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What is the Buddy Program?

The Buddy Program aims to help new ELP students adjust to life on campus and in Guelph, and to provide Canadian and ELP students alike with opportunities to meet new friends and learn about other cultures.

ELP Buddy Program

What do ELP Buddies do?

- Share cultural experiences and activities
- Develop an international friendship
- Introduce you to the sights and sounds of Guelph
- Socialize on and off campus
- Further language skills in English

Incentives to Participating in the Program

- Make a new friend on-campus.
- Develop fluency and increase your confidence in English.
- Improve your listening and speaking skills by socializing with your Buddy outside the ELP classroom.
- Have a University of Guelph student help you learn the city, the campus, the bus system and aspects of Canadian culture.
- Fun and free ELP Buddy Activities: movies, mixers etc
- Gift certificates, tickets to events OR a T-shirt awarded to ELP Buddy Pairs that participate in the most activities throughout the semester.

Application Process

1. Complete the ELP Buddy Application and send to eslevent@uoguelph.ca.
2. Receive confirmation of acceptance into the ELP Buddy Program.
3. Attend Training and Orientation Session.

University of Guelph – ELP Buddy Program

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Last Name: _____
First Name: _____ Student ID: _____
Guelph Address: _____
Postal Code: _____ Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____
Primary Email: _____ Alternate Email: _____

Future Program of Study: _____

☐ Female ☐ Male Age: _____

Gender preference for your buddy: ☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ No preference

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (Parent, Family member, close friend):

Name: _____
Address: _____
Postal Code: _____
Telephone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Student Questionnaire

1. Interests and hobbies: (Check all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> art | <input type="checkbox"/> cultural events | <input type="checkbox"/> photography |
| <input type="checkbox"/> baseball | <input type="checkbox"/> dance | <input type="checkbox"/> shopping |
| <input type="checkbox"/> basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> exercising | <input type="checkbox"/> soccer |
| <input type="checkbox"/> board games | <input type="checkbox"/> hockey | <input type="checkbox"/> television |
| <input type="checkbox"/> camping | <input type="checkbox"/> movies | <input type="checkbox"/> theater |
| <input type="checkbox"/> card games | <input type="checkbox"/> museums | <input type="checkbox"/> video games |
| <input type="checkbox"/> computers | <input type="checkbox"/> music | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> concerts | <input type="checkbox"/> painting | <input type="checkbox"/> other: _____ |

2. The following are examples of concerns where you may need assistance. Please check the ones you want your Buddy to help you with:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> getting around | <input type="checkbox"/> language | <input type="checkbox"/> making new friends |
| <input type="checkbox"/> shopping | <input type="checkbox"/> social activities | <input type="checkbox"/> use of library |
| <input type="checkbox"/> weather | <input type="checkbox"/> cultural adjustments | <input type="checkbox"/> food |
| <input type="checkbox"/> banking | | |

3. Are you a: ☐ Smoker ☐ Non-Smoker
Will you accept a Buddy that smokes? ☐ Yes ☐ No

4. Do you drink alcohol? ☐ Sometimes ☐ Never

5. Do you have any allergies? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" please describe: _____

6. Country of Origin: _____

7. What languages do you speak? _____

If we cannot find a UofG ELP Buddy for you, would you like to be matched with another ELP student? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Rights, Responsibilities & Expectations

All Approved UofG ELP Buddy Volunteers have the following rights:

- To receive adequate information and training for the position.
- To receive support and respect from staff and students associated with the UofG and the ELP program.
- To seek advice from the ELP Buddy program during your participation in the program.
- To have your personal information kept confidential.
- To be kept informed of volunteer Buddy social activities organized by the ELP Buddy Program.

Approved UofG ELP Buddy Volunteers have the following responsibilities:

- To attend a mandatory training session prior to being matched.
- To complete a minimum of one term as an ELP Buddy Volunteer.
- To respond to emails and/or phone calls from the ELP Buddy Coordinator within 3 days.
- To respect the privacy and confidentiality of your ELP Buddy.
- To complete an evaluation at the end of each term that you are an ELP Buddy Volunteer.

Approved UofG ELP Buddy Volunteers have the following expectations:

- To understand and support the goals of the ELP Buddy Program.
- To attend and encourage your ELP Buddy to attend ELP Buddy events.
- To refer your ELP Buddy to appropriate ELP Services and support staff as necessary.
- To attend the Buddy Kick-off event in September or January.
- To meet your ELP Buddy once a week during the first month you are matched, and at least once a month until the end of the term
- To stay in touch with your ELP Buddy by phone or email at least once a week.

8. Describe your personality (Check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> artistic | <input type="checkbox"/> flexible | <input type="checkbox"/> studious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> athletic | <input type="checkbox"/> out-going | <input type="checkbox"/> talkative |
| <input type="checkbox"/> comical | <input type="checkbox"/> serious | <input type="checkbox"/> traditional |
| <input type="checkbox"/> easy-going | <input type="checkbox"/> shy | <input type="checkbox"/> quiet |

9. How much time would you ideally like to spend with your Buddy?

- ☐ 1-2 hours per week ☐ 2+ hours per week ☐ Other: _____

10. Why do you want an ELP Buddy?

11. What activities do you want to do with your ELP Buddy?

12. Introduce yourself to your buddy. Send a special message to them to help them get to know you. What would you like them to know about you? What do you look forward to?
