

# **OPERATION SNOWBALL PARTICIPANT LEADERSHIP APPLICATION**

## ***Please read the following carefully before filling out your application***

- What is the Participant Leadership Program (PLP)? It is an opportunity for participants, that have been to one Snowball before to gain some leadership training and take Snowball to the next level. You will be in a small group again, but this time you will be with a group of people that have all attended Snowball before and have hopes of leading their own small group in the future. You will learn some leadership skills and work towards learning how to facilitate your own small group.
- Students who will be sophomores, juniors and seniors next year may apply.
- You must have attended SHS Operation Snowball at least one time
- You must be able to attend 2 meetings:
  - These meetings will be held on Tuesdays from 3:30 – 6:30
  - For the December Snowball, the dates will be between October 12<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> and will be emailed to you in late September/early October.
  - For the March Snowball, the dates will be between February 1<sup>st</sup> and February 15<sup>th</sup> and will be emailed to you in January.
- You must be drug and alcohol free and sign a no use contract (attached)
- You must sign a school behavior and Snowball contract (attached)
- There is a contract meeting scheduled this year on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> if you are accepted as PLP.
- Applications are due no later than Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> and should be turned in to the Student Activities Office
- We must receive one letter of recommendation. Please follow up with your teacher to be sure they sent it.
- If you are not accepted into PLP you may still come as a participant to either December or March Snowball and you can still be considered for staff the following year.
- Being included in this group does not guarantee you a staff position the following year.

# OPERATION SNOWBALL--PLP APPLICATION

(Only students who have attended a SHS Snowball can apply)

*\*Deadline for application: Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010*

*\*Return to Student Activities office*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Leader from last Snowball \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

***Please answer the following questions and use additional paper, or type if necessary...***

1. Why do you want to be on the Participant Leadership Program (PLP)? What qualities do you have that would make you a good facilitator in the future?

2. What other activities are you involved in?

3. In what other areas have you taken a leadership role among teens?

4. If you are accepted as part of the participant leadership program, you will be required to sign a no use contract in order to be on staff. Please state your position about substance abuse and suggestions you may offer to help empower people to lead drug free lives. Is your lifestyle consistent with that of someone who is alcohol, tobacco and drug free?

5. What are two things that you need the most training on in order for you to be a good facilitator?

6. Please have one letter of recommendation completed by a SHS faculty member.

***\*\*If you have any questions please contact Sara Cahill or go to the Student Activities Office\*\****

Stevenson High School  
Code of Conduct/"No Use" Contract  
For Student Drug Prevention Club Leaders  
in  
**FMP (Freshman Mentor Program)**  
**GIVE Peer Mentors**  
**PACT (Public Awareness Campaign Together)**  
**Peer Helpers**  
**Operation Snowball Directors/Staff**  
**STOP (Stevenson Theater Outreach Program)**

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I recognize that as a member of **Snowball (PLP)**, I am now serving as a leader in a co-curricular club which has tobacco, alcohol and other drug prevention as one of it's primary objectives and which only seeks students who will support and promote that cause.

I further understand that I am now serving as a role model for responsible behavior in the school and in the community and thereby agree to abstain from any tobacco, alcohol or other drug use (except as prescribed by a physician or as part of a religious ceremony).

I understand that this commitment applies 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, as of this date and that violations of the terms and conditions of this contract will terminate my membership for the remainder of the club membership year.

Print Student Name		
Student Signature	ID#	Date Effective
Parent/Guardian Signature		Date Effective
Sponsor Signature		Date Effective

cc: Director of Student Activities

# Operation Snowball

## Participant Leadership Program Letter of Recommendation

Filled out by: \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** Sara Cahill, and Michael Cullen, Directors of Snowball

**For the following student:** \_\_\_\_\_ How long have you known them? \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Operation Snowball?** Operation Snowball is a weekend retreat which consists of large and small group discussions, motivational speakers and workshops that are led by teen staff members. The goal is to have new experiences, take risks, learn to understand yourself and others, communicate, and have fun. The main focus is to be a comprehensive community-based alcohol and other drug prevention program which helps youth become empowered to lead drug-free lives, make appropriate choices, develop life skills, be assertive and confident, and create a healthy environment.

The student named above is applying to participate in a **Participant Leadership Program (PLP)** for Operation Snowball and has chosen you to recommend him/her. As a PLP member, the student will be training to become a small group facilitator in the future. They will be learning some leadership skills and learning how to work cooperatively as a team. This is meant to be an opportunity for students that have been to Snowball before to expand on their experiences and learn more skills for the future.

**Please rate how well you feel this student could perform the following:**

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>
Facilitate a small group of 8-10 students	_____	_____	_____	_____
Leading discussions on personal subjects	_____	_____	_____	_____
Problem solve difficult situations	_____	_____	_____	_____
Read social cues	_____	_____	_____	_____
Help other students to feel comfortable	_____	_____	_____	_____
Be flexible and think on their feet	_____	_____	_____	_____
Be a role model for other students	_____	_____	_____	_____
Responds to authority	_____	_____	_____	_____
Remains committed to obligations	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please provide one specific example of how this student demonstrates any of the above abilities:

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**In your opinion, please rate on the following:**

	<b>Strongly Agree</b>	<b>Agree</b>	<b>Disagree</b>	<b>Strongly Disagree</b>
Is this student drug/alcohol free	_____	_____	_____	_____
Have a good sense of humor	_____	_____	_____	_____
Kind/considerate of others	_____	_____	_____	_____
Responsible	_____	_____	_____	_____
Have good social skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Self confident	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good communication skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Good organizational skills	_____	_____	_____	_____
Has the ability to work with a team	_____	_____	_____	_____
Is a role model for other students	_____	_____	_____	_____

Please provide one specific example of how this student demonstrates any of the above qualities:

Any additional comments regarding their role modeling skills? Are their reasons why this student stands out as a potential leader?

**\*\*\*\*\*Forms should be returned directly to Sara Cahill\*\*\*\*\***

Please feel free to contact Sara Cahill (X4409 or by email) for questions or more information about Operation Snowball or the Participant Leadership Program.