

Summer Lead & Learn
Program Orientation Packet



Welcome to the 2015 Summer Lead & Learn (SLL) program. Three two-week sessions will be hosted – all unique enough to make it enjoyable for participants who choose to attend two or more of the sessions.

Program Days: Monday thru Friday 8 AM – 5 PM

Sessions: Session 1 (June 15 – June 26, 2015)
Session 2 (July 6 – July 17, 2015)
Session 3 (July 20 – July 31, 2015)

Arrival: All program participants should be dropped off beginning at 8 AM and no later than 8:40 AM* at 33 W. Franklin Street, Suite 203, Hagerstown, MD 21740. Immediately upon arrival, participants must sign-in and check-in with SLL team members. *If arriving late, it will be the participant's responsibility to make arrangements for transportation to meet the group at the activity site, if no longer at the main program site, United Way of Washington County.

Pick Up: All program participants must be picked up no later than 5:15 PM to avoid incurring a \$30 fee that must be paid before being allowed to return to the program. Pickup can only be by authorized individuals as indicated in the registration form. General pickup begins at 4:45 PM and ends at 5:15 PM. Participants must sign-out and check-out with SLL team members before leaving the facility.

Program Payment: Each SLL session is \$300 for each participant. A non-refundable \$150 deposit is required to reserve a SLL spot and is due with registration. The remainder of the program fees, less the deposit, must be paid in full no later than June 1, 2015. Payment can be made online or by check payable to United Way of Washington County. Please mark Summer Lead & Learn and participant's name in the memo line. Mail checks to United Way of Washington County, 33 W. Franklin Street, Suite 203, Hagerstown, MD 21740.

Cancellations greater than one month prior to the beginning of the SLL session are eligible for a 50% refund, less deposit. Cancellations less than four weeks prior to the beginning of the SLL session are not eligible for refunds. All notices of cancellation and requests for refund must be made in writing. There are no reductions in fees for participants who, due to scheduling conflicts, must be absent in part or in whole during their chosen SLL session. Participants who have not paid in full will not be allowed to participate in the SLL program.

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Transportation: Participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from SLL and are expected to arrive on time, prepared for the day; participants are expected to be picked up no later than 5:15 PM. Transportation to the various activities will be provided unless within walking distance of United Way. Participants are required to complete a permission slip for this activity.

Schedule Overview: You will choose which session you would like to attend when you register. All calendar details are subject to change without notice. Participant's program payment must be received and all permission slips must be on file before participating.

Session 1 / Week 1

Monday 6/15	Program Orientation/Team Building – Ropes Course
Tuesday 6/16	Understanding Poverty – Simulation and Tour
Wednesday 6/17	Community Building Day with Habitat for Humanity
Thursday 6/18	Community Building Day with Habitat for Humanity
Friday 6/19	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience

Session 1 / Week 2

Monday 6/22	Leadership Training
Tuesday 6/23	Community Building Day with YMCA
Wednesday 6/24	Community Building Day with Children In Need
Thursday 6/25	Community Building Day with YMCA
Friday 6/26	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience and Program Celebration

Session 2 / Week 1

Monday 7/6	Program Orientation/Team Building – Ropes Course
Tuesday 7/7	Understanding Financial Empowerment
Wednesday 7/8	Community Building Day with Boy Scouts
Thursday 7/9	Community Building Day with Boy Scouts
Friday 7/10	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience

Session 2 / Week 2

Monday 7/13	Leadership Training
Tuesday 7/14	Community Building Day with Habitat for Humanity
Wednesday 7/15	Community Building Day with YMCA
Thursday 7/16	Community Building Day with YMCA
Friday 7/17	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience and Program Celebration

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Session 3 / Week 1

Monday 7/20	Program Orientation/Team Building – Ropes Course
Tuesday 7/21	Leadership Training
Wednesday 7/22	Community Building Day with Children In Need
Thursday 7/23	Community Building Day with Girls, Inc.
Friday 7/24	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience

Session 3 / Week 2

Monday 7/27	Leadership Training
Tuesday 7/28	Community Building Day with Habitat for Humanity
Wednesday 7/29	Community Building Day with Safe Place
Thursday 7/30	Community Building Day with Girls, Inc.
Friday 7/31	Your Day - Documenting Your SLL Experience and Program Celebration

Recreation: Each session will include recreation time such as swimming. Summer Lead & Learn rules and regulations still apply during recreation activities. Participants are expected to abide by the rules and regulations of the recreation site. Summer Lead & Learn recreation sites reserve the right to prohibit anyone from participating at any time for any reason.

Releases and Waivers: Each activity site may require an additional release of liability waiver above and beyond the releases included with this orientation packet. Any additional release waivers will be sent home with the participant for completion by their parent/guardian. All releases must be completed prior participating at a given activity site. Click here for initial [Summer Lead & Learn release](#).

Ropes Course: On the first Monday of each session participants will participate in a professionally led team building exercise. The purpose of this exercise is to help the participants' work, communicate, and cooperate as a team. Participants will be led through the experiences by trained and insured staff that will make sure safety is the top priority. Participants will not be forced to participate in any activity that is beyond their comfort level. Participants are required to complete a permission slip for this activity.

YMCA: Many recreation activities will be hosted at YMCA of Washington County. Participants are required to complete a permission slip for this activity. Summer Lead & Learn participants are also required to follow the rules and regulations of the YMCA and their staff at all times. The YMCA reserves the right to prohibit Summer Lead & Learn participants from utilizing YMCA facilities at any time for any reason.

Wrapping Up SLL: Every Friday, program participants will have a chance to reflect on their activities. On the final Friday of the session, participants will create a video clip or other marketing piece documenting their experience, which will be shown during a celebration at 4 PM that parents/guardians are welcome to attend.

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What to Wear

- Clothing that can get dirty and/or wet and is comfortable yet not revealing
- Sturdy, closed-toe shoes such as sneakers (sandals may not be permitted at activity sites)
- Dress requirements for each activity may differ – SLL Counselor will announce requirements before daily dismissal

What to Bring

- A bag lunch marked with the participant's name
- Water
- Sunscreen, bug repellent, other sun protection as needed
- A change of clothing
- A bathing suit, towel and flip-flops for specific swim days

What Not to Bring (United Way is not responsible for items lost, damaged or stolen)

- Weapons, drugs or alcohol
- Clothing bearing references to drugs, alcohol, violence or bearing foul language or anything that can be considered offensive to others
- Large amounts of cash
- Computer or other computer type devices. It is best to avoid bringing any electronics to avoid damage or loss of item. Phones are permitted.*

Expectations

- Participants and their transportation providers are expected to exhibit regular and punctual attendance.
- Participants will inform SLL Counselor via phone in the event that they will be late or absent.
- *Participants will use cell phone and other personal electronic devices responsibly. SLL is not responsible for any items brought by program participants to the program or any of its activity sites.
- Participants are expected to maintain a positive and upbeat attitude.
- Participants are expected to follow the rules of Summer Lead & Learn at all times.
- Participants will also be expected to follow any rules set by the activity sites and/or the recreation sites.
- Participants are expected to treat themselves and others with respect and kindness.
- Participants can expect to learn something new, have fun and expand their horizons.

If you are ready to register for one or more of the programs, please visit www.unitedwaywashcounty.org or click [registration](#).