

Cornerstone Activities

1st Year Trip & 2nd Year Exchange

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First Year Trip & 2nd Year Exchange: Overview

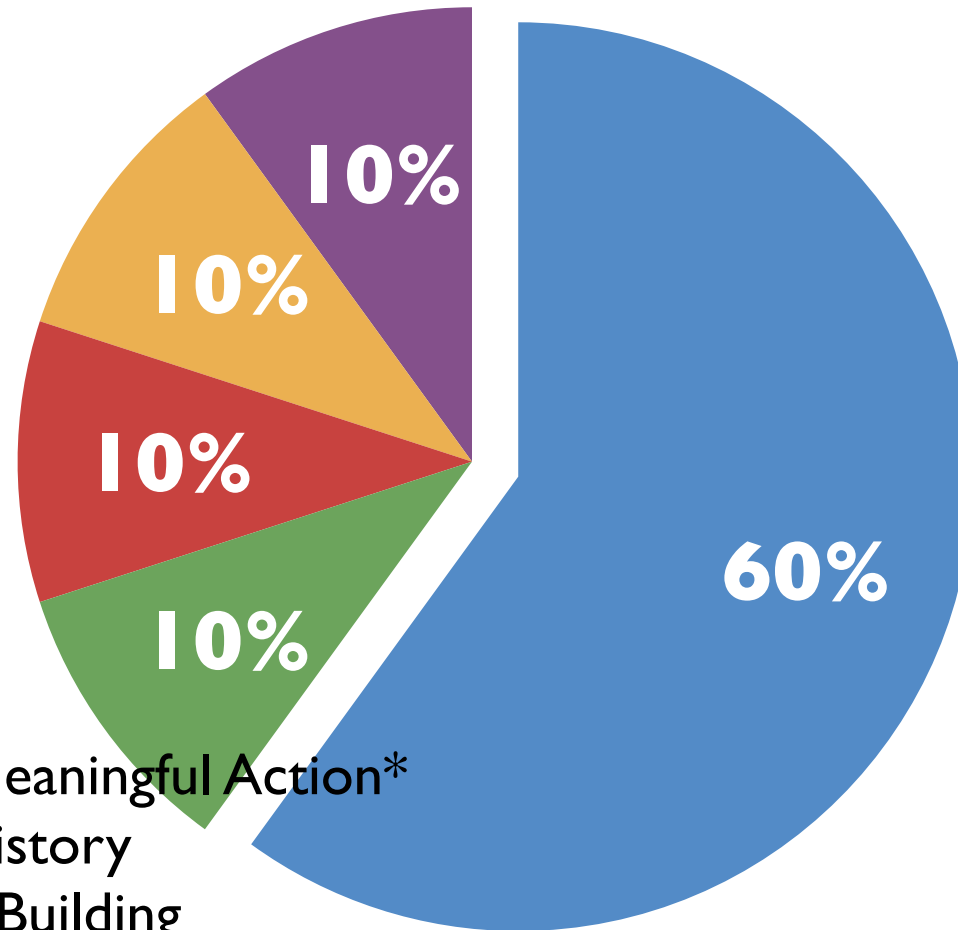
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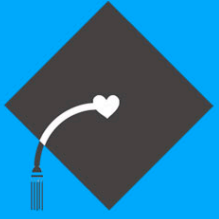


1st Year Trip & 2nd Year Exchange: Range of Activities



- Service or Meaningful Action*
- Culture & History
- Community Building
- Education, Reflection & Discussion
- Learning about the Organizations & Issues

1st Year Trip



1st Year Trip: Description

- A **4-7 day trip** to a new geographic location
- **Culminates** the year
- **Intensive** service, education, reflection, & team-building
- Student development **cornerstone**





1st Year Trip: Destinations & Planning

- Choose strong **community partner**
- Select a destination that can **deepen students' learning**
- **Involve students** in all phases
- Use **teachable moments**





1st Year Trip: Organizing Steps

- 1** Find a destination in a region different from your campus; identify strong partners
- 2** Designate roles and responsibilities for Bonners (frosh and leaders) to plan and implement the trip
- 3** Prior to the trip, engage in education, learning the history, language, prominent issues, culture , and other information.
- 4** During the trip, engage in service, learning, reflection, cultural & team-building activities
- 5** After the trip, have your students share their reflections to your Bonner team or even the campus



1st Year Trip: Examples

- **Crow Reservation**
Native American culture
- **New York City**
urban poverty
- **US/Mexico Border**
immigration issues
- **Louisville, KY**
*residential home for
developmental disabilities*



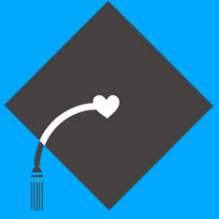
2nd Year Exchange



2nd Year Exchange: Description

- **Immersion trip** in partnership with **another Bonner Program**
- Inspire sense of the **national student movement**

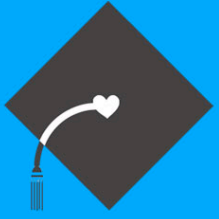




2nd Year Exchange: Destinations & Planning

- **Build on 1st & 2nd year** themes, skills, & knowledge
- **Consider** *IMPACT Conference or All-Bonner Service at SLI*
- **Engage students** in *planning & leadership roles*





2nd Year Exchange: Great Examples

- **Public education and advocacy research** *on immigration issues in Tennessee*
- **Education and training** *on diversity issues in Indianapolis*
- **Bonner SLI** *All-Bonner Service Event*






2nd Year Exchange Trip: Some Steps

- 1 Engage second year students in identifying partner school(s).
- 2 As with the first year trip, engage students as planners and leaders.
- 3 Find strategies for linking the Exchange to student development. Engage students in preparation and education.
- 4 Implement a 2nd Year Exchange with exciting array of service, learning, discussion, and reflection activities
- 5 After the trip, have your students share their learning and reflection to the broader campus community.

Resources





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Background & Rationale:

The First Year Trip is a key activity in the Bonner Scholars Program. While not a common practice for Bonner Leader Programs, many campuses have begun exploring the integration of a first year trip. Typically, the trip is a 4-7 day event that takes the students as a class to participate in service in a geographic region outside their campus community. This trip happens in the second semester of freshmen year, in most cases during a break or at the end of the year. In compelling circumstances it can happen during the sophomore year. While the trip may revolve around service, activities generally include meetings with community residents, agency representatives, and others that provide students with an educational context about the place. In addition, both the process of preparing for and the time during the trip can be an intense educational experience for students, providing them with even more opportunity to develop identity and unity as Bonners and servant leaders.

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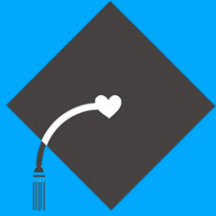
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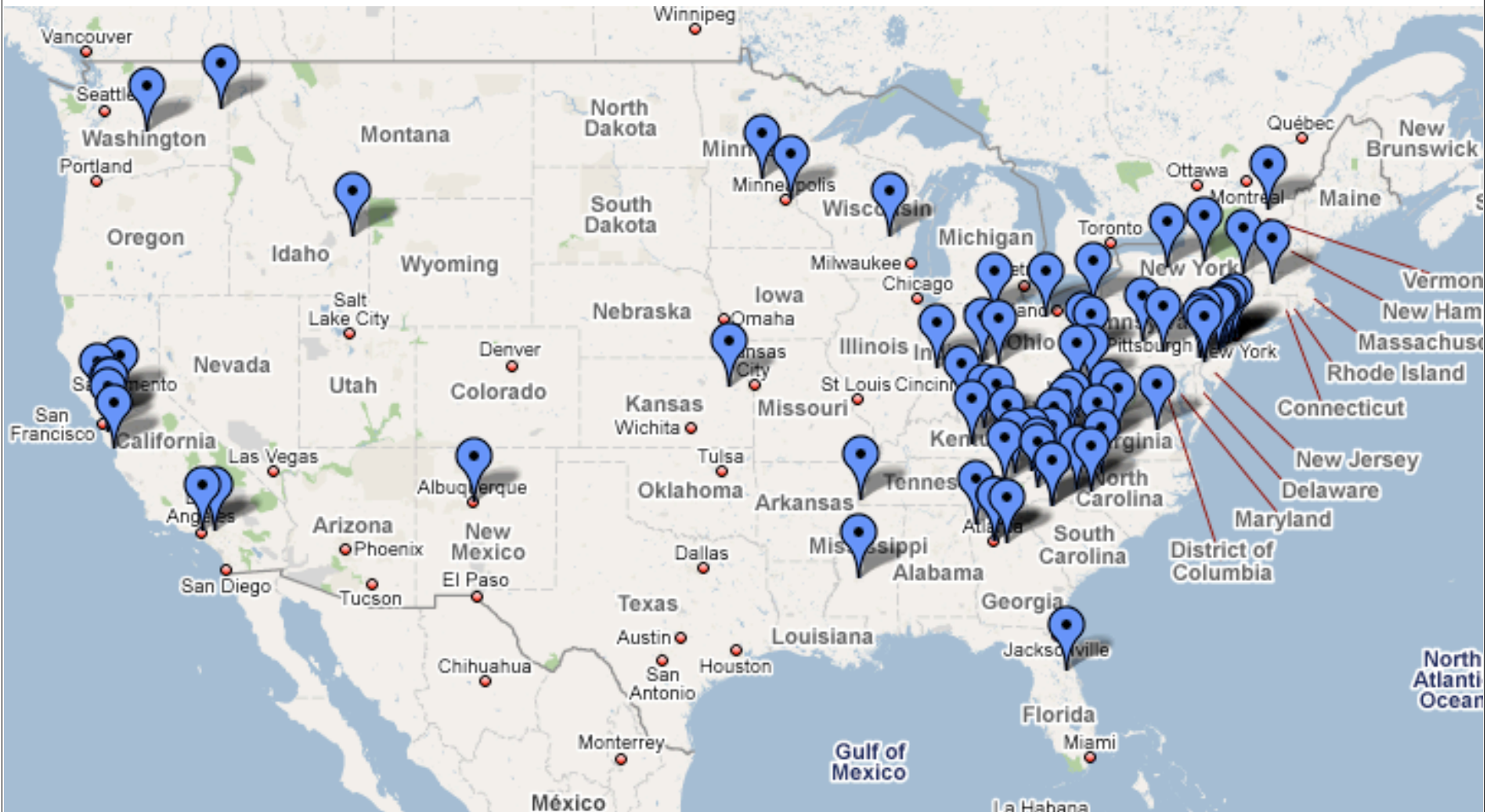
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Working Session



Activity

Brainstorm and discuss some of your ideas for 1st Year Trip & 2nd Year Exchange that are:

- Powerful
- Developmental
- Filled with memorable learning opportunities & meaningful action