



# COMMUNITY ACTION 2009

It starts with a week...

July 15, 2009

Dear Community Action Applicant,

## WELCOME TO CA 2009!!

We would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to Community Action. You will be joining about 145 members of the Class of 2013 in a week of service, reflection, making friends, and getting to know your new community. We are eager to welcome you to campus in **September** and to make your first week here a really great one.

Please read the important information attached to this email and complete and return the [online acceptance form](#) by **Mon, July 20<sup>th</sup>** (Note: do not press enter until you are ready to submit!). **You will be informed of your residential college on July 17<sup>th</sup>, so it is best to wait until then to fill out the form.** If you are having trouble reading the information below or opening the attachments, please go to our website at <http://www.princeton.edu/~svc/ca.html>.

We will be in touch with you in **late July/early August** with your group assignment. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to e-mail us at [cacoordinators@princeton.edu](mailto:cacoordinators@princeton.edu) should you have any questions or concerns. You may contact Dave Brown or Carey Hoover as well as Runqiu or Briana in the SVC office (609-258-5557).

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## REGISTRATION:

CA 2009 will officially begin with **registration at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 5, 2009, at Murray-Dodge Hall**. Please be prompt! After you check in to begin the week with your CA group, your family is invited to attend a reception at your **Residential College** (more information to follow).

## CA SLEEPING ARRANGEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT LIST:

During the week of CA, you will be living together with your group in a common space at or near your service site. You will not be able to return to your room during CA, so **it is very important that you bring everything you need for the week to registration at Murray-Dodge on Saturday at 3:00 p.m.** We have attached the **CA Equipment List** with this email (also available online at <http://www.princeton.edu/~svc/equip.html>).

## HOUSING CHECK-IN:

On Saturday, September 5th, you will be able to pick up your room key at Baker Rink and move into your room between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Keep in mind that although you may be the first person to arrive in your room or suite, rooms and space should be distributed fairly after all members of the room or suite have arrived. Some students (those who are not participating in either Community Action or Outdoor Action) will not arrive until Saturday, September 12th, so please do not settle into your room or suite until all roommates have arrived and you can together negotiate how to use your living space.

For arrival information, visit the Undergraduate Housing website here:

[http://www.princeton.edu/facilities/info/audiences/undergraduate/move\\_in/check\\_in/](http://www.princeton.edu/facilities/info/audiences/undergraduate/move_in/check_in/)

## EARLY ARRIVALS:

ONLY students with special arrival needs such as students travelling from overseas, students travelling long distances, or students observing the Jewish Sabbath may request early arrival arrangements for Friday, September 4th. The Undergraduate Housing Office at MacMillan Building will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **If you are planning to arrive on Friday, September 4th, you must contact the SVC office by Friday, August 14th, to request early arrival housing.**

## LATE ARRIVALS AND DORM AVAILABILITY/STORAGE:

Please note that if you arrive after 5:00 p.m. you will not be able to get your key, so be sure to plan your trip accordingly. If you cannot possibly arrive by 5:00 p.m., please let us know by Monday, August 31st, so that we can make arrangements. However, we urge you to please arrive on campus and retrieve your key **before 5:00pm on September 5th.**

A very small number of CAers may be unable to move into their rooms on September 5th because of construction or cleaning. If this affects you, you will be notified the week before CA and you will be able to store your belongings on campus during the week of Community Action. Although Housing may suggest shipping your things so that they arrive after you have been

allowed to move in, we recognize the inconvenience and expense of this, and will make sure any affected students have a place to store their belongings on campus during CA.

## PROFESSORS' NIGHT:

One of the highlights of CA will be Professors' Night, when each group will be joined by several members of the faculty and administration for a discussion of the week. In order to prepare for this discussion, each year we ask CAers to do a little summer homework. **Your assignment: read *Going Public: an Organizer's Guide to Citizen Action***, by Michael Gecan of the Industrial Areas Foundation (currently \$10.36 on amazon.com). Gecan shares lessons he has learned from decades of experience as an organizer of what he terms "power organizations," organizations devoted to increasing the say of their member groups and congregations over various issues in the decisions of political institutions.

## TRAVEL TO PRINCETON:

If you are traveling to Princeton by car, enter campus from Faculty Road and ask the Public Safety officers at the entry booth to direct you to Baker Rink, where you can pick up your room key. If you are traveling by train, get off at the Princeton Junction station and then switch to the N.J. Transit Princeton "Dinky" shuttle train, which will bring you directly to campus. If you are traveling by plane, the most convenient airport is Newark-Liberty Airport. N.J. Transit trains run directly from the Newark airport to campus (though you must transfer at Princeton Junction). The Princeton Airporter shuttle bus service runs from the Newark and JFK airports to Baker Rink or the Nassau Inn, located one block from campus. For more information and/or reservations, go to the Airporter web-site: <http://www.goairporter.com/>.

## HEALTH HISTORY FORMS:

In order to participate in CA you must have mailed in your Health History forms to McCosh Health Center. We are not permitted to take anyone who has not been given medical clearance from the Health Center. All required tests and immunizations must be up-to-date and recorded on the form before you mail it to the Health Center. If you have not received your Health History form from McCosh Health Center, please call (609) 258-3129. You are required to get a tetanus booster if you have not had one within 10 years. Please send in your completed medical forms to McCosh Health Center as soon as possible if you have not already done so. If you have any significant medical problems (illnesses or injuries) that arise between now and September 5<sup>th</sup>, please call (609) 258-5557 so we can update your medical information.

Also, before you leave home for Princeton, please read the Community Action Flu Symptom Advisory attached to this email and posted on our website at <http://www.princeton.edu/~svc/ca/2009/flu.html>.

## TRIP FEES & CANCELLATIONS:

The CA program trip fee of \$495.00 will be billed directly to your student account in July. If you are receiving need-based financial aid from the University, your cost for the Community Action trip is fully subsidized. If for some reason you are unable to participate in Community Action, please call the Student Volunteers Council office at (609) 258-5557 or e-mail us at [svc@princeton.edu](mailto:svc@princeton.edu). **All cancellations must be received by July 25<sup>th</sup>.** After July 25, no refunds will be given and you will be charged a \$100 cancellation penalty. **The cancellation fee applies to all participants including those on financial aid.** Please keep in mind that your failure to cancel in advance could mean that a student on our waitlist cannot participate in Community Action. If there is an emergency and you cannot attend at the last minute, we must be informed by 5:00pm September 3rd.

## EMERGENCY NUMBERS:

In the event of an emergency your family can contact you by calling the SVC office at (609) 258-5557 or Public Safety at (609) 258-3134 (open 24 hours). **Please call only in case of an emergency.**

## RELIGIOUS SERVICES

The Princeton University Chapel will be open on Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 a.m. for students who wish to worship before departing on the trip. Sunday service begins at 10:00 a.m.

**Catholic services:** There will be a Catholic Mass on Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 p.m. and Sunday at 10:00 a.m. at the Aquinas House on the corner of Library and Stockton Streets, within easy walking distance of campus. For more information and directions to Aquinas House see [www.princeton.edu/~aquinas](http://www.princeton.edu/~aquinas).

**Jewish services:** On Friday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, there will be an Orthodox service at a time to be announced and a Conservative service at 6:45 p.m. On Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, Orthodox service will be at 8:45 p.m. with additional times to be decided, and there will be a Conservative service at 9:45 a.m. Services will be held at the Center for Jewish Life, 71 Washington Road. For more information about the CJL, see <http://www.princetonhillel.org/>. If you indicated that you wished to return for Sabbath observance, you will be placed on the early arrival list, and we'll arrange for you to return to Princeton before sundown on Friday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Your return time will typically be 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY ACTION 2009 WILL CONCLUDE ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12<sup>TH</sup>, AT  
12:00PM.**

At this time, parents are welcome to return to campus to help move you into your dorm rooms. First-year students who do not participate in either CA or OA will be arriving that day.

We hope that this letter has provided you with all the information you need for the Community Action trip. We will be in touch with you in **late July/early August** with your group assignment. Please do not hesitate to e-mail us at [cacoordinators@princeton.edu](mailto:cacoordinators@princeton.edu) should you have any questions or concerns. You may also contact Dave Brown, Carey Hoover, Briana, or Runqiu in the SVC office (609-258-5557). Information about CA is also available on our website at <http://www.princeton.edu/svc/ca.html>. Have a great summer, and we look forward to meeting you on September 5<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

*THE STUDENT VOLUNTEERS COUNCIL AND COMMUNITY ACTION COORDINATORS*

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