

CITY OF AUGUSTA
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS

STUDENT ACTIVITY TRAVEL REQUEST
OUT-OF-STATE OR OVERNIGHT

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BY: _____

This form must be completed and submitted to the superintendent's office at least one week prior to the regularly-scheduled board meeting (second Wednesday of each month).

Cory Rambow LGBTQ and Allies
REQUEST BY (NAME OF STUDENT GROUP)

12-15 students Approx.
NUMBER OF STUDENTS

Rainbow Ball Weekend
NAME OF EVENT

Friday April 10 - Sunday April 12, 2015
DATE(S) OF TRAVEL

University of Maine Machias
LOCATION (CITY & STATE)

U.M.M. Resident Life Dorms
ACCOMMODATIONS On Campus

CHAPERONES: Kevin Dutil (Adviser)
April Fenton (Teacher)
Aiden Campbell (Former Student)
Sue Campbell will be an attendee at the Conference.

ARE SUBSTITUTES NEEDED? YES NO
If yes, how many? 2
Number of days? 1
Account #: _____

MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION: 2 school vans (club will pay for the gas.)
O.K. with Paul Vashon and Sue Genest

ESTIMATED COSTS: (Please describe) There is no cost to attend this event. This is completely covered by the University of Maine Machias.

IF SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION IS NEEDED, INDICATE NUMBER OF MILES: 162 miles oneway
324 miles Total

FUNDING:
Operating budget account: # _____ Amount: _____
Student activity account: # 40-0026 Amount: TBD
Donated by: Anonymous Donor Amount: \$100.00

Other comments: (Indicate here if group will be paying own way through fund-raisers, self pay, etc.)
Group will be having fundraisers in February and March.
We also have \$100.00 coming from an anonymous donor

Requested by: Kerri A. Dutil Date: 1-26-2015 School: Cory High School
Administrator's Signature: [Signature] Date: 1/26/15

General Information for Chaperones/Advisors/Counselors/Attendees for Rainbow Ball Weekend at the University of Maine at Machias

The 100% Society is a student organization on campus that is completely responsible for the Rainbow Ball Weekend and this work is supported financially by several charitable organizations. Students from all majors work all year to put on the event that offers an educational, inviting, supportive, inclusive and celebratory space for youth around the state of Maine who identify as a gender or sexual minority and their friends and allies.

While the students are responsible for the weekend along with the club advisor, Lois-Ann Kuntz, Associate Professor of Psychology, there is a squadron of behind the scenes help from all over our campus that isn't necessarily visible. It is important that while everyone has a good time, there is a sense of responsibility around the weekend. As the 100% Society cannot put on the weekend without the help and trust of the campus as a whole and as the safety of all of our visitors must be first and foremost, it is very important that our guests cherish the event, the inclusive space, and everyone involved who has volunteered their time and energy in this one-of-a-kind opportunity just as we cherish and respect all of your time and energy to make sure the event continues in the future.

In addition to our 100% members who will be running all the events, this year we also have volunteer college-age youth who are volunteering their time to participate in training and come here to be counselors attached to groups to help make sure the weekend is enjoyable for everyone. Many of these young people have been recognized for their academic/leadership and/or service learning work. Many have attended the weekend previously, have worked as summer camp counselors, resident assistants, or chaperones previously.

There is no place on campus that serves alcohol. The students are not allowed to roam freely by UMM rules. In fact, we have gotten feedback in the past that it is too strict but we take the responsibility very seriously. Finally, these students and staff all really care about giving your students acceptance they may not usually get because they relate. Many of our students have been bullied as high school youth for their real or perceived LGBT status or just for not fitting a norm. Please feel free to independently contact Lis Clark 632-4797 or heron8947@yahoo.com who has been an advisor to a GSTA for years and who has come with her youth for the past 5 years and is coming again this year.

Please make sure everyone planning to attend the Rainbow Ball Weekend receives this list including all chaperones as this list applies to all attendees – students, advisors, chaperones. In order to not exclude groups who wanted to attend, everyone will be experiencing a sort of "camping" atmosphere. We do apologize and if it is an issue than please let us know as soon as possible if you won't be able to attend. It is roughing it, but we know the students will still have a blast.

Cony High School Rambow Alliance 2015 University of Maine Machias

Rainbow Conference and Ball Permission Slip

Once again this year, members of the Cony High School Rambow LGBTQ and Straight Allies Alliance have been invited to participate in the 8th Annual Rainbow Conference and Ball weekend at the University of Maine at Machias Friday April 10th to Sunday the 12th. This is a totally free two nights and three day conference in which student leaders from high schools all over Maine are coming to learn and share and which ends with the Rainbow Ball on Saturday night. This year's theme is "Growing Up Differently".

Sleeping arrangements are provided by U.M.M. Resident Life and facilities will be provided accordingly. Chaperons will be present from the University staff, from the Augusta School Department and I, Mr. Kevin Dutil, will be attending the conference with the Cony Students. Students will never be unattended. Transportation will be supplied for all students attending. Please note, this is a supervised event by professionals and student leaders at the University of Maine Machias. Past groups from Cony have attended and have come back empowered and better educated.

Enclosed is a brief summary of what the Weekend will consist of and a list of items attendees will need to bring with them. I will be periodically reminding the students of what they need to have. Although this is a free event, Students are responsible for all their own spending money if they want to buy anything on campus. Another letter will be coming to you in the next few weeks detailing the agenda for the weekend's activities.

NOTE: As representatives of Cony High School, students are expected to adhere to the Cony code of conduct and are expected to act in accordance to those guidelines and to conduct themselves in a manner that brings respect and to themselves and their school. Please read carefully and sign and be sure to turn by Wednesday February 4th, 2015.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Dutil,

Cony High School

Rambow Alliance Advisor

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