

Fall Welcome 2009

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Greetings!

The wheels are in motion for another great Fall Welcome program! This year Fall Welcome will be held September 1-4, with an early move in day on August 31. We are looking forward to welcoming nearly 3,000 first-year students to campus and facilitating connections to help them become familiar with their new home. Fall Welcome week provides them the opportunity to get to know their peers, faculty, staff, and campus organizations.

We are offering several different opportunities for WMU departments and organizations to reach out to the new class and connect with them from the very beginning. In order to accomplish our goal of connecting first year students with WMU, other students, faculty, staff, and the community we would like to ask for your participation.

While thinking about September may be the furthest thing from your mind right now, I want to take this time to present an opportunity for you to become involved with the 10th anniversary of WMU's Fall Welcome Program.

Fall Welcome cannot take place without the help of numerous volunteers to work at the events. We are asking you to please consider some of the following opportunities to volunteer, either individually, or with a group of friends or colleagues:

- Swiping cards at Miller for keynote speakers
- Setting up and tearing down activities during the week
- Distributing prizes or food to participants
- After Dark activities
- Stadium Night
- Greek Carnival
- Buster's Moonlight Stampede
- And other activities

We ask that you consider volunteering for some of these activities individually or with a group, as they are a great way for you or a group to get involved during the 10th anniversary of the Fall Welcome Program. Enclosed is a sign-up sheet with the dates and times on which we need volunteers. Please select the activities you or your group are interested in volunteering for and return it to the Fall Welcome Office, 1535 Ellsworth Hall, or through e-mail, fyefall4@wmich.edu by August 1, 2009 at 5 p.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at Fall-Welcome@wmich.edu or call us at 269-387-2338.

Best regards,
The Fall Welcome Team

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Volunteer Sign-up

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Department/Group: _____ Email: _____

T-shirt size: _____

I am interested in helping at the following activities (please place a check next to them).
(Please note that all times are approximate; this summer you will receive confirmed times of when to report to the activities)

Monday, August 31

___ After Dark activities: 8:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

(After Darks are fun, social activities at various places on campus. Volunteers are needed to supervise, organize snacks, set-up, and clean up. i.e.: arts and crafts, board games, dance party, karaoke, etc. If you are interested in After Dark activities, please place a check there and we will contact you this summer to let you know what specific activities will be offered.)

Tuesday, September 1

___ Buster's Moonlight Stampede set-up: 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.

___ Buster's Moonlight Stampede working during race: 9 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

___ Buster's Moonlight Stampede clean up & tear down: 10:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

___ After Dark activities at the Student Recreation Center set-up: 8 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

___ After Dark activities at the Student Recreation Center: 9:30 p.m. – 1 a.m.

___ After Dark activities at the Student Recreation Center clean-up: 11:30 p.m. – 1:30 a.m.

Wednesday, September 2

___ Convocation- running computer swipe-out: 11:10 a.m. – Noon

___ Setting up Pizza with the Profs (at Miller Plaza): 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

___ Working during Pizza with the Profs: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

___ Clean up Pizza with the Profs: 1 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

___ Running computer swipe-out at Academic Interest Session: 1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

___ Running computer swipe-out at Interest Session: 2:30 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.

___ Running computer swipe-out at presentation: 4:40 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
("I Hate Time-Management!")

Wednesday, September 2

- ___ Running computer swipe-out at presentation: 8:30 p.m. – 9:15 p.m. (“Risky Business!”)
- ___ Setting up materials at Waldo Stadium for Stadium Night: 7:30 p.m. – 9 p.m.
- ___ Working during Stadium Night (games, food tables): 8:45 p.m. – 10 p.m.
- ___ Tearing down Stadium Night: 10 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- ___ Greek Carnival and After Dark activities set-up & working: 7 p.m. – 11 p.m.
- ___ Greek Carnival and After Dark activities working & clean-up: 11 p.m. – 1 a.m.

Thursday, September 3

- ___ Running computer swipe-out at presentation: 10:50 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.
(Faces of America – Diversity presentation)
 - ___ Running computer swipe-out at Interest Session: 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
 - ___ Setting up for Campus Resource Fair & Kalamazoo’s Kitchen (tables, greeting vendors):
11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
 - ___ Serving beverages or food from vendors at Kalamazoo’s Kitchen: 12:30 p.m. – 2 p.m.
 - ___ Cleaning up Campus Resource Fair & Kalamazoo’s Kitchen: 1:45 p.m. – 3 p.m.
 - ___ Running computer swipe-in at presentation: 6:30 p.m. – 8 p.m.
(How to be a Millionaire – Financial Management)
 - ___ Running computer swipe-out at presentation: 9 p.m. – 10 p.m.
(Jud Laipply)
 - ___ After Dark activities set-up & working: 9:30 p.m. – 11 p.m.
 - ___ After Dark activities working & clean-up: 11 p.m. – 1 a.m.
- ___ **MAYBE!** I am interested, but not yet sure if I will be able to participate as a volunteer for Fall Welcome 2009. Please send me more information this summer.

**Please return this form by August 1 to fye-fall4@groupwise.wmich.edu or
1535 Ellsworth Hall, mail stop 5285**