



Blue Sky Fund's Outdoor Leadership Institute

Program Description:

Blue Sky Fund will lead crews of 10 rising 9th, 10th, and 11th grade students (separate boys' and girls' programs) from diverse backgrounds to come together to build **teamwork, confidence, leadership, and community involvement**. The summer institute centers on a 5 day backpacking trip, during which crew members learn, through challenges, how to strengthen their leadership and teamwork skills. The program design includes experiences that will help shape knowledgeable multicultural leaders who learn about the social needs of Richmond through service learning. After completion of the summer institute, crew members will continue to meet monthly to apply their new skills by engaging in meaningful community service together.

Dates:

The crews will meet for a 3 week session during the summer and also meet one Saturday a month September-May. During the summer, crews will meet Monday thru Thursday, 9:00am-1:30pm on the first and third week of the program. The second week of the program, the crews will go on a 5 day backpacking trip Monday through Friday. Below are the 2012 Summer Dates of the program:

Boys Crew Dates:

June 25th-28th (Mon-Thur, 9am-1:30pm)

July 2nd-6th (Five Day Wilderness Trip)

July 9th-12th (Mon-Thur, 9am-1:30pm)

Monthly Saturday Community Service (Sept-May)

Girls Crew Dates:

July 16th-19th (Mon-Thur, 9am-1:30pm)

July 23rd-27th (Five Day Wilderness Trip)

July 30th-Aug. 2nd (Mon-Thur, 9am-1:30pm)

Monthly Saturday Community Service (Sept-May)

Criteria:

Are you interested in having fun while also becoming a leader? We are looking for students who are open to new experiences and will commit fully to the demands and opportunities of this program. Students will come from a diverse group of schools within the greater Richmond community, and will be considered on the basis of their applications. **Deadline to turn in applications is April 20th**. Accepted participants will receive a registration packet outlining the wilderness trip, program commitment, parent/participant contract and FAQ sheet.

Registration Deposit To Secure A Spot In Program:

\$20 deposit (refundable upon completion of program in May)

"I learned that not all people are the same, but you can still come together and learn about what makes them different. I also learned to accept challenges and take risks because that is how you grow in life."

Brijet, participant, age 14

"She has compassion and knowledge about people from different backgrounds from hers, and is comfortable in cross-cultural situations in ways in which she doesn't even understand, because she doesn't remember being uncomfortable. Her very character is different."

Beth, participant's parent



To provide transformational experiences through outdoor education for urban youth.

Apply now by filling out an application through our website or Email us for an application!

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