

# Why Don't You Write?

We're looking for some good authors...



**W**e know you're busy, but we'd like you to think about some ways you could pass along your great ideas to the readers of *Leadership for Student Activities*. Take a few minutes and let us know about some of the great things you are doing—to toot your own horn and, even more important, give credit to your hardworking students. You'll also be helping out other advisers who would love to hear your good ideas.

So write something down—an article, some brief information about a project, or a note giving us an idea. And we'd love it if you got your students involved, generating ideas or writing an article about their experiences.

- You can give us a story idea. Our best ideas have come from readers.

- You can give us a heads-up about a project, and we'll get back in touch to get the details.
- You can send along a brief description of a project for our Activities Exchange feature, where we review some of the activities that we think are noteworthy. Longer items might become Project Showcase features.
- And, you can write for us. Let us know if any of the themes for 2011–12 interest you. Some of our best stories also come from adviser and student writers.

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## 2011

- **September—Gearing Up.** The school year has begun, and your group is taking shape. Here are some tips on how to help guide it through a successful year and some resources that might prove helpful.  
**Deadline: May 16, 2011**
- **October—Motivation.** How can you get your group motivated in the fall, and keep them moving throughout the school year.  
**Deadline: May 31, 2011**
- **November—Student Service Learning.** What is it, and how can your students participate in activities that provide real student service projects with new and challenging educational opportunities?  
**Deadline: June 30, 2011**
- **December—Politics.** Next year is another big year for elections. How can your student, be involved at the local, state, and national levels? Why is it important for them to participate, and what will they gain?  
**Deadline: July 29, 2011**

## 2012

- **January—Counselor, Too.** You are often the person closest to the students you guide, so what is your role when it comes to their socio-emotional development, and what are some projects that can help all the students at your school feel better about themselves and avoid some of the personal problems that develop at this age?  
**Deadline: August 30, 2011**
- **February—Recognition.** Some tips about honoring students and staff at your school, from simple appreciation for the work that the staff does for your organization to honors for the top students in a variety of categories.  
**Deadline: September 30, 2011**
- **March—School Improvement.** Some ideas about how students can get involved in improving their own school, from test scores to the food in the cafeteria.  
**Deadline: October 31, 2011**
- **April—Here Comes Summer.** Planning should begin now for ways to use summer to prepare for the next year and help your students grow. Advisers should begin planning now for events next year and come up with some things for their groups to do to get to know each other, learn leadership skills, and have fun.  
**Deadline: November 30, 2011**
- **May—Activities for All.** Innovative ways to develop programs that involve the whole school, along with feeder schools and the community. Including special education or ESL students, and those who don't traditionally participate in school events. How such inclusiveness also might help build relationships with adults—staff members and parents—who aren't involved, and how student leadership can help improve the school's climate by broadening its scope.  
**Deadline: December 30, 2011**