Cornell SWEvents: Events Coming Up!!! Week of March 29, 2009 Society of Women Engineers Contents: ***SURVEY **SWE** Events: 1. General Body Meeting – Wednesday, April 1 2. Prospective Candidates Weekend, April 17-18 3. Sisterhood of Science - Saturday, May 2 4. Volunteer for High School Outreach, May 4th 5. Message from the Professional Development Committee 6. Expanding your Horizons Conference in April! 7. Take Pictures at SWE Events! 8. SWE Newsletter! ***SURVEY We were wondering what everyone thought about the new system of emails and their general layout. We have split the information into SWEvents and SWEmail (which contains the rest of the campus/work opportunities that are independent of SWE). If you could take the following survey, it would help us to know how to improve the weekly emails. There are only 8 questions, so it will not take long at all. http://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?formkey=cEdnSkJzTnc1aEdLZ1IySjZZQzFH R2c6MA Thanks for all of your help!

1. General Body Meeting – Wednesday, April 1, 5:15pm

Come to the SWE General Body meeting on Wednesday, April 1st at 5:15pm in the Philips Lounge. Attendance is encouraged since the Directorships election will occur during this meeting! Food and drinks will be provided.

2. Prospective Candidates Weekend, April 17-18

Freshmen girls, WE NEED YOU!

Remember last year when you were trying to decide where you wanted to go to college? If you were able to visit Cornell this time last year, you probably know how helpful that was in your decision making process. Now that you are a Cornell student, you have the opportunity to help an admitted female engineer make this same decision by hosting her overnight during Prospective Candidates' Weekend from April 17-18.

PCW is a special event organized by SWE, Engineering Admissions, and Diversity Programs in Engineering (DPE). It is when we invite women admitted to the College of Engineering to explore campus, learn about life as a Cornell engineer, and figure out if Cornell is the right fit for them. For all this to happen, we need hosts...and lots of them! All hosts will receive a PCW tote bag. We will also enter you in a drawing to win an iPod nano!!!

We desperately need enthusiastic hosts for this event! If you can host for us, please email pcwhosts09@gmail.com.

Thank you! Kiana Clayton and Logan McKinstri 2009 PCW Committee

3. Sisterhood of Science - Saturday, May 2, 10am - 2pm.

Local middle school girls will be visiting Cornell on May 2 to complete an environmental engineering project as the culmination to their monthly Science Club meetings. About 25 SWE volunteers are needed to help the girls with their projects. No previous knowledge of environmental engineering required! These girls come from schools where very few students go to college, so come encourage these girls to pursue higher education. Contact Jennifer Weil jrw85@cornell.edu with any questions.

4. Volunteer for High School Outreach, May 4th

Hi ladies,

We all have such fond memories of high school; sitting through easy classes, spending our parents' money, getting excited for silly things like prom. Ever wish you could go back? Well you can! Join me and my fellow high school outreach chair, Natalie Katchmar, and volunteer for this year's SWE High School Outreach event. Sign up to help out with our activity either during the morning or afternoon of May 4 (the first day of study break) and have some science-related fun with high school kids! As a thank you for volunteering, we will provide breakfast for morning volunteers and lunch for afternoon volunteers. Plus, you'll get lots of SWE merit points for helping out!

In summary,

Volunteer for half of the day on May 4 (morning or afternoon) Get free food and SWE merit points Have fun with high school kids

We hope you'll join us! Please e-mail Jessica Stark at jcs423@cornell.edu or Natalie Katchmar at nnk9@cornell.edu if you're interested.

5. Message from the Professional Development Committee

Hi SWE members,

The Professional Development Committee is planning an Interview Panel Event for the spring. This is a workshop that is designed to help current Cornell students while interviewing for companies. If anyone has sample interview questions or any tips for answering interview questions, please email them to mj299@cornell.edu. Any tips or advice would be helpful and greatly appreciated.

Thank you! Sincerely,

Madhu Jayakumar

6. Expanding your Horizons Conference, April 25th

The Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) conference, which is held every year at Cornell to get local girls in grades 7-9 interested in math, science, and engineering, is going to be held this year on Saturday, April 25th. The program consists of workshops and exhibits throughout the day and runs formally from 9-4:30. We are beginning to look for volunteers for this year's conference. There are many ways to help:

- General Volunteers are needed to help with tasks to help the conference run smoothly., like setup, registration, giving directions, etc. Being a General Volunteer is a good idea for people who can only commit to a partial day of the conference. If interested in being a general volunteer, contact Ellen Keene at ek237@cornell.edu
- Buddies are needed to escort the girls around campus and accompany them during all activities, including workshops, lunch, keynote speaker and viewing exhibits. Buddies must be female and must be available for the entire day (roughly 8:30-5:00). If interested in being a buddy, please contact Katie Sullivan at kjs237@cornell.edu
- Lansing Volunteers are needed to help run the mini-EYH conference which is held before the full conference itself at the Lansing correctional facility. Date TBA. If interested in helping out with this please contact Sharon Gerbode at sig53@cornell.edu

7. Take Pictures at SWE Events!

Hi everyone,

I am a publicity chair for SWE this year and am responsible for writing a newsletter about the various SWE events this semester. If any of you happen to volunteer at an info session or attend any other interesting event, I would really appreciate it if you took a camera with you! Please email me (ng262) any pictures you may have or just write me a sentence or two about what happened and what you did. This would be a great way for me to keep up with what everyone is doing for SWE! Thanks a lot!!

- Natasha

8. SWE Newsletter

You can pick up the first spring newsletter on the SWE bulletin board!

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