EPHVENTURE ’16 LEADER

GENERAL INFORMATION SHEET

Who: We are looking for enthusiastic and skilled leaders to welcome the class of 2020 to Williams. You are eligible to our EPHVENTURE program, even if you were not a participant as a first-year student.

What: EPHVENTURES is a four night program that takes place during the mid-orientation period of First Days for the incoming class. One of the most important parts of EPHVENTURES is to bond with a small group of peers and to create friendships that we hope will endure throughout their time at Williams and afterwards. As an EPHVENTURE leader, it will be your responsibility to introduce first-year students to Williams by creating a positive group dynamic within your group. From the moment you meet the incoming students, your actions as an EPHVENTURE leader, will leave a lasting impression on them.

TeamEph: The TeamEph program is specifically designed for the first-year fall student-athlete. By maximizing the benefits of pre-season training and orientation programming, participants will discover how to juggle the rigors and joys of being a student-athlete while also becoming part of the larger Williams and Williamstown community. TeamEph is only open to the following first-year varsity student-athletes: Men's Soccer, Women's Soccer, Field Hockey, Volleyball, and Football.

Requirements:

You must be able to remain on campus from Monday, May 30 – Friday, June 3 for EPHVENTURE leader training week. No Exceptions! EPHVENTURE leader training week consists of leadership and small group facilitation skills, etc. If you are selected as an EPHVENTURE leader, you will be participating in EPHVENTURE training until 5pm on Thursday, June 2 and will have to be out of your dorms by noon on Friday, June 30. Once you are selected to be a leader, please make flight reservations—we advise that you choose a flight AFTER 5pm on Thursday, June 2. Transportation will be provided to the Albany Airport.

You must be able to return to campus by 7pm on Sunday, August 28. IMPORTANT **No housing will be available before this date. A shuttle will transport those who are arriving to the Albany Airport to campus. A kickoff leaders dinner will be at 7:30pm on Sunday, August 28 and training will begin Monday morning and last through EphVentures. EPHVENTURES programming will begin with dinner on Wednesday, September 2 and will conclude with dinner on Saturday, September 5—EphVentures is Wednesday, August 31 — Saturday, September 3. Fall semester classes begin Thursday, September 8.

Please complete the attached application by Monday, April 4.

Drop off applications in the Athletic Offices to Karen Ware or email them to Jennifer Chuks (jec4@williams.edu).
EPHVENTURE ’16 LEADER COMMON APPLICATION

Due: Monday, April 4. Give the attached recommendation form to 1 person who knows of your leadership qualities and potential. If possible, please have your Team Captain complete your recommendation. The recommendation form needs to be returned by Monday, April 4. Decisions will be e-mailed Monday, April 11.

Last Name: ________________________________ First Name____________________________

Preferred Name/Nickname: __________________ Mailbox #: __________ Student ID #: ________________

Email Unix (abc1): ___________ Cell phone number: __________________________

What EPHVENTURE trip did you participate in? __________________________________________________________________________

What sport do you play? __________________________ What year do you graduate? ____________

Requirements:
Attendance Monday, May 30 – Friday, June 3 for EPHVENTURE Leader Training Week and return to Williamstown by 7pm Sunday, August 28 for fall training is mandatory. These dates are inflexible. No exceptions.

Please TYPE the answers to the following questions, number each answer, and attach on a separate sheet(s) of paper. Make sure your name is on each sheet of paper you attach. Please answer the questions as clearly and completely as possible. Honest answers will greatly help us in selecting leaders.

1. Why do you want to be a leader in this program?

2. What is your leadership experience? This need not be limited to the college or your team.

3. What other qualities do you have that would make you a successful leader in this program?

4. What specific areas (leadership, people skills, etc.) do you need to improve on?

5. Briefly note your experience in sport camp leadership.

6. In your opinion, what constitutes the ideal EPHVENTURE experience and how would you provide this for first year students?

7. Help us get to know you! On a separate sheet of paper or on the back of your typed responses write a poem, draw a picture, include a photo or self portrait, recount a meaningful story, or make a video, whatever…show us something that highlights what makes you unique and why YOU would make an outstanding leader. Creativity is encouraged!

PLEASE RETURN BY Monday, APRIL 4.

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PART A: APPLICANT
Fill out Part A completely. Give the attached recommendation form to 1 person who knows of your leadership qualities and potential. If possible, please have your Team Captain complete your recommendation. The recommendation form needs to be returned by Monday, April 4. Decisions will be emailed April 11.

Last Name: _______________________________ First Name: __________________________________

PART B: RECOMMENDER
Thank you for completing a recommendation form for this applicant. We look for many important qualities in our EPHVENTURE leaders and we hope you can shed some light on the strengths and weaknesses of this applicant. As you may know from your own experience, EPHVENTURE leaders, armed with skills and knowledge, must be able to effectively lead a group and create a positive group dynamic and an inclusive environment that first-year students will feel comfortable in. Please fill out this form and include your comments where applicable. Please return this form by Monday, April 4.

Recommenders Name: _________________________________ Recommenders email Unix: __________

Please tell us how you know the applicant: I am their: ________________________________
1. On a scale of 1 to 4 (1 being needs work, 4 being outstanding or N/A if you don’t know), please rank the applicant on the basis of the following qualities (please check appropriate box and use the reverse side of this form to comment on any of your answers):

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2. Elaborate on some of your answers from page 1. What, in your opinion, are this applicant’s leadership strengths that would make them a successful EPHVENTURE leader?

3. Since no EPHVENTURE leader is perfect, please comment on an area that this applicant would need to improve upon during training.

4. Do you have any reservations about the applicant being an EPHVENTURE leader? YES_______ NO_______ If yes, please provide a brief explanation for your answer.

5. Describe this applicant’s best quality. Feel free to use anecdotes that may help us get to know the applicant.