GEAR UP ACTIVITY IDEA

SPRING FLING



Objective

The objective of the "Spring Fling" Road Trip to Seattle is to create meaningful college campus experiences for GEAR UP 10th-grade first-generation youth, including alumni connections, one-on-one support, and fun experiences.

Procedure

This 3-day/2-night road trip to Seattle includes visits to the University of Washington (UW), Seattle University (SU), and Seattle Pacific University (SPU).

Preparation Timeline (2-3 Months Out)

- 3 Months Prior: Coordinate transportation, lodging, and campus visit dates. Complete the necessary paperwork and reservations. Book lodging at Harbor Steps Condo and arrange campus tours at UW, SU, and SPU with alumni who can lead the tours.
- 2 Months Prior: Advertise the trip to students and their families.
- 1 Month Prior: Conduct lottery selection of participating students. Collect required permission slips from selected students.
- 2 Weeks Prior: Hold a team meeting with selected students to discuss expectations, packing list, and trip logistics.
- 1 Week Prior: Reconfirm all reservations with lodging providers, campus visits, and participating students.
- 1-3 Days Before Event: Pick up the rental vehicle, obtain meal per diem funds, and complete grocery shopping if necessary.

Day of Departure & Trip Execution

- On Departure Day: Ensure everyone is excited and ready for the trip. Stay flexible, as plans may need to change.
- **During the Trip:** Engage in scheduled activities, including campus tours led by alumni. Visit locations like Pike Place Market for dinner and enjoy team dinners. Include additional activities such as riding the Seattle-Bainbridge Ferry and dining at various local restaurants.

Themes

Campus Visits,
Counseling & Advising

Audience

All GU students

Grade Level(s)

9-12

Cost

Approximately \$2,500 for eight students and two chaperones, covering transportation, lodging, and food.

Required Materials

Planning and coordination materials

Prep Time

- Organizing field trip logistics (name tags, agendas, staff signs, sign-in sheets)
- Managing paperwork

Additional Notes

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