact Rosie Holmes at holmes.443@osu.edu or 614.688.0969. UAFYE actively seeks a diverse staff.