



GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS COLLEGE

Big Partner Application
For RETURNING Big Partners
2009-2010

Name: _____

Gender: ___M ___F Year in School: ___1 ___2 ___3 ___4 ___5

Campus Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Do you wish to have the same Little Partner? ___Yes ___No

If yes, provide the first and last name of the Little Partner: _____

If no, please comment and answer questions below:

If for extenuating circumstances, you need to be paired with a new Little Partner, please answer the following questions: (Please fill out this portion even if you are requesting the same Little Partner.)

What age group would you prefer? Please rank your choices.

___ K-2nd (5-8 yrs old) ___ 3rd-5th (9-11 yrs old) ___ No preference

Are you comfortable working with a child of the opposite sex? Yes No

Do you have access to a car? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Sometimes (explain) _____

Please list any languages other than English that you are comfortable speaking: _____

If you are taking/have taken courses to learn this language, what is the highest level you have completed? _____

Provided the child speaks English, do you want to work with a child who may come from a diverse cultural tradition and whose family may not speak English as a first language?

___ Yes ___ No

Some of our Little Partners have varying degrees of special needs with most falling into the category of complex family situations and emotional/behavioral problems such as ADHD. Do you have experience and/or would you like to work with a Little Partner with special circumstances? Please note: A heightened level of commitment may be associated with checking yes.

___ Yes ___ No

(MORE ON BACKSIDE!)

Comments or concerns you may have about working with a special needs child:

What other activities/sports/organizations are you planning on being a part of this year?

Please briefly describe your general interests and/or hobbies:

I, _____, understand that the information on this application will be shared with Gustavus Student Coordinators, Community Service Center staff, and appropriate professional staff. I understand that signing this will allow the parent and/or legal guardian of my Little Partner to request to read this application if they wish. In addition, I authorize a *background check* to be executed and acknowledge that I may not be allowed in the program based on the results of the background check.

Signature

Date

Please return this application FULLY COMPLETED to the Community Service Center
by September 18th, 2009 and sign up for an interview.

Any questions: Contact Jenny Broman, Student Communications Coordinator, at jbroman@gac.edu

****Please remember that this is a year long commitment and that trainings are mandatory.**

Thank you for your interest.

Volunteer for Big Partner/Little Partner!

Be an adult mentor to one K-5 St. Peter child while having fun, doing engaging activities, hanging out, and changing a child's life.

1. **APPLICATIONS:** Due in the Community Service Center (CSC) **September 18th**
2. **INTERVIEW:** After turning in your completed application, please sign up for a 10 minute interview time on **Sept. 22nd, 23rd, or 24th** on the wall outside the CSC. (One person per slot, please.)
3. **TRAINING SESSION:** All potential Big Partners, New and Returning, must attend ONE of the following training sessions to be part of the program.
 - September 27th:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
 - September 30th:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
 - October 1st:** 7:00 – 9:00 pm in the Heritage Banquet Room
4. **THE DRAFT:** Come review the Little Partner applications and choose your perfect match! **October 13th**, 6:00 – 8:00 pm on the first floor of Confer.
5. **MATCHING MEETING:** Meet your Little Partner at this event on **Oct. 22nd** from 6:00-7:30 in Alumni Hall.
6. **HALLOWEEN PARTY:** Attend the first and biggest event of the year! Enjoy fun activities and trick-or-treating in the dorms with your Little Partner on **Thursday, October 29th**, 6:00-8:00 p.m. in Alumni Hall.

Applications due **SEPTEMBER 18th!!!**

If you have any questions, contact Emily Allex at eallex@gac.edu
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