



Fairfield College
Preparatory School

Freshman Retreat Application and Contract

Name: _____ Class Year: _____

All leader candidates must be available for freshman orientation on **Tuesday, August 27, 2019**. There is a planning meeting for this on **Monday, August 26 from 3pm-4pm** at Fairfield Prep; all leader candidates are expected to attend. Freshman Rally Day takes place on **October 16th, 2019 8am-1pm**. Senior leaders must be present for all of Rally Day (no exceptions); it is our expectation to have **at least** two leadership meetings to plan for the October Rally Day event. Two Saturday leadership meetings will be scheduled for the winter time before the retreat. The Freshman Retreat will take place **March 12-13, 2020**. **All leaders are expected to commit and attend all meetings throughout the year.** Please note anything in your schedule on the line below that might conflict with the Retreat. ***Also note that in the past winter athletes have had a difficult time making this commitment because of games and practices conflicting with meeting times and the retreat itself. Please consider this reality when applying. You will be asked to resign your position if you cannot make the regular meetings or be present for the entire retreat.*

The freshman retreat focuses on brotherhood, the building of community and service (Field Day with the kids from Bridgeport). These are its major themes. St. Ignatius of Loyola called his community La Compañía de Jesús and in a very real sense they were companions. Your role as a leader is to help the freshmen form their own company, to be their companions and to introduce them to the FP brotherhood. How do you plan on incorporating these themes into your retreat leadership? What do you want the freshmen in your small group to come away with/remember always after this experience?

As of now what may be possible conflicts that you will have with after school meetings (including sports, part-time job, and service):

Personal Statement

Please type your response to both parts of this statement on a new page at the end of this application.

All leader candidates:

Part I: Candidates are asked to describe what their freshman year experience at Fairfield Prep was like (if you are a transfer student please speak about your first year at Prep). You are to include (but not be limited to) in this statement answers to the following questions: why did you come to Prep? Was it difficult to make friends? What clubs and sports did you involve yourself in? What impact did Rally Day and Freshman Retreat have on you? Senior leaders will share this statement with the freshmen during the small group discussion during Rally Day in October.

Part II: Candidates one of your responsibilities will be to lead a prayer experience for the freshmen in your group. Please describe your own prayer life. What do you find challenging about prayer? In thinking about leading this retreat experience, what do you hope to accomplish with the opportunity to exercise your leadership in such a powerful way? Please include here a favorite personal prayer that you would be willing to share with the freshmen during the retreat (it can be an original or a common prayer that you like to use).

Part V- Interview

Leader candidates may be asked to set up a personal interview. You will be contacted by Mr. Gualtiere if that needs to be scheduled.

*Note: Freshman Orientation is viewed as an “on the job” interview.

Part VI- Final Agreement

This agreement is on the next page. All parts of the application can be e-mailed to Mr. Gualtiere by Thursday, June 13 (prior to summer break).

Final Agreement and Contract

Return to Mr. Gualtiere by **Thursday, June 13.**

E-Mail Submissions are acceptable

Please take time to read and agree to the following. Understand it's more than just the fine print!

*As a Freshman Retreat leader, I, _____, will attend all meetings to prepare and plan for the retreat. I understand meetings (full leader group and committees) may take place before or after school, in the evening or during lunch. I will be here for the Freshman Orientation Day August 27, 2019 (planning meeting is August 26 at 3pm). If chosen as a leader I must facilitate the Oct. 16th Retreat Rally Day (seniors for the full day); and attend and participate in all planning and formation meetings. I will be present for the entire Freshman Retreat March 12-13, 2020. I accept the responsibility and commitment that comes with the position, and **I will do my very best to make it an enjoyable experience for the Freshman Class of 2023.** Lastly, I understand that any **unexcused absences from meetings or incomplete work** may result in the forfeit of my position as a leader.*

As a final reminder, please be sure that you as well as your family are fully aware of any and all of your commitments to the Freshman Retreat and its planning. Parents by signing this you understand the commitment your son is making and you are asked to mark off the above dates on the family calendar.

Student Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

****Leader candidates are strongly encouraged to engage in some leadership experience this summer either through Prep or an outside organization. Please indicate and explain here what experience you will be participating in (if any):**

****Please note the list of leader candidates will be forwarded to all faculty members including Mr. Davis and the Guidance Department for feedback and recommendations. Any student who is on disciplinary probation or in severe academic trouble will not be considered for this position.**

****Based on past experience winter athletes will have a very difficult time making this commitment. Please reflect upon whether or not this is the right experience for you. Students will have to make a choice and make this retreat a priority.**