

OINK: Orientation Trips 2012!

Dear prospective OINK leader,

Thanks for your interest in OINK 2012! OINK stands for Outdoor Introduction for New Kids and will take place the first weekend of the 2012 school year (September 15-16). It will consist of outdoor and service trips. The Class of 2016 will hike, paddle, climb, volunteer, and explore various parts of Vermont's outdoor and cultural landscape! Some groups will camp in the backcountry, while others will stay in rustic cabins or other off campus sites, making for a rich and varied experience.

The leaders are the heart and soul of the program, and as such have considerable responsibility in their hands. Accordingly, the leader application process is selective. Trip Leaders make a significant commitment in time and energy to the program. The training for OINK 2012 will occur at a nearby off-campus location the week of September 3rd. You do *not* need to be a current MMC guide to apply, but you **MUST** be able to complete a one week leader training September 3rd-8th. We are still working on the training specifics and will contact the leaders as soon as the details are finalized. Wilderness First Aid training will be provided free of charge as part of the OINK training. Prospective leaders must be able to commit to all dates listed below ("Important Dates"), and only complete applications will be considered. Please carefully review the training dates before deciding to apply. Middlebury has a 25-year tradition of orientation trips and the leaders keep the tradition alive.

Sincerely,

Janet Gehrmann '12

OINK Co-coordinator, 2012

Important Dates:

Application Due: 5:00pm on Friday, May 4th

OINK leader training: September 3rd-10th, 2012

OINK: September 15th-16th, 2012 (Saturday/Sunday)

Please direct questions to OINK@middlebury.edu

OINK 2012 Leader Application

(Due in the Student Activities Office in McCullough no later than 5/4/12)

Instructions: Please complete parts 1&2 on this form, and part 3 on separate sheets. Don't forget to include copies

of any licenses and certifications- these are essential. Return the completed application to the CCAL office no later than May 4th. Faxed (802-443-3012) or emailed applications (OINK@middlebury.edu) are fine.

1. Contact Information

Name: _____ Class: _____

Phone: _____ MC Box: _____

Summer phone*: _____ Email address*: _____

- Have you led an Orientation Trip before? Yes No
- If yes, when, what kind of trip, and who was/were your co-leader(s) _____
- Are you an MMC Guide? Yes No If yes, what type? _____

Summer Address*:

Summer Plans:

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*We contact leaders over the summer to give you important updates. If you'll be unreachable, please give us the name, number, and email of a family member who can speak for you. _____

2. Trip Preferences (choose and rank 5 trip categories you'd be interested in leading)

OINK trips fall tend to focus on the outdoors with backpacking as the core of the program, but other options such as day hikes, canoeing, rock climbing, and trail maintenance for those interested. There are also trips designed to get to know the farming and food community around Addison County better and trips that focus on volunteer services. *Please review the trip categories below and choose 5 trips you're be interested in leading, ranking them from 1-5 in order of preference. The application questions will give you space to tell about your experience.*

Trip Types

Day hiking _____

Backpacking _____

Canoeing _____

Rock Climbing _____

Trail Maintenance _____

Organic Farming / Local Foods _____

Volunteer Service trips _____

Other** _____

**Please list your top 5 choices. However, if there is another type of trip that you'd be interested in planning, possibly pertaining to something you do on campus (a martial arts , dance, social justice, volunteer trips) and would like to lead a two-day trip focusing on this, you can submit a proposal for consideration.

3. Personal qualifications & narrative (Please answer on a separate page)

1. What kinds of experiences have you had that make you a strong candidate for the kinds of trip you are applying to lead? Focus on your experiences as both a leader and as a participant.

2. Please describe your leadership style. How is your leadership style affected by changing circumstances? What qualities would you look for in a co-leader?
3. What do you think OINK participants' greatest fears are as new college students? How might you stimulate discussion of these fears?
4. Why do you want to lead an OINK trip?
5. Do you hold any first aid certifications (other than OEC) *valid through September 2012*? If so, what kind (WFR, WFA, W-EMT, etc)? Attach copies of any certification cards.
6. Do you currently hold either a College van license? Attach copies of both College and State licenses. *15-passenger college van licenses very helpful for these trips. If you do not have a college license, but are willing and eligible to obtain one, please contact us at OINK@middlebury.edu.*

4. Specialty skills and training

If you'd like to lead a specialty skills trip (climbing, canoeing, etc) please specifically describe your experience in those skills. For example the number of years you've climbed, any courses or certifications you may have (e.g. ACA, AMGA, Outward Bound or NOLS experience, etc.), MMC guide seminars, etc. Please also include information on your experience if you are looking to design a particular trip.

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