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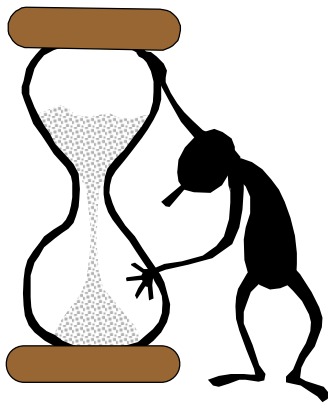
The Student Leadership Training Program

Leaders walk their talk.

Linkage

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Time is running out



In just a few days will be throwing open our doors to welcome hundreds of kids to the experience of their lifetimes.

Don't be left out!

Come and join us again this summer. Bring your friends. Send in your application now. The applications have rolled in and this will be our largest camp enrollment in years. Choices are getting very limited so call ahead.

If you are thinking about Session One — call before Weds June 28.

If you are thinking about ALC — there are just 8 spaces left.

If your officer team is considering OTS – we have just 6 spaces left but you must call by Weds the 28th.

If you want to come later this summer, there is still room, but that might not be true later on because for the first time in our history, we will have to turn away campers once the maximum for each session is reached.

We have a staff shortage this year due to lots of complications and that will cause us to close session when the number has been reached.

The best way to find out if we have room — is to call.

Please don't be left out – and don't let your school go un or under-represented.

Visit our website for more information or for more applications.

All of our applications are available on line as PDF files, and every school in New England received the final packet of applications this month. Visit our website for more information or for more applications.

www.sltp.info

Linkage goes daily?



This summer "Linkage" will become a daily newsletter and will be hand delivered to all of the participants of our summer conferences.

Linkage will leave it's electronic format behind and while SLTP sets up

shop at Nichols, our monthly newsletter will be reborn as a daily.

It will feature news about the camp goes on, about SLTP and will even report the weather.

Newspaper routes have been established and various staff have volunteered to deliver (we recommend that you neither feed them, nor tip them).

From where I sit by Jim Fitzgerald, SLTP Founder



Seventeen years ago a dream was given the opportunity to come true, and each summer since then I have watched with all the glee of a child on Christmas morning as over 6,000 kids and 400 staffers have joined together to become the magic that is SLTP.

Seventeen years ago I had worked for just about every leadership program in existence at that time. All of them had good points, but all of them were missing something. So we founded SLTP to give it a shot, to try to capture a dream.

I am proud to say that there is no program like ours. I am proud to say that our program is unique. I am proud to say that we have always been able to be better than we were the year before. We are not perfect, we are not done, we have a lot left to do to bring the entire dream into reality.

I have watched kids from all over the country join us. Just about every type of kid has passed through our doors. I run into SLTP grads all over the country in airports,

at schools, and this year even in a small grocery store in Manitoba! All remember. Everyone has their favorite memories.

The core of our program is very simple. We practice 24 hour mutual respect. We endeavor to empower student leaders, by teaching them the skills they need to make a difference in their schools and communities.

We teach our graduates the vital critical thinking skills they need to compete in today's world. AND make no mistake, we do teach those skills. Many schools and programs claim to teach critical thinking—we do it.

I wanted a place where kids could shed their protective masks—you know the ones they wear at school to fit in or to avoid conflict.

I wanted a place where kids could revel in positive energy.

I wanted a place where kids could work hard and play hard and to enjoy learning more than they had in their lifetime.

I wanted to create “bests.” I felt that we should

be working to leave participants with the word best — it could be the “best week” of the summer, or the “best conference” ever attended, or the “best week of someone’s life,” whatever as long as it came out BEST.

When I began teaching my Dad reminded me that teachers are in the memory making business, that theirs is the power to make good memories and or bad memories. He told me to make good ones. Throughout my professional teaching and speaking career I have tried to live up to that charge. SLTP makes that charge pretty easy.

The 2006 staff is the most learned and most able staff we have ever put into action. They have expanded the dream is lots of new ways and have discovered wonderful new opportunities to teach. I can't wait to see them in action. It is certain to be the best 6 weeks of my life.

I am looking forward to working with you and all your friends this summer. And if you and your friends have not signed up yet—what are you waiting for???

The Parent Orientation Programs

As part of our closing ceremonies for each of our major conferences (ALC, LTC & TLC) we include a parent orientation program.

We believe that every student leader needs a support system at home to be able to tackle the rigors of student leadership.

During the Saturday sessions with the parents—camp alumni, staff and parents do their best to explain what has happened during the week, as well as attempt to answer as many questions as they can about what's ahead.

In addition, the orientation program includes informa-

tion about leadership opportunities in and out of SLTP, important college scholarship information, and a complete dialogue on the issues facing student leaders.

The programs run from 9:15 until 10, and then the parents join the camp for the Closing Ceremonies.

Champions for Youth



All across New England in every community there are ardent advocates for youth whose support and advocacy is not due to any self interest. Since 1993, The Student Leadership Training Program through its staff and graduates have sought to recognize the contributions of these special community leaders. Without the support of these champions, the goals of community involvement and community service that most student activity programs set would be unattainable.

The idea behind this award program is simple. SLTP hopes to assist local student leaders in their efforts to recognize community support. Essentially this award is about catching people doing things right.

The criteria for this award must vary from school to school,

as each school's circumstances are different. However, the effective criterion must not be changed. This award is intended for community leaders who are ACTIVELY committed to making a difference for youth. SLTP suggests that : No more than ONE award be given annually to any individual. All Alumni and Staff of the Student Leadership Training Program are eligible to nominate individuals for the awards.

To be effective this program must be implemented with the full cooperation and involvement of the school administration. Involve everyone in the school that is actively involved in the community.

Publicity is vital. Remember praise is much more effective as a form of recognition when it is public.

Yet, this recognition is much more than a certificate and a press release. This recognition

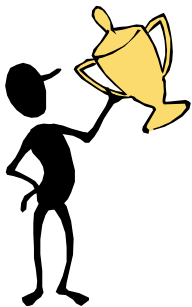
offers an opportunity to celebrate and enrich school support. If possible, host an assembly or reception. Provide gifts and/or flowers. Create an event.

Please allow SLTP to help you honor your community champions. To nominate a community leader, please submit: their name; a brief profile; and a brief explanation of the reasons for the nomination. Send that to Stacey Hurd: champions@sltp.info

SLTP will publish all of the award winners names and profiles on a special website and on the pages of our newsletter. There are two opportunities to celebrate your community Champions. The first will be at the ReE on November 25. Additional Champions will be feted in the spring at the InterLead Forum.

The Deadline for submitting names and profiles for recognition at the ReEnergizer Conference is November 1,

Celebrating SLTP's Champions



The SLTP staff participate in a legendary training program that requires a tremendous amount of volunteer hours. Each year our staff must enroll and matriculate our staff development program.

The LTs complete a 110 hours of leadership workshops and the LIs complete a 75 hour course structure.

In addition, all must travel to and from these session at their own expense. While they do achieve an enhanced professional status, there is still a great deal of sacrifice involved.

The recent graduates of the Leadership Training Certification Program include:

Ali Beretta, Laura Murphy, Bridget McDonough, Jen Merigold, Andrew Flanagan, Brenna woods, Olivia harris, Yunna Leshchinskiy, Ethan palmer, Ashley Vinhateiro, Lauren Zarembo, Danielle Desrosiers, Julie Stewart, Erica Simpson, Sarah Groh, Liz Duclos, Lauren Harris, Jenny Lau, Eli Weiner, Lauren Nutter, Abbi davies, Cathryn Cortesa, Kara LeBeau, Phil loomis, Erica Pieroni, Sarah Volkmann, Kayla Wilcox, Sarah Bourbeau, Meg Dobro and Ashley Wilcox.

The LI candidates for certification are:

Krissy Butler, Liz Agosto, Anne Baltren, Shira Hirshberg, Ann Bower, Greg Moffitt, Helen Fitzgerald, Mina Makariouis, Bill Simpson, Brenda Stewart, Laura DaRos, Artie O'Connor, George Briggs, Kate Baltren, Ernie Di Micco, Meg

Vesce, Juliette Kaplan, Dave Tapscott, Chris Boie, Alyssa Currier, Stacey Hurd, Jessa Loomis, Kristen Bouley and Beth croteau.

The final hurdle for certification awaits, as certification is attained with service at one of the summer conferences.

Directing the conferences this summer will be: Adam Travis, Carolyn Labuda, Danielle LaChance and Jim Fitzgerald.

The Conference Coordinators will be Sarah Bourbeau, Ashley Robshaw and Meg Dobro.

This Summer—what's available?

Don't be left out!

Registrations for all our summer conferences are underway in earnest! There are just over 8 weeks to go before our summer conferences kick off. All of the applications are available on line as pdf files at www.sltp.info

OTS

There is one session which is open to all forms of officer teams – from full cabinets to co-captains – from clubs to classes to student government. (The team requirement is that there must be at least a pair of officers)
July 6-7

LTC

There are four sessions. Although there are just 30 slots available at this point.

July 11-15;
July 18-22;
August 1-5
and Aug 8-12

ALC

There are four sessions and approximately 8 slots available.

July 12-15; closed
July 19-22;
August 2-5;
and Aug 9-12

TLC Closed July 12-15

Adviser Certification

There is only one session which is open to all teachers, coaches and collegians and there are 5 slots left.

July 27-28

Leadership in Athletics

There is only one session which is open to secondary and collegiate athletes and their coaches and there are 10 slots left.

July 27-28

SLTP Brochures

Currently we have the following brochures posted on line:

- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/athleticsflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/otsflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/LTCflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/ALCflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/Adviserflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/interleadflyer.pdf>
- <http://staff.sltp.info/brochures/Generalflyer.pdf>

What's happening in 2007?

Where leaders learn HOW to make a difference!

- **The Core Adviser Seminar**
October 19, 2006
- **The ReEnergizer Conference**
November 25, 2006
 - **InterLead Forum**
April 22, 2007
- **The Leadership Practicum**
June 23 - 30, 2006
- **Officer Training Seminar**
July 5 - 6
- **The Leadership Center**
July 11 - 14
- **Leadership Training Conferences (4)**
July 10 - 14; July 17 - 21;
July 31 - Aug 4; Aug 7 - 11
- **Advanced Leadership Conferences (4)**
July 11 - 14; July 18 - 21;
Aug 1 - 4; Aug 8 - 11
- **Leadership in Athletics**
July 26 - 27
- **Adviser Certification**
July 26 - 27

SLTP offers assistance

At a recent meeting of the Administrative Board (the governing committee for SLTP), a proposal to continue to expand the outreach of SLTP through our Grant program.

This summer the students attending SLTP will be given information about one of our most exciting efforts to exercise STUDENT leadership back in their schools and com-

munities.

CASA will once again sponsor the Leadership Action Grant Program.

In a nutshell, this program is designed to provide funds for a specific project designed by an SLTP graduate.

We all know many ideas for wonderful service projects do not get off the ground because funding cannot be found.

While it will not be possible to fund every idea an SLTP graduate has (at least not yet), we hope to be able to fund several projects this coming Fall..

Details about the program and the grant application process are available on line.

We will have information about the grant program included in the camper manuals and Parent Orientation Packets this summer.

News from the "Real World"

At a Pennsylvania middle school a student was suspended for three days for giving a stick of gum to a classmate! The item in question was a piece of "Jolt" gum which the principal determined to be a controlled substance due to the amount of caffeine.

One can only imagine what would happen if a student were to engage in something illegal!

A school in New York has suspended sales of oranges in the cafeteria after someone clogged a toilet with one.

A school in Massachusetts ran criminal background checks on Prom dates (kids from other schools attending as dates).

And some people wonder why we are such advocates for student based leadership!

Leadership in Action Grant Program

The CASA Leadership Action Grant Program has been established to further empower students who graduate from the Student Leadership Training Program by providing the means to engage them as a resource to bring positive community change by supporting their initiative.

Any student who has completed LTC, ALC or TLC and any adviser who has completed our Adviser Certification Conference is eligible to apply for a grant to fund an action plan of their design.

Proposals should be

submitted on the forms provided and must be submitted by September 30. The CASA Administrative Board will select proposals based on the feasibility and community impact. CASA will offer support, advice and various levels of funding to help implement the action plan.

Grant Requirements

- Must be initiated by a graduate of SLTP (LTC, ALC, TLC or Adviser Certification Conference)
- Must be planned and carried out by school aged youth

- Must improve or benefit the community
- Must have at least one adult supervisor
- Must submit complete grant application by deadline
- Must interview with the Grant Committee
- Must make available a presentation to the SLTP community to discuss the successes and failures

student leadership

The **S**tudent **L**eadership **T**raining **P**rogram

Leaders walk their talk.



Be the MAGIC

- **ARE YOU AN ALUMNI OF THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM?**
- **HOW CAN YOU HELP OUR ALUMNI?**
- **DO YOU WANT TO PUT WHAT YOU'VE LEARNED INTO PRACTICE ?**
- **WHAT DO YOU SEE THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION DOING THIS YEAR?**



Help us to answer those questions and more.

Join us to build the SLTP Alumni Association.

Applications will be available this summer, and will be distributed at camp.

The Jester and Pharley Phund



The Jester has lost his jungle is among our favorite stories. Reading it at camp after the differencemakers is one of the highlights

for every CC and Director.

The Saltzman family has created an opportunity for you to bring your favorite book to kids in the hospital

suffering with cancer. It is called "the Reading To Give" Program. It is a read-a-thon to raise funds to bring copies of the Jester to those kids in the hospital.

The mission of the organization is as follows: To provide educational experiences that give every child a sense of hope, a feeling of self empowerment, a love of learning, the joy of laughter and a desire to live up to Pharley's

motto: It is up to us to make a difference. It is up to us to care.

We recommend and endorse this worthy cause.

Visit: www.thejester.org

Keep us posted on your results.

A Gift from a friend



SLTP recently received the gift of a test prep course from Kaplan. The course can be any one of the excellent prep courses that Kaplan offers from their SAT prep course to

any of the courses they offer for graduate school test preparation.

This was and is an enormous gift as these courses cost hundreds of dollars.

All of the attendees of this summers programs will get an opportunity to get a shot at the course. We will hold a special raffle. Tickets will be available during the socials, the parent orientations and at the SLTP store during and after

each session.

Add one more item to the list of benefits for SLTP Alumni!

Principal and Adviser Program



Every principal and adviser of all of our attending schools for this summer were recently mailed an invitation to a spe-

cial reception and luncheon at Nichols College on August 3rd. The reception will include awards for their schools and there will be workshops as well.

The subject of the workshops is "Empowering Student Leaders." We hope to inform and encourage every principal and adviser to maximize the development of their student leadership.

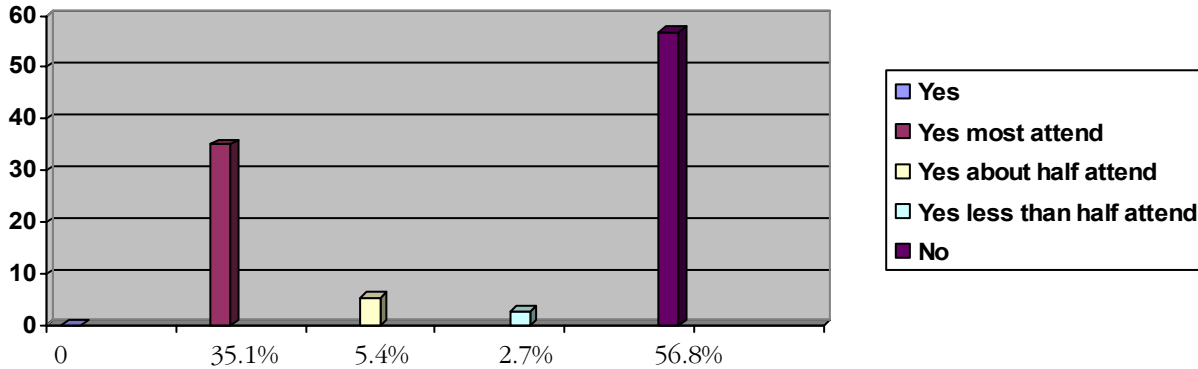
We will also give them a "peek behind the curtain," which will enable them to better understand the environment we create at SLTP.

Please encourage your principal and adviser to attend. We think you will be glad that they did.

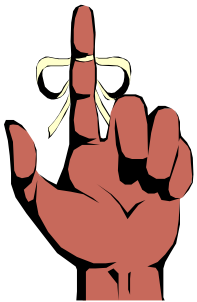
And the Survey says ...

Last month on the SLTP home page, we asked the question:

Does your school sponsor and require participation in an all night after graduation party?



Thank you for all of the contributions, notes and emails in support for our newsletter during this school year. This issue will probably be the final edition for this school year as we must concentrate all of our effort in the next two months on the summer conferences. Just a reminder that contributions, suggestions for the SLTP newsletter are quite welcome. Send them to: info@sltp.info We'll see you "at camp." Good luck closing out the school year.



And an important reminder ...

Remember when you change email addresses to resign up for the SLTP newsletters.

You can do that on line.

<http://sltp.info/alumni/newsletter/>

See you this summer!