



## Student/Parent Information Sheet

### 2010 Middle School Leadership Institute “Awakening to the Science of Our World”

At Pine Point School, Stonington, CT

July 30-August 3, 2010

Welcome to the 2010 MSLI!—a fun, adventurous program focused on leadership and the environment—a learning experience like no other! Please read all the information below and check [www.gyli.org](http://www.gyli.org) for the most up to date information. We are glad you have chosen to embark on the journey to become an effective and powerful agent of change in your school and in our world.

#### Program Themes:

Experiential, hands-on learning about the natural world  
Collaborative leadership  
Multicultural awareness and global pluralism

#### Program Outline

July 30	<p><b>Air arrivals meet at Providence airport at 3pm</b> Bus to Pine Point School <b>Ground arrivals meet at Pine Point School at 4pm</b> Introductions and goal setting Tent set-up Opening bon fire</p>	August 1	<p><b>Field Day – Barn Island</b> Learning stations in Barn Island marsh Water collection and research Astronomical observatory</p>
July 31	<p><b>Pine Point campus</b> Exchange students from Iraq give presentation to participants on lessons learned and plans for the return home Intro to environmental sustainability Intro to multicultural identity and diversity Night hike in Pine Point woods</p>	August 2	<p><b>Sailing in Mystic, CT</b> Student sailing teams – collaborative leadership in action Dropping/raising the Anchor Closing bon fire</p>
		August 3	<p><b>Closing Day</b> Leader Learning Plan presentations Small group closings <b>Ground departures at 12pm</b> <b>Bus to Providence airport for 1pm arrival – schedule departures after 2pm</b></p>

**Safety:**

We take great care to insure your safety throughout all GYLI programs. All of our Institute Coordinators are CPR/First Aid certified. Students are in the constant care of both male and female chaperones. Curfews are enforced, safety hazards pointed out, and caring community is established in each GYLI program. Our average faculty-to-student ratio is 1:3, and our commitment is to provide the highest quality physical and emotional safety.

Please use your personal profile on [www.gyli.org](http://www.gyli.org) to list any medical needs. We can certainly accommodate almost any need, and would be glad to discuss a specific situation with you personally.

If you have **any safety concerns** before, during or after the GYLI summer institute, please don't hesitate to call or email your faculty chaperone, the Institute Coordinators, or the GYLI office (phone: 414.290.8142).

**Cell phones/electronics:**

All GYLI programs are designed to be low-tech community focused. To that end we ask that students **NOT BRING CELL PHONES or other electronics**. This will prevent any water damage aboard the ship, as well as keep our focus on the relationships within the group. Adults will have cell phones available in case of an emergency, and we will encourage students to call to tell of their arrival in Milwaukee. If a student does bring a cell phone, we will simply collect it and return it to the student at the end of the institute.

**Transportation:**

Transportation to and from the Providence airport (if traveling by air) or Pine Point School (if traveling by ground) is the responsibility of participating students and teachers.

Bus transportation during the event will be provided by GYLI with licensed drivers on chartered busses.

**Lodging:**

Lodging will be camping in tents on the grounds of Pine Point School. See packing list for appropriate sleeping gear. No prior camping or sailing experience is necessary for this trip.

**Meals:**

GYLI will provide all meals beginning with dinner on July 30 and ending with lunch on August 3. Please use the GYLI website profile to list any dietary restrictions or preferences. **DO NOT BRING SNACKS**—we will provide plenty of healthy, energy sustaining snacks—and we don't want to attract any animals to our campsite.

**Sign up and Registration:**

Each MSLI student and faculty member will register at the GYLI website: [www.gyli.org](http://www.gyli.org) or by using a registration form (please contact GYLI office to request the registration form).

**Tuition Costs:**

The tuition cost for the MSLI is \$900 for students and \$300 for teachers. This includes meals, lodging, bus transportation, guest speakers, admissions, and all program materials.

**Other Costs:**

These may include transportation, lodging before or after the institute or other costs as determined by your school group. Please see your teacher chaperone for a breakdown of these costs.

**Parent Permission/Student Expectations Sheet and Medical Forms:**

**Please see [www.gyli.org](http://www.gyli.org) to download these forms.** The Parent Permission sheet must be signed by students AND parents. The medical form must be signed by a licensed medical practitioner (doctor, nurse, or physician's assistant), and submitted with the tuition to your school. These forms must be received by your school and sent to GYLI BEFORE any student or faculty member can participate.

**Payment:**

All fees should be sent to the school. Checks should be made out to your school, and they are due in full at the time of sign up. The school will then send a check to the GYLI office. Prompt payment will allow us to guarantee the facilities, pay speakers, and prepare for this institute.

**Financial Aid:**

We are committed to socio-economic diversity and therefore will do everything possible to see that all qualified and committed candidates can participate in GYLI. Requests for financial aid should be made to each GYLI participating school. A limited number of block grants are available from GYLI to help cover school costs. Each school will request these funds from GYLI.

**Deadlines:**

All students and faculty should register on the website by March 1, 2010. All fees are due to the school as soon as possible after that time. All checks from schools are due to GYLI by April 1, 2010, and participant forms must be submitted by mail or fax to the GYLI office by April 1, 2010.



## Middle School Leadership Institute Required Equipment List

Sleeping bag in a stuff sack

These items must fit in one suitcase or duffle bag:

- **foam sleeping pad**.....You will need one of these because we will be sleeping in tents, but don't go out and pay for an expensive one. There are good, cheap ones at local sporting goods stores.
- **tennis shoes and socks (mid-range and well broken in)**.....they should have good grip on the bottom (like on a trail running shoe). Something you don't mind getting a little wet.
- **walking shorts and loosely fitting (not tight) jeans**
- **waterproof jacket (not just a windbreaker, but waterproof)—check the label**
- **medium sized towel**
- **small backpack (a "day pack")**.....Your school back-pack will work
- **one or two water bottles**
- **baseball cap**.....We are in lots of sunlight and we want to prevent sunburn.
- **small flashlight**.....If you have to go to the bathroom at night, you'll need it. There may not be lights around us at night time.
- **Notepad/Journal and pens**
- **sunscreen and toiletries**..... It is best to use biodegradable toiletries to minimize water pollution. But if you don't want to go out and buy these, we'll have enough there to go around.
- **Swimming suit**

### Not Allowed

- **flip flops**.....You will hurt your ankles when walking...no need for them
- **short-cropped tops and low-rider jeans**.....The weather and activities we'll be doing won't work with these clothes.
- **snack food**.....We are camping...that means that if "critters" smell your food, they will come in and get it. We will be well fed, so don't worry about bringing snacks and other food.
- **Knives**.....This isn't going to be like Survivor where you have to build your own shelters from the land...so you won't need any knives.
- **Cell Phones/iPods/Computers/technology that takes you away from community**.....We are coming together in a place that slows our daily pace down more than we are used to. There is little electricity to power your devices, and technology breaks up the circle we are trying to experience.