



Central Ontario Leadership Seminars

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What is the Central Ontario Leadership Seminars?

The Central Ontario Leadership Seminars (COLS) is a Canadian registered charity dedicated to the recognition and development of leadership potential in grade ten high school students.

Our mission is “to seek out, recognize and develop leadership potential commencing with second year high school students, and to encourage and prepare the next generation of civic and corporate leadership for Canada’s future.”

The goals of the Central Ontario Leadership Seminars are:

- Empower young leaders to be “the change they would like to see” in their schools and communities.
- Foster personal growth by promoting positive thinking, goal setting and community involvement.
- Provide young leaders with a forum to interact and develop lifelong relationships with other young leaders.
- Through independent and interactive activities, encourage the development of critical thinking skills (i.e., learn “how” to think, not “what” to think).

The Central Ontario Leadership Seminar achieves its educational goals by providing interactive opportunities for critical thinking; by promoting democracy and Canada’s incentive system; and by encouraging social responsibility among individuals and participating corporations.

There is no cost to the students, parents or high schools involved in COLS leadership programs. Generous gifts from service clubs, corporate sponsors and individual donations combined with the active support of numerous volunteers provide the backbone of support necessary to deliver COLS programs.

Where and When is it?

Location: COLS 2012 is hosted by U of T, Mississauga (UTM), 3359 Mississauga Road North, South Building, Mississauga, ON L5L 1C6

Registration is from 7:30 – 9:00 AM on Friday, May 25th.

Accommodation: You will stay in a townhouse with three other people but you will have your own bedroom that can be locked.

Meals: If you have special dietary needs, UTM will make every effort to accommodate them. Please ensure to fill out this information on your medical form.

Supervision: Attendance will be taken several times during the day and bed checks will be implemented by the senior staff at night. Everyone is asked to use the buddy system and only leave your group with permission from your senior leader.

Several of our staff is certified in first aid and CPR and medical attention is just a short distance away. There is also a nurse on staff for immediate attendance.

Parents Seminar: An information session for parents will be held at 12:30 on Sunday May 27th and closing ceremonies will follow at 1 PM which your parents or guardians are welcome to attend. The weekend will be over at approximately 3pm. There will be no check-outs during closing ceremonies. You need to make arrangements to stay until 3 PM on Sunday May 27th.

What will I do during the weekend?

You will have a chance to interact with like-minded leaders from high schools across Central Ontario. We also have three outstanding motivational speakers, various panel speakers and other activities, such as a laser dance and variety show. For those who do not dance, there will be other activities for you.

Just remember that even if you are nervous when you first come to COLS everyone is probably feeling the same way. Before the day is over, I guarantee you will have met at least nine new friends.

What will I get out of the weekend?

A tricky question because what you get out of the COLS is entirely up to you, but let me assure you that if you come with an open mind, a desire to learn and a positive attitude, COLS will be a wonderful experience for you. COLS might possibly change your entire outlook on life.

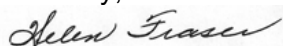
Please fill out the enclosed forms and return them to me as soon as possible. In the spring, you will be receiving a letter telling you what you will need to bring for the weekend. You will have to provide your own transportation to and from the seminar. A key deposit of \$40 is required at the time of registration. Please bring the exact amount, which will be returned to you at the end of the weekend when your key is turned in. If you lose your key, your key deposit will be used to replace it for UTM.

Approximately one week before the seminar you will receive a phone call from your Senior Leader and Junior Leader giving you important information such as your group name and number. They will also answer any last minute questions you might have.

We have volunteer projects that we do at COLS. One is saving pop tabs, which will be donated to a service club for the purchase of wheel chairs. You may want to start a campaign in your school and community to save pop tabs. We need dry and clean milk bags (outer bag) for a volunteer project on Saturday so start saving them now and ask your friends and school to help with this activity. We also ask you to bring items for the Mississauga Food Bank. Boxes will be available for all your items on Friday when you register.

On behalf of all the COLS staff, we look forward to meeting you on May 25th. If you have any questions about COLS, please feel free to call me at (519) 925-2673 or e-mail me at registration@cols.ca and I will be happy to talk with you or your parents. You may also visit our website at www.cols.ca.

Sincerely,



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