

Role of a LOVE Leader

Organize

The leader serves as the liaison between the team and the LOVE Administrator. The leader will meet with the Administrator once a week to give an update on the team's progress. The leader will let the administrator know about any difficulties with any individual on the team, or problems with the team dynamic. The leader will also provide a copy of the agenda for the upcoming meeting.

At the weekly meeting, the Administrator will let the leader know how the team fundraising is going. It is the job of the leader to make sure the team is working hard to raise money for the trip. The leader serves as an example to the team, attending all LOVE fundraisers and encouraging the team to do the same. The leader encourages the team to come up with their own fundraising ideas and write letters to family and friends.

When appropriate, the leader makes sure that the team acquires any passports, identification or immunizations needed to participate on the trip.

Develop

The first task of the leader is to interview potential chaperons. The leader needs to pick a chaperon that he or she will work best with throughout the whole experience. A list of recommended questions will be provided for the interview.

The next task is for the leader and chaperon to hold an information session to try and recruit team members. The leader will have to make and post flyers about the information session. The leader will talk about the trip, and the expectations of being a part of LOVE. The leader will have applications, and information sheets on hand for participants. The leader will answer any questions regarding the trip.

The next task is for the leader and chaperon to read all applications with the chaperon. The leader and chaperon will also interview all candidates. When the chaperon is not available, a board member, or the LOVE Administrator, will be on hand to help with the interview. The leader and chaperon will then pick the team. They will keep in mind that a good team is filled with diversity.

Create Community

Once the team is chosen, the leader will run meetings every week to properly prepare the team. The leader ensures that the team is spiritually, culturally and socially ready. The leader will have an agenda for every meeting. The leader will reach out to anyone in the Manhattan College Community that could help prepare the team, culturally or spiritually for the trip.

Once on the trip, the team leader will facilitate an enjoyable experience for all. The team leader will ensure that if any problems arise with an individual or as a team, they will address the problems right away. The leader ensures that there is no dating, drinking, or drug use on the trip. If that problem arises, the team leader will talk with the chaperon and then contact the LOVE Administrator. The leader will address any cliques that may form on the team, and break it up immediately.

Foster Spirituality

Doing service and witnessing and advocating justice, without reflection, is fostering a spiritual starvation, and is not in the Lasallian tradition. The leader will ensure that reflection is part of every weekly meeting. The leader will make sure the team attends the LOVE commissioning mass. While on the trip, the leader will hold reflection every night after the days' activities. The leader will also encourage journaling. The leader will strive to see God in every team member, and advocate for them to do the same, not only amongst themselves, but in every person they meet in the communities they are a guest in.



Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience Leader Application

Today's Date ___/___/___

Name _____ Age _____

Local Phone () _____ - _____ Home () _____ - _____

Cell Phone () _____ - _____

School PO # _____ Residence _____

Home Address _____

Sex: M F Major: _____ Year: 1st 2nd 3rd 4th

Email: _____

Please TYPE an honest response to the following:

1. Why do you wish to lead a service project?
2. Share about your previous experience on a Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience. Based on this experience, how do you plan to lead your L.O.V.E. effectively?
3. How were you affected spiritually through Lasallian Outreach Volunteer Experience? How do you see yourself fostering/leading the spiritual component of L.O.V.E. and the spiritual growth of others?
4. Identify your strengths and weaknesses as they relate to leading L.O.V.E.
5. What characteristics do you think a successful project leader should possess?
6. Is there a particular project you wish to lead, and if so, why?
7. Have you read the leader information sheet? Do you foresee yourself having any problems with your commitment as a LOVE Leader? Why or why not?

Please return to this application, along with a copy of your current schedule to Jennifer Edwards in Thomas 504. For more information call, ext. 7477