

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR COUNTY REPS

This calendar is a sample of the many types of activities County Reps across the country are using. It is meant to be a list of suggestions for you. You may pick and choose what works in your area. Many County Reps find it easy to keep in touch with the parents in their area through regular e-mails, informing them of upcoming local events, campus events, and local Illini student awards. Be sure to refer all your parents to the wonderful resources available to them through our Parent Programs website at <http://www.uofiparentprograms.illinois.edu>. You can also learn about the resources available for students at the Student Affairs website:

<http://studentaffairs.illinois.edu/>

May

- gather names of *incoming* Illini from your local high school & contact their parents- start a list
- gather contact information of *current* Illini parents in your area from the Parent Programs office
- send letters of congratulations to incoming Illini
- send a welcome postcard &/or host a welcome luncheon for moms &/or students

Summer

- volunteer at the Parent Programs table during summer registration and on Move-in-Day
- host a summer potluck picnic for current and new Illini students & families- partner with other County Reps in your area.

August/September

- gather **new parent** e-mails in your area from the Parent Programs office
- introduce your contact information to your local parents- tell them about the great resources for parents on the Parent Program website at <http://www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu> Encourage them to sign up for the bi-weekly newsletter to keep in touch with upcoming events on campus
- introduce your contact information to your local guidance office and to your community
- host a get acquainted luncheon or coffee
- plan a Halloween care package party to assemble surprise treats from home for your students
- promote Illini Parents 101 workshop (Sept.) and Dads Weekend (Oct/Nov) through e-mails & press release
- contact your local Illini Alumni Club at <http://www.uiua.org/urbana/clubs> to partner in activities with them
- start a Moms Club in your area (http://www.uofiparentprograms.uiuc.edu/moms/moms_club.htm)

October/November/December

- promote Dads Weekend (through e-mail and local press release)
- host a care package party for any occasion to surprise your students (Halloween, Christmas, finals)
- organize an Illini sports (football/basketball/hockey) tailgate party, either locally or on campus
- volunteer at the Moms Association table at a football game
- remind parents about football weekends & Homecoming
- enjoy the pre- and post-football game festivities at the Alice Campbell Alumni Center

January/February

- organize a campus visit for a concert and dinner with your students
- host an Illini basketball party (give Illini door prizes)
- partner with an Illini Alumni Club activity
- host a Valentines Day or mid-terms care package party (students like any reason for a surprise from home)
- promote Moms Weekend in April through e-mail and press release
- invite a guest speaker from campus to one of your monthly coffees

March/April

- promote Moms Weekend- volunteer at the Moms Association craft table
- partner with your local Illini Alumni Club to hold an "Investigate Illinois" open house
- represent the Moms and Dads Associations at a local college night fair
- make phone calls to prospective students and their parents, offering info about your family's experience