# Center for Service, Spirituality, Social Justice

## Division of Student Life

### Application for Service Trip Leaders 2016-2017

Center for Service, Spirituality, and Social Justice works primarily on CommServ, Justice Served, Montgomery Service Leaders and Service Trips within the Community Service realm. Religious Life hosts many student-led programs including What Matters Most dinners, Beliefs and Big Questions, Service exchanges, World Religion Festivals and other programs. Our office aims to foster engaged citizenship, support sustainable community partnerships, increase responsibility and accountability, and/or increase religious awareness, meaning making and identity among Dickinson students.

### Who are Service Trip Leaders?

Service Trip Leaders organize all trip logistics, run the team application and selection process, plan pre- trip meetings, coordinate essential team fundraisers, and provide leadership throughout the trip. Essentially, they are the center-point of all leadership and organization for their respective trips. Leaders will collaborate starting in the early Fall in accomplishing their various duties. They are expected to model responsible leadership before and during the service trip, working independently as well as in collaboration with each other, Center for Service, Spirituality, and Social Justice, and often other departments on campus such as the LGBTQ office.

### Skills and Objectives

A successful leader is an engaged citizen— positive, self-motivated, open-minded, committed, and passionate about service and the community. As a part of Service Trips, leaders aim to:

* Increase individual understanding of community needs and issues through education and dialogue, both in pre-trip meetings and during the trip.
* Lead work teams that partner with local community organizations to meet the needs (both physically and socially) in the host community.
* Lead group reflection that helps participants articulate understanding of one’s self, one’s position and privilege, and how that affect one’s responsibility and work within the community.
* Leaders increase his/her professional skills including communication, organization, management and program development.

Acting in a leadership role, the leaders facilitate the opportunities of participants to:

* Enhance cultural understanding
* Build stronger relationships with team members, administrators, and new communities
* Increase their skills in introspection and emotional intelligence
* Increase ability to articulate personal values and life priorities
* See areas of need in their -home community in a new way after experiencing another culture
* Become more engaged in community service at Dickinson upon return to campus

### Expectations

In addition to the above qualifications, all leaders **must attend a weekend Service Trip Leader retreat in September 2016.** The retreat will cover all expectations for the year, and will include in-depth skills training for leading trips. Meetings will occur (roughly) on a weekly basis throughout the year. Leaders must be in good academic and conduct standing with the college.

### Process for Applicants

Please complete and return the application to the Center for Service, Spirituality, and Social Justice, located in Landis House. The application may also be emailed to servicetrips@dickinson.edu. *Current Leaders must reapply annually.*

# Service Trip Leader applications are due by Thursday, April 14th at 4:30pm.

### All interviews will occur Sunday, April 17, Monday, April 18, Tuesday, April 19

###  Those selected will be informed by April 22

**Applicants will be contacted after their application is submitted.**

**Please select which interview slots work for you (the more options you select, the easier it will be to schedule you an interview):**

**April 17: April 18:**

Sunday 2:00pm – 2:30pm Monday 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Sunday 2:30pm – 3:00pm Monday 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Sunday 3:00pm – 3:30pm Monday 7:00am – 7:30pm

Sunday 3:30pm – 4:00pm Monday 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Sunday 4:00pm – 4:30pm Monday 8:00pm – 8:30pm

Sunday 4:30pm – 5:00pm Monday 8:30pm – 9:00pm

**April 19:**

Tuesday 6:00pm – 6:30pm

Tuesday 6:30pm – 7:00pm

Tuesday 7:00am – 7:30pm

Tuesday 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Tuesday 8:00pm – 8:30pm

Tuesday 8:30pm – 9:00pm

**2016-2017 Service Trips** (*subject to change*)

* Fall and Spring weekend trip (2-3 days)
* 1 Winter break international trip (11-15 days)
* 4 Spring break trips (7-8 days)
* 1 May trip (10-11 days)
* 1 July trip

**Service Trip Leaders 2015-2016**

**Section A – Basic Information**

Name Email

HUB Box # Current G.P.A:

Cell Phone #

Do you have plans to study abroad during the upcoming academic year? If yes, which semester?

How many credits do you plan on taking during the upcoming academic year? Fall Spring

Are you currently on academic probation or suspension? Yes

No

Have you ever received College or Campus Life disciplinary sanctions? Yes

No

If yes to either, please explain:

\**Please note that the CSSS Office WILL check your academic and Campus Life conduct record as part of this application.*

On which Service Trip were you a participant, and when? .

**Section B- References**

*Please provide* ***two*** *references that have direct knowledge of your competence and abilities. Do not list relatives.*

1. Person on a previous service trip with you

Name: Email: Relationship:

1. Person from Dickinson community

Name: Email: Relationship:

**Section C – Retreat Participation**

*I understand that to be a leader I must participate in the weekend retreat in September. I understand that this a volunteer leadership position, but that my personal fee for going on my trip will be partially subsidized.*

*Signature Date*

**Section D – Resume**

*Please attach a current resume that includes previous job experience and volunteer/service. It is* ***strongly*** *recommended that you consult with the Career Center Career Coaches and the Guidebook for Resumes for guidelines.*

**Section E- Short Answer**

*Please answer each of the following questions in a short paragraph. (Each 250 words or less)*

E1. One of the goals of service trips is to increase awareness and interest in community service, both in the host community and in one’s own community. Share how this has occurred for you and why you are interested in leading a service trip next year?

E2. Leading a service trip can be very demanding. What other extracurricular activities, organizations, and outside work do you plan to participate in the upcoming year? Indicate any office(s) or positions that you will hold during the upcoming academic year.

E3. How can you ensure that your service trip will align with our center’s core values?

E4. After participating on a service trip, what ideas do you have to improve the experience?

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*or email* *servicetrips@dickinson.edu* *Applications are due* ***Thursday, April 14th at 4:30 pm.***