Retreat Leader Training – August 14-15, 2017

**Monday, August 14, 2017**

* 10AM – 4PM
* Retreat coordinator and staff introductions (10:00-10:15; 15 minutes)
  + Name, major, favorite Honors experience to date
  + Name, group of students you work with, why you’re involved with the Honors retreat
* Retreat leader introductions (10:15-11:15; 60 minutes)
  + Name
  + Favorite Honors experience to date
  + One thing that is on your bucket list
  + Ice breaker game
    - Eye Contact Circle (15 minutes)
      * All retreat leaders form a tight circle; on the count of three you must look up at someone in the circle; if you make eye contact with someone, you are both out
    - NOTE: This game can be played now or right before announcements from Mandy and John (wherever time allows)
* Explanation of name badges – Meghan (11:15-12:00; 45 minutes)
  + Go thru each side of name badge in case students have questions
  + Pass out leader t-shirts
  + Have retreat leaders stuff nametags for their groups?
  + Review logistics of the retreat and divide leaders into three groups. These groups will be used for working lunch as well as skits.
* Working Lunch (12:00-1:00; 60 minutes)
  + Individuals get their lunches and meet with their assigned teams
  + Give each team a situation that could arise during the retreat and have the team brainstorm steps to address the issue – dealing with quiet kids, dealing with disruptive kids, coping with non-participative students, addressing sensitive issues, dealing with sickness, etc.
  + Teams share their ideas with the group and determine best practices for the retreat
* Retreat Small Group Time (1:00-1:10; 10 minutes)
  + Discuss various activities retreat leaders can use during their small group time
  + Over the mountain, two truths and a lie, storybook/movie recreation, pairs introduce one another, dance move name game, ninja, human knot, rock paper scissors, eye contact game, fight song, pterodactyl, “ball game” – pass it around the fastest
  + Discuss how to connect if retreat leaders are tag teaming
  + Be sure to alternate leading roles, one leader may need to be loud and excited and one might need to take on the role as quieter to interact with all students
  + If leaders run out of things to do, combining with one or two other groups will lead to other games/activities and allow the students to meet more people
* Introduction and planning of skits (1:10-2:00; 50 minutes)
  + Each group prepares one 7-8-minute skit based on a scenario given
  + Skits will be performed at bonfire night of retreat
  + Possible themes – first day of college, getting involved in college, University Honors experience options
* Showcase the new skits (2:00-2:30, 30 minutes)
* Review details of schedule and logistics of the retreat (2:30-4:00)
  + Announcements from Mandy and John
  + Set up for check-in - likely this will be at CCM

**Tuesday, August 15, 2017**

* Keystone party in the Honors lounge! (This may need to change due to renovations…TBD)
* 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM – All retreat leaders must be present. Mandy and John will be present for this. Honors staff are welcome to stop by for meet and greet.
* Eat, relax, and get ready for the social that begins at 7:00 on Schneider Quad