

The Bonner Program: Orientation

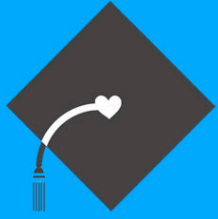
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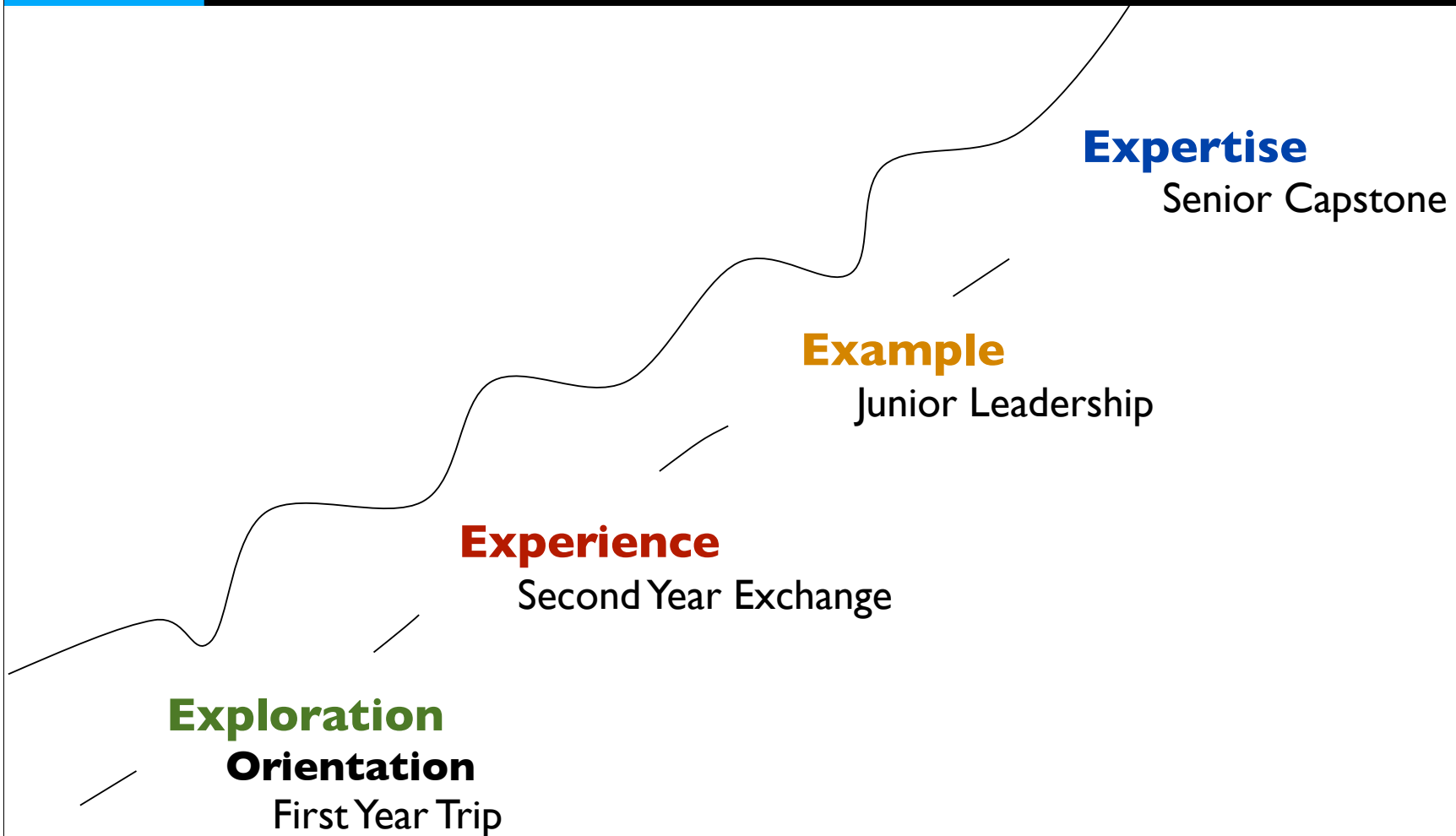
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Description



Orientation: First Step in Student Development Model





Orientation: Key Content

- Introduces new members to your program's:
 - ✓ mission
 - ✓ structure
 - ✓ goals
- Sets program expectations
- Builds community and momentum

Building Blocks



Orientation:

Components of a Good Orientation

**Community
Building**

Bonner:
The Big Picture

Bonner:
The Goals

Getting to Know:
the College

Getting to Know:
the Local Community

**Personal
Exploration**



Orientation: Community Building

- **Introduce people**

“Get to know you” name games

- **Build the team**

Challenge Courses

- **Create a fun, meaningful community**

Kickball, Karaoke, Cooking dinner together, etc...





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Building Blocks - Bonner: The Movement

- **History, Vision, and Purpose**
- **Common Commitments**
- **National Bonner Network of Schools and Partners**

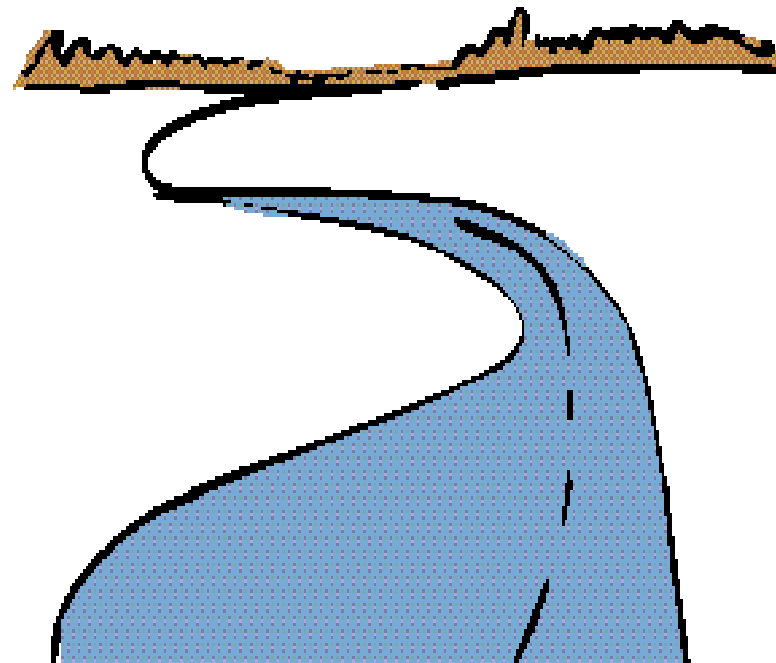




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Building Blocks - Bonner Goals

- **Student Development**
- **Community Partnerships**
- **Academic Connections**
- **Campus-wide Culture of Service**





Orientation: Building Blocks — *Campus Orientation*

- **Create a fun, meaningful community**

- ✓ Campus Center
- ✓ Center Staff & Interns
- ✓ How to work with others across campus



- **Your Program Guidelines**

- ✓ Program Expectations Overview
- ✓ Rules, Requirements, Meeting Times
- ✓ Themes of the Year



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Building Blocks - Into to the Community

- **Educate students on community assets and needs**
- **Include ways to work effectively and sensitively with agencies**
- **Be creative!**
 - ✓ *create a video*
 - ✓ *create a community scavenger hunt*
 - ✓ *involve community based research*
 - ✓ *get students off campus if possible*
 - ✓ *involve partners as presenters*





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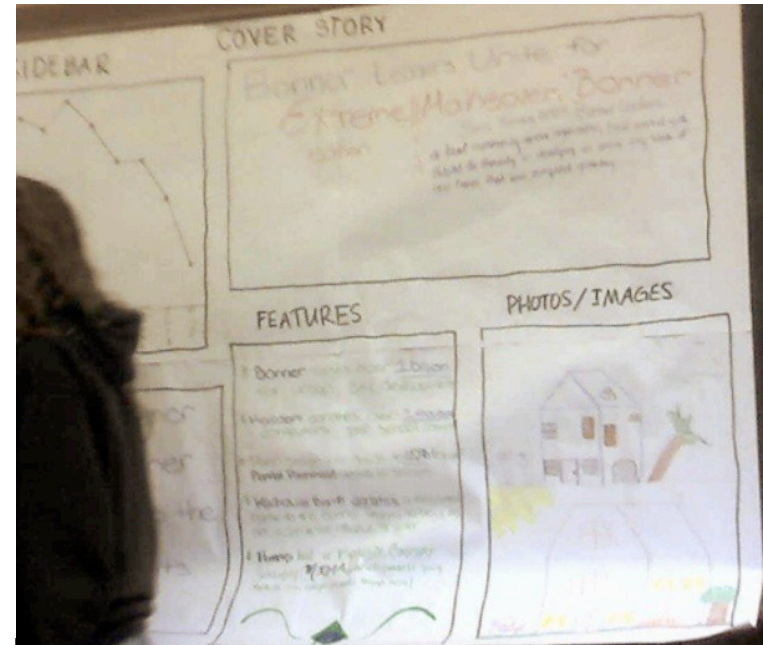
Building Blocks - Personal Exploration

- **Personal Reflection**

- ✓ Set goals for the year
- ✓ Create a Personal Mission Statement

- **Personal and Cultural Awareness**

These activities provide Bonners with a chance to consider their own and others' identity and issues of class, age, race, ethnicity, and gender that may be important to functioning within a diverse group



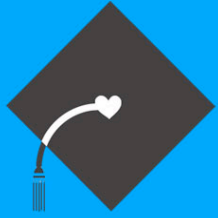


Orientation Follow-Up

- ✓ BWBRS Training
- ✓ Revisit the student development model
- ✓ AmeriCorps training
- ✓ All Bonner gathering
- ✓ CLA training
- ✓ Meeting expectations



Resources



Orientation: Implementation Guide

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Background and Purpose:

Freshmen Orientation is the Bonner student's first experience with the Bonner Program, so it's important that that experience be characterized in a few ways. Freshmen Orientation (regardless of its length or location) should impart students with a sense of identity, community, and basic knowledge with which to begin their work in the Bonner Program. By identity, we wish to convey that students take away a sense of what the Bonner (Scholar or Leader) Program is and a feeling of belonging in it. By community, we mean a sense of who are the staff and peers that make up the Bonner community, either by class, the whole, or both. Campuses also selectively include the basic orientation to the mission, values, and purpose of the campus's program and the nuts and bolts about requirements. After Freshmen Orientation, the campus should have a first-semester plan designed for freshmen that intentionally exposes them to a range of skill- and knowledge-building opportunities that they will find critical to their success in the program.

Benchmarks:

CRITICAL CONTENT GUIDELINES: Activities and/or workshops that address the following areas are critical to effective Freshmen Orientations.

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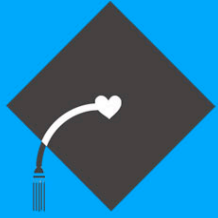
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**OBERLIN COLLEGE
BONNER SCHOLARS PROGRAM
Class of 2012
New Bonner Orientation Schedule**

Friday, August 22

9:00 AM-5:00 PM	Welcome New Bonner Scholars!	Bonner Center for Service and Learning Lewis House 68 S. Professor St.
	Check-In	
	Key/ID Pick-up	Stevenson Hall Griswold Common
	Unpack	Residence Hall
5:00 PM-6:00 PM House)	**Bonner Dinner	BCSL (Lewis
6:00 PM-8:00 PM House)	**Meet the BCSL Staff and other Bonner Scholars -Introductions -Bonner Orientation Overview -Icebreakers	BCSL (Lewis
8:00 PM-10:00 PM House)	Hang out at the BCSL (Optional)	BCSL (Lewis

Saturday, August 23

6:30 AM-8:00 AM	Breakfast	Stevenson Hall
9:00 AM House)	Meet at the BCSL to depart for Service	BCSL (Lewis
9:30 AM-12:30 PM	<i>Team Building through Service</i> (Dress comfortably – you may get dirty)	



Orientation: Tips

- ✓ Good clean fun!
- ✓ Use meals for community building
- ✓ Engage student leaders and community leaders in planning & presenting
- ✓ Off campus location / overnight
- ✓ Use the trainings & resources

Working Session



Orientation

Your turn!

Map out a sample agenda

- ✓ *Timing*
- ✓ *Length*
- ✓ *Location*
- ✓ *Flow*
- ✓ *Five Building Blocks*
- ✓ *Facilitators (students, partners, staff)*