Green Buckeyes Overview

Green Buckeyes (GB) is a new program entering its second year. It is a collaborative initiative, funded by Coca-Cola, in partnership with The Office of Student Life and Humanities Institute. Participants on each trip are incoming freshmen who will begin college at Ohio State in Autumn 2012. Our Green Buckeyes trip focuses on a combination of unique, meaningful experiences for small groups (15-35) to educate and engage students around issues of sustainability and environmental stewardship through both on campus and outdoor adventure activities. GB student facilitators are assigned to one trip with a 10:1 ratio of students to facilitators.

GB programs are designed for students to meet other entering Buckeyes, engage in teambuilding, and to provide interactive experiences that promote an understanding of broad issues related to sustainability and campus sustainability initiatives, and to learn about Ohio State’s resources, opportunities for continued engagement, and strategies for a successful year.

Position Description

The GB 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 GB student facilitator must be a currently enrolled undergraduate student at Ohio State who will have completed at least 30 credit hours by the end of winter quarter 2012, and whose baccalaureate degree will not be completed prior to December 2012. Student facilitators should be in good academic standing and good disciplinary standing, and should demonstrate success at Ohio State. The Office of Student Life 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 quarter 2012 and a mandatory all day retreat a Saturday or Sunday in April 2012.
- Attend and facilitate the Green Buckeyes 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 Green Buckeye reunion during October 2012 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
- *Green Buckeyes* t-shirt and swag

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

**Green Buckeyes (Ohio)**
- Sustainability tour of Ohio State’s campus & meeting key faculty, staff and students
- One and a half days on campus understanding environmental stewardship, key university sustainability efforts, and opportunities for involvement through engaging interactive experiences
- Three days exploring sustainable farming, alternative energy, and environmental justice in Southern Ohio
- Guided hiking, rock climbing, and kayaking in the Wayne State and Hocking Hills region

**Selection process**
GB Facilitator selection has the following steps:

1. Applications will be reviewed by Green Buckeye Directors from the Office of Student Life and Humanities Institute. 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 Friday, February 17, 2012.
3. Students selected for the GB facilitator position will be notified no later than March 9, 2012.

**Contact information**
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