GSA ACTIVIST CAMP – MENTOR

GSA ACTIVIST CAMP is a youth-planned and youth-led 3-day event that features intensive community building, skill-building, political education, and leadership training for students in Gay-Straight Alliance clubs in middle and high schools. Student participants will range in age from 13 to 18.

GSA Activist Camp will take place at the University of Southern California from Friday July 29th to Sunday July 31st.

Mentors are a key part of our GSA Activist Camp. Committed college mentors will serve as role models, oversee the evening activities, and provide supervision at night in dorm apartments.

PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A VOLUNTEER POSTION.

What You Are Committing To:

1. Two 6-hour Saturday trainings before camp (Saturday, June 6th 10am – 4pm & Saturday, June 27th 10am – 4pm);
2. Being at GSA Activist Camp from Friday, July 29th 8am to Sunday, July 31st 4pm;
3. Facilitating small group discussions for participants in your dorm apartment every evening;
4. Assisting in facilitating small group discussions and activities during youth-led workshops;
5. Organizing a talent show for student participants on Saturday evening;
6. Assisting with logistical details as needed;
7. Providing support and guidance for student participants.

People of color, straight allies, low income folks, transgender and gender non-conforming individuals are strongly encouraged to apply.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS: FRIDAY, JUNE 10TH

Please fax, email or mail this application to:
Daniel Solis
Southern California Program Manager
GSA Network
1145 Wilshire Blvd., Ste. 100
Los Angeles, CA 90017
Fax: 213.482.4027 email: daniel@gsanetwork.org
Apply to be a Mentor at GSA Activist Camp
Please complete the College Mentor application form below. **Deadline to apply is Friday, June 10th.** All applications will be reviewed and interviews will happen the following week. **Please note that priority will be given to applicants in Southern California.**

**Contact Info:**
Name___________________________________________________________
Address___________________________________________________________
City __________________________ State __________ Zip __________
Phone Number (home) ___________________ (cell)________________________
Email ___________________________________________________________

Do we need to be discreet / confidential when contacting you?  o yes  o no

**If Applicable**
College Attending___________________________ Major/Minor_________________________
What’s your age? ______ Year in school (2010-2011)?__________________________

Gender Identity: _________________________________________________________
Sexual Orientation: _________________________________________________________
Race/Ethnicity: _____________________________________________________________

At GSA Activist Camp, we have the following housing options available, gender specific male/female and gender neutral. Do you have a preference on which housing you would prefer?
(Circle one): Male Female Gender Neutral No Preference

**Emergency Contact:** Please, provide emergency contact information.
Name: __________________________ Relationship to You: ________________________
Phone: __________________________ Email: _________________________________

Please list any certifications you currently have (CPR, First Aid):
________________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________________
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Have you ever been convicted of a crime (minor traffic violations excepted)? If yes, please explain.
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Please list work experiences from the last 3 years, including any current position(s). Please include a phone number or email address, and a contact’s name. You may attach a resume:
1: _______________________________________________________________________
2: _______________________________________________________________________
3: _______________________________________________________________________

Please provide three references, including contact information:
1: _______________________________________________________________________
2: _______________________________________________________________________
3: _______________________________________________________________________

Please answer the following questions. 

Please note that ONLY applications with ANSWERS to ALL of the questions will be considered.

1. Why are you interested in being a mentor at GSA Activist Camp? Have you attended GSA Activist Camp or any other GSA Network event in the past? If so, which ones?

2. Please list your top 3 skill areas related to being a mentor at GSA Activist Camp.

3. Describe your experiences as a High School student. For example: what types of clubs you were involved in, what type of leadership roles you took on, if you were involved in your school’s GSA, etc.

4. Please describe your experience, if any, working with the LGBTQ community or other Social Justice related groups or organizations.

5. Share some ways that racism, classism, sexism, and other oppressions have affected you and your activism. How do you see the intersections of oppression happening?

6. What does youth leadership and advocacy training mean to you?

7. Please tell us something about yourself to help us know you better:
Do you acknowledge that all of the information you have provided is truthful? Know that any acknowledgement to the contrary will be grounds for immediate removal of consideration for a position or dismissal from any position.

Signature:___________________________________________ Date:________________________

*You will be contacted to schedule an interview. If you have any questions, please contact Daniel Solis, Southern California Program Manager, at daniel@gsanetwork.org or 213.482.4021.

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