

Evaluation
Volunteer Sending Coordinator Training
Sept 12-14, 2008
Chicago, IL

1. Please rate the overall usefulness and effectiveness of the meeting (1=poor & 5=excellent)

1 2 3 4 (7agree) 5 (12 agree)

Comments:

- Great! Wiki, Facebook, scholarships, partner presentations. Need more-what to do with volunteers and how to find leads
- Esp. new scholarships info & "IT" info.
- Good information on "new" things for sending.
- Goodings-too bad about the hurricane!
- All materials are really pertinent to sending. Let's hope efficiency is a viable result of all the changes.
- Thank you! Everything was very informative & beneficial.
- Very organized

2. Please rate the relevancy of information presented to your volunteer in sending. (1=poor & 5=excellent)

1 2 3 4 (5 agree) 5 (14 agree)

Comments:

- Loved the presentation on Austria & Brazil.
- Info very useful!
- Without it, would not be able to do the best job for my applicants, schools and families.

a. Which topics were most useful to you and why?

- To know that you want to increase the sending program. (hoping that more kids would like to go to Brazil.)
- Facebook-contact with returnees and AA's. Wiki-lots of stuff out there. Scholarships-good to understand.
- E-tools. Connection w/returnees
- New scholarship definition-want to reach more students with financial needs.
- E-marketing, international speakers.
- E-marketing-because it makes sense as the best way to reach and communicate with the new generation.
- Scholarships & new tech tools.
- Technological stuff-I'm a digital immigrant.
- Global Connections, AFS, Wiki
- Introduction to changes-technology, etc.
- I enjoyed the technology component. Hopefully one older volunteers will be able to use it with ease.
- Scholarship info.& on-line application-didn't know anything previous.
- Scholarships and intro. to Global Link.
- Things went well, except for the hurricane intervention. (out of control)
- Scholarships-need for many of my applicants, would like a print out of all scholarships offered, amts. budgeted for each criteria, etc., so could direct kids. Have them be honest like virtually could no money like for summer scholarships nothing for Italy, Japan, Australia, N.L.

- Present in the venue, idea of ritual, Global Link, idea of “recruiting for peace”
- Tech tools & their uses.
- Global connections, AFS Wiki, scholarships, e-marketing content energizes & give me the confidence to become more comfortable in the world of the internet.
- Online media tools, Global Connections

b. Which topics were the least useful to you and why?

- On-line application because we have been using it for 2 years already.
- Global connections- I don't have contacts with teachers.
- Honestly?.....NONE (2 agree)
- Organization
- Everything was useful!
- Global Link because no definite answers by presenter. Too many “I don't know” answers.
- What kids think as far as technology goes.
- Company structures-good to know, but not as essential to start/increase sending.
- Schools-enjoyed it very much but not many new ideas that we haven't used or thought ourselves.

c. What other topics would you recommend be included in the future?

- An orientation on global link and online applications to the volunteers.
- More in depth on changes.
- Anything that is upcoming-even if it is controversial such as CIEE. We're going to get questions in the field.
- I think you pretty well covered everything.
- Hand-on computer training would be helpful.
- General guidelines for sending kids to what country for instance. List things they won't take like ADD, anti-depressants, over weight kids, vegetables, etc.

d. What comments do you have about the flow and organization of the agenda?

- I think everything was perfect- very organized.
- Good Flow
- By moving things along on time schedule, keep interest engaged.
- Lots of sit & get.
- Excellent-the continuous forward movement wash very much appreciated. The conference was very well organized and even made smooth transition in spite of “Ike”
- Well done!
- Not a problem
- Good flow-appreciated helping to schedule.
- Good Job!
- Well run-kept to times
- Well run.
- Very good

3. How satisfied were you the logistical arrangements? (1=poor & 5=excellent) This includes location, transportation, hotel, food, meeting space, and communication.

1 2 3 4 (5 agree) 5 (12 agree)

Comments:

- Everything was perfect!
- Provide more veggies and fiber.
- Despite ending 7 inches of rain and I didn't get wet.

- I thought it was very well organized! I was surprised about the comment concerning the food!
- Except when it got too cold in room. Tapas bar-fun & good food.
- Food/meals were abundant & tasty. Accommodations were chilly, but very nice.

4. *What is one way that you know the information from this meeting will immediately impact our work as a sending volunteer?*

- To know that AFS-USA increased hosting the Brazilian students.
- Facebook-set-up a group for AA & returnees
- Encouraged me to make connections with school personal.
- The new tech tools?
- AT meetings, communications with schools, teacher and prospective AA's
- Wiki
- I know that it will help because I believe that everyone will take the info back to their communities and use it.
- I will work to make sending a higher priority within my area team.
- Have to learn computer changes without slowing won application process.
- I will learn to use the technology soon!
- Go home & invite AA kids and returnees to post arrival orientation this next weekend. Will share global connection info. with them.
- Having contacts & resources will allow me to do the best I can!
- By gaining new knowledge to implement ideas.
- I will be online this afternoon & interview to schedule.

5. *Any other comments?*

- Thank you all for your hospitality and for giving me the opportunity for sharing your conference with me.
- Please do this 1 month later. Our fall orientations are in Sept.
- Appreciated having the re-focus or what we do-World Peace. Always bringing back to what we are here for.
- In addition to great info. & accommodations, the staff, including the new staff had great personalities!
- Start the conference with the mission statement and have it on all materials. It embodies why we volunteer, so keep it in front of us. Give us hand-outs in advance- so we can: ask questions, write notes where they're relevant, do our homework. AVOID acronyms & abbreviations.
- Thank you, thank you, thank you for all your hard work and professionalism. Great Job!
- While Jonathan listened well, his presentations suffered. Didn't seem fully organized or had answers. (he had to refer to others help.) I feel that there is lack of support by some staff members, perhaps it has to do with "who's who".
- Have stuff turn AFS store to buy!
- Like icebreakers-movie star one a fun one. Picture on the wall exercise was great. Even though it did not go as planned yet; end result was overall goal. Like getting to hear all the information and not just pieces when a choice is made. Find rarely do we get that other info. shared from other participants.

Thank You and Travel Safe