Gems Camp 2016: To 2020 and Beyond
Camp Leader Description

Gems Camp is an extended orientation program designed to aid incoming students in their transition from high school to college and into the Gemstone Program. Students who attend Gems Camp get to adjust to the dynamics of college with other students in their cohort before classes begin.

Gems Camp Leaders volunteer to help incoming Gemstone students with this transition by sharing their experiences in the program and around campus. Camp Leaders facilitate group discussion, lead group activities, etc. Many Camp Leaders also serve as a valuable resource after camp for the students they’ve interacted with.

Qualifications for the Position:

- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average (minimally by Fall 2016)
- Must be an active Gemstone student (current freshman, sophomore, or junior) for Fall 2016
- Must possess a positive attitude and represent the Gemstone program positively
- Should demonstrate an eagerness to orient and interact with new students

Camp Leader Responsibilities & Selection Criteria:

- Must attend Gems Camp 2016; **Tuesday, August 23rd – Thursday, August 25th, 2016**
  - Please note: Campers will move in the morning of Tuesday, August 23rd and we will be departing for camp later in the afternoon that day. We will return to campus mid-afternoon on Thursday, August 25th
- Must attend and actively participate at Gems Camp Leader training; **Sunday, August 21st and Monday, August 22nd (Times TBA)**
- Assist with Gems Camp check-in and freshmen move-in on **Tuesday, August 23rd**
- Serve as a group leader and facilitator for incoming Gemstone students regarding camp activities, group discussions, reflections, etc.
- Communicate with incoming first-year students over the summer via email

All applicants will be evaluated on the following areas:

- Enthusiasm and creativity
- Maturity and responsibility
- Positive attitude
- Demonstrated leadership and communication skills
- Ability to communicate and work with students from different backgrounds
- Involvement with Gemstone
- Campus and community activities

To apply to be a Gems Camp Leader for 2016, you must attend the mandatory info session on Sunday, April 3rd from 7pm-8pm in the La Plata Multipurpose Room.

For questions regarding Gems Camp or the Gems Camp Leader application, please contact **Jessica Lee, Coordinator for Student Engagement**, at jlee1021@umd.edu.