Description of the MLK Jr. Day of Service Program

The MLK Jr. Day of Service Day of Service is one of Penn State’s largest days of service for the spring semester at the University Park campus. The primary goals of MLK Jr. Day of Service are: 1) to continue Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.’s legacy of establishing a friendly, tolerant, multi-racial community and 2) to integrate the student body by exposing them to the many service opportunities at Penn State and in the surrounding areas.

Overall, the purpose of the MLK Jr. Day of Service is to build a stronger community- one which transcends any racial prejudices or social inequalities that may exist in today's society- by bringing people of all backgrounds together to fulfill service opportunities in the community. It is hoped that, through MLK Jr. Day of Service, students will develop lifelong civic engagement and build leadership skills through service.

Team Leader Qualifications and Expectations

Any Penn State University Park student is welcome to apply for a MLK Jr. Day of Service Team Leader position. As a Team Leader, you will be responsible for facilitating a small group of volunteers who will be divided among several service sites in the community. Because of their unique service experiences and leadership abilities, Team Leaders will have opportunity to impact all students in meaningful ways promoting service and encouraging leadership. All students interested in being a Team Leader should complete the attached application. Students selected as Team Leaders will be required to attend three mandatory training sessions during the Fall 2014-Spring 2015 semesters. The goal of these sessions is to educate Team Leaders on the service learning process, and to prepare Team Leaders to lead each step of the MLK Day of Service, including icebreakers, education, reflection, etc. Because they often serve as mentors to participants, Team Leaders will also learn creative ways to build lasting relationships with their volunteers. MLK Jr. Day of Service is a wonderful opportunity to engage all students AND yourself in the Penn State and surrounding communities!
MLK Day of Service 2015 will be held on
Monday, January 19th, 2015!

2015 MLK Jr. Day of Service
Team Leader Application
Application Deadline:
Wednesday, October 1st, 2014
by 5 PM in 209 HUB

Name:
E-mail:
Semester Standing:
Major:
Phone:
Have you ever participated in MLK Jr. Day of Service? (Y/N)
Have you been a Team Leader (in any capacity)? (Y/N)

**Limit your response to (1-2) pages, double spaced, typed on a separate sheet of paper**

1. Why do you want to be a MLK, Jr. Day of Service Team Leader?
2. What is your previous service and leadership experience at Penn State and in the community? You may list your involvement in campus or community organizations and describe your role in each respective organization.
3. What does service mean to you? How do you see your role as a team leader contributing to the betterment of the Penn State/Centre County community? How would you inspire others to commit a service to the Penn State/Centre County community?
4. Tell us something unique about yourself (it can be ANYTHING)?

Mandatory Trainings for all Team Leaders on:
Tuesday October 28th, 2014 Time: 8-9:30pm Location TBA
Tuesday November 11th, 2014 Time: 8-9:30pm Location TBA
Tuesday December 2nd, 2014 Time: 8-9:30pm Location TBA

Will you be able to attend? Yes or No

Thank you for your interest! We will contact you soon!
Sponsored by the Office of Student Activities
209 HUB-Robeson Center

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