



Preparing to Soar

Friday through Sunday, June 20–22

God has uniquely gifted each person with wings to fly. Through STEP, we aim to help students soar as they fulfill the destinies God has planned for them.

The Striving Toward Educational Possibilities (STEP) conference is a distinctively Christian approach to inspiring middle and high school students toward higher education. Hosted on the campus of Calvin College, STEP gives 7th-through 10th- grade students three days of real-life college experience. From Friday, June 20 through Sunday, June 22, STEP conference attendees will attend college classes, live

in the dorms, eat in the dining halls, participate in workshops, listen to speakers and just plain hang out and have fun.

Every event at the STEP conference is designed to encourage students to pursue a post-high school education. Students interact with their peers and with Calvin faculty and learn about making good academic choices and setting sound educational goals. STEP also equips parents to play a vital role in their child's college experience through sessions designed just for them. What sets STEP apart from similar programs, however, is its faith-filled approach to encouraging higher education. Through this conference, middle and high school students not only learn to have a plan beyond high school, they learn to allow God to plan for their entire lives.

Camp Sessions

Each student attending STEP will take a simulated college-level class of their own choice from courses like psychology, law, biology, Spanish, an interdisciplinary subject or literature. These courses give students a sample of college programming and introduce them to fields they may want to pursue as a college student.

Creative Expressions Workshops

The student will also have a choice of workshops like art, journalism, dance, theatre and film, allowing them a glimpse at possible future career directions.



Parent Event

An important focus of STEP is encouraging parents to get involved in a significant way in their child's educational goals. On Saturday, June 21 beginning at 4 p.m., parents of STEP participants are invited to attend two mini-workshops about the college entry process, dine in style on campus and enjoy a special presentation by the students. Conference registration includes two complimentary tickets to the Saturday, June 21 parent dinner. Please reserve your place by phone; 616-526-6749.

Registration and Fees

Registration for the entire STEP weekend is \$75 if paid by May 23, and \$85 if received after that date. This fee is non-refundable and includes housing, meals and all activities.

Calvin Summer Camps

For information on all summer camps at Calvin, visit www.calvin.edu/go/camps.

Registration Form Due May 23, 2008

Student Information Male Female

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Church/Ministry _____

School _____

Current Grade (during 2007-08) _____

Birth Date (MM/DD/YY) _____

T-Shirt Size: SM M L XL XXL

Parent/Guardian Information and Partner Agreement

From June 20 to June 22, students are not permitted to leave campus during the program.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Alternate Contact (in case of emergency)

Signature

Signature below indicates that participants and parents will abide by the Partner Agreement and contract **and commits the student to attend the entire conference.**

Parent/Guardian _____

Date _____

For additional information contact the Office of Pre-College Programs at 616-526-6749 or e-mail precollege@calvin.edu.

For information and online registration www.calvin.edu/go/step



Special Needs

If you or your child is in need of special services, please explain.

Health Information

Please describe any health issues of which STEP staff should be made aware; this may include, but is not limited to, drug or food allergies, routine prescriptions and conditions such as asthma.

If you would like to be a college student for a weekend, here's what you need to do:

1. Complete Registration Form.
2. Enclose a copy of your school ID card or report card with grades.
3. Enclose Registration Fee.
4. Return items 1–3 to the Office of Pre-College Programs by May 23 for regular registration.

Options for classes and expression workshop will be mailed to you after STEP registration is received.

NOTE: Space is limited to 100 participants, so register early.

The Contract

Please read the following contract and make sure a parent signs indicating that you will abide by this contract during your STEP experience.

TERMS OF STEP CONTRACT STEP terms specified below constitute the terms of a contract between Calvin College and the participants. After reading these terms (and other related to permission and liability) please sign and return with your registration material.

THE PARTICIPANT AGREES TO THE FOLLOWING: Become familiar with and adhere to the regulations of the STEP Conference. Seek to make the most of the STEP experience by seeking a Christian commitment to finding God's will for his/her life.

THE COLLEGE RESERVES THE RIGHT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- a. Hold STEP students responsible for damage and losses to residence hall property.
- b. Make any reassignment or adjustment in accommodations deemed necessary by the staff.
- c. Make routine room inspections upon proper notification.
- d. Enter student rooms without prior notification and/or permission when there is good reason to believe there is a violation of campus or state regulations.

RESTRICTIONS Taking into consideration respect for fellow residents and college property, and considering the standards of behavior which STEP expects of its students, we prohibit the following in the residence halls:

- a. Use of rooms or facilities of the residence halls for any commercial purpose whatsoever.
- b. Use or possession of firearms, fireworks or explosives of any sort.
- c. Alcoholic beverage containers, use or possession of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs or drug paraphernalia.
- d. Removal of window screens.
- e. Use of drum set, electric guitars, or any amplified devices.
- f. Removal of or tampering with room accessories (bulletin board, draperies, doors, or any items fastened with hardware).
- g. Removal of any college furniture from student rooms.

In addition, smoking is not allowed. Also the STEP staff reserves the right to regulate any activity or property used in the residence halls that may threaten the health, safety or well-being of the residents or damage hall property.

ROOM ACCOMMODATIONS Room furnishings include beds, desks, chairs, dressers, lounge chair, lamp and mattress pads. These furnishings are not to be removed from the rooms. Students must bring their own sleeping bag (sheets and pillows will be provided), towels and washcloths.

LOSS Although STEP will use all reasonable efforts to protect students' property, it is understood that STEP is not in any way liable for the loss, theft, or damage to any property belonging to participants. The student agrees to cooperate with his/her roommates in the common protection of property. PLEASE LEAVE ALL VALUABLES AT HOME as dorm rooms must remain unlocked at all times.

TERMINATION OF CONTRACT STEP may terminate this contract at any time for violation of any of the provisions herein, for violation of college/STEP regulations, for health or social reasons and for any other reason deemed sufficient by STEP

CANCELLATIONS If something should arise which prevents your coming, try to get someone to take your place. There is no charge for substitutions. If substitution is made, please notify the Office of Pre-College Programs, (616) 526-6749. The registration fee is not refundable.

CALVIN COLLEGE INSURANCE AND INJURY/AUTHORIZATION FOR PARTICIPATION

Calvin College is not liable for injuries sustained by students in their activities as participants of the STEP program. Calvin College does not undertake to be the insurer of STEP students, and liability under the law must be based on fault. It is necessary, in order to establish the liability of Calvin College for such injuries not only to prove negligence or carelessness on the part of Calvin College, but also to show that the student was free from any negligence or carelessness which might have contributed to the injuries. Students and parents are advised to be certain that there is coverage by personal or family health and accident insurance.

CONTRACT AGREEMENT/PERMISSION AUTHORIZATION: I hereby state that I have thoroughly read the contents of this contract and agree to abide by the rules and regulations stated within. I understand that I will be charged with fines or possibly dismissed from the program if these rules and regulations are violated. My (parental) signature (1) provides permission for my son/daughter to participate in the STEP program, (2) provides permission for my son/daughter to participate in field trips, (3) indicates my acknowledgement and acceptance of Calvin's injury policies, and (4) provides authorization for a representative of the STEP program to admit my son/daughter to a hospital or other emergency medical services in the event of an illness or accident.

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