



2012

Summer Leadership Conference

**17TH ANNUAL MASC SUMMER LEADERSHIP PROGRAM
JULY 9-13, 2012
WHEATON COLLEGE - NORTON, MA**

MASC SUMMER LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE...

- ...is a great setting to develop crucial leadership skills!
- ...will help you reach your goals for high school, college and the work force!
- ...is staffed by trained educators, business professionals and former delegates!
- ...has been training Massachusetts student leaders for 18 years!

HELP BRING YOUR SCHOOL TO THE NEXT LEVEL!
The MASC Summer Conference will help you be a-

- CREATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER
- TEAM PLAYER
- EFFECTIVE COMMUNICATOR
- VISIONARY PLANNER
- SKILLED ORGANIZER
- SOLID LEADER

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The MASC Summer Leadership Conference is designed to teach the principles of effective leadership through a practical, hands-on approach. Students will have the opportunity to meet and make new friends from all over Massachusetts. Attendance at the MASC Summer Leadership Conference will help each student realize their potential as a leader and develop crucial self awareness skills. The conference will be held at Wheaton College. The five day conference will run from July 9th - 13th, 2012 (Monday - Friday). The conference concludes on Friday promptly at 11:15 AM.

COUNCIL GROUPS

Each Senior Counselor is paired with a Junior Counselor and given a "council" made up of about 18 students, randomly placed with a mix of students from different schools. This group will work and grow together during the week as they take on new activities and lessons.

YOUR CONFERENCE TUITION INCLUDES

- Leadership binder full of information and ideas
- Conference T-Shirt
- All lodging and meals
- Graduation certificate for Year 3 attendees

CURRICULUM

Year 1 – Basic Level

The first year attendees will learn about themselves as leaders. The curriculum will include an introduction to communication, team building, group process, problem solving and self awareness. Through Powerskills and council groupings, students will be exposed to new approaches in leadership. Attendees will benefit from large and small gatherings to test the theories of group and individual dynamics of student leadership. During the week, students are faced with obstacles and challenges, inspiring them to use their leadership skills to find workable solutions. Students will return with strengthened leadership methods and ideas to share with their school community.

Year 2 – Intermediate Level

Second year attendees are exposed to more challenging experiences at MASC. The focus lies on preparing the students at this level to hold positions of leadership in their schools and at the regional and state levels. Students are involved with creative problem solving initiatives and Powerskill workshops to develop areas such as goal setting, communication, and self awareness. Students learn the importance of understanding and appreciating the diversity of their fellow council members and the use of evaluation when developing projects. It goes without saying that the conference delegates will also enjoy the friendship and bonding that has already developed from their first year.

Year 3 – Advanced Level

Third year attendees now get to practice what has been learned during the past two years by implementing the new skills presented during the third year. The curriculum is designed around the theory of the three P's: paper, people, and presentation. The third year students will be asked to plan a self-directed project for their own school, and by doing so, will learn how all of the pieces of planning must be implemented to create successful projects and events within their school. Included in the people piece is a role-playing activity that focuses on the dealing with faculty and administration. Along with planning their own self-directed project to take with them, the students in the group will plan a camp event for which they are responsible to facilitate and direct.

ABOUT OUR STAFF

We are proud to have a student to staff ratio of 6 students to 1 staff member. Our MASC Summer Leadership Conference Staff is comprised by some of the finest educators, business professionals and student leaders in New England.

Our Senior Counselors are experienced educators or private sector professionals with many years experience in the role of advising and working with high school students. Our Junior Counselors are attending college and have participated in the MASC Summer Leadership Program. Our Senior and Junior Counselors have the necessary energy, drive, and experience to work with all our MASC Summer Leadership Conference attendees. Our counselors are also supported by an administrative staff of 10 including a dedicated 24 hour on-site registered nurse (RN).

All staff members have successfully completed annual staff training and have been CORI (Criminal Offender Records Inquiry) checked by the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board.

TRANSPORTATION / HOUSING /MEALS

DUE TO SAFETY CONCERNS, STUDENTS ARE NOT PERMITTED TO DRIVE THEMSELVES TO THE CONFERENCE. The MASC may be able to arrange transportation with another school if a serious conflict exists which would prevent the student from attending. Email camp@mastuco.net for further information.

Delegates are housed in traditional college dormitories. Nightly curfews are strictly enforced by our staff to ensure delegates are safe and well rested for the next days activities. Dorms are gender specific by floor or wing, depending on the building assigned. Delegates are not permitted to visit the floor / wing / dorm of the opposite gender at any time. Access to the dormitory is by key card only, and each room has its on separate key. A key deposit is required for all keys.

Each delegate shares a room with a delegate from a different school. Roommates are selected randomly and we do not accept requests for specific roommates. Roommates are an essential part of the conference experience and help student develop inter-personal skills.

Wheaton has a wide selection of food items at each meal. Both hot and cold options as well as healthy choices are available for breakfast, lunch and dinner. While there are healthy options, we do not police what the students choose to eat at each meal. Our staff members do their best to make sure each student eats enough and drinks plenty of fluids; these students are leaders and we expect they will make responsible choices at mealtime.

SAFETY / MEDICAL

Our summer program boasts a student to staff ratio of about 6:1 (6 students to 1 staff member). Students are engaged in group settings from 8:00 AM - 11:00 PM, always facilitated or supervised by our staff. In the residence halls both during free time (about an hour each afternoon) and at night, staff is assigned and resides on each floor with students. Wheaton College also has its own 24 hour professional public safety department. Residence halls are locked at all times, and the Norton Police and Fire Stations are a very short distance away.

Students are provided with various ways to contact emergency help if necessary. We hire a certified medical professional (RN or Paramedic). This individual is with us 24/7 and his/her only responsibility is our camp. He or she is visible at all general activities and have a specified location during quiet times so students can access help if needed. The Norton area has various hospitals that we use when necessary. Students are transported by ambulance in case of emergency; for non-emergencies, the medical staff or one of our adult staff members will transport and stay with the student until a parent/guardian arrives. Parents/Guardians are contacted immediately if their child has repeated issues or medical concerns or if at any time they are transported to a medical facility and are required to respond immediately if requested by camp administrators.



TUITION AND REGISTRATION

Tuition for the MASC Summer Leadership Conference is \$395, a bargain for 5 days including housing, food and program costs! Students should register by June 1, 2012, at www.mastuco.net. A \$200 deposit will secure your place at the MASC Summer Leadership Conference. Full and Final payments for MASC Summer Leadership Conference must be received on or before June 22, 2012.

GO EXPRESS!

After you register, you will receive a packet of forms in the mail which needs to be returned to the MASC office in Franklin, MA. Delegates who return all forms in a timely manner will be designated as "express" registrants, and will have a much shorter wait time when coming to the conference on Monday morning. Parent/Guardians are not required to bring their delegate to the conference, but it is crucial that all forms are signed and on file. Delegates without the proper paperwork will be required to obtain the paperwork before coming into the conference.

CONTACTS

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