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Dear Dr. Sandell,

This letter is to document our willingness for Project GEM to involve students from MSU, Mankato in the intercultural service learning experience at the Mahkato Wacipi PowWow in 2014 at the Land of Memories Park.

As Volunteer Coordinator for the Mahkato Wacipi PowWow, I am committed to service in the community and organizing applied learning experiences for students. This will be accomplished both through field education and service learning requirements before, during, and after the PowWow.

We appreciate that field education and service learning involve the completion of assignments in the local community that tie meaningful learning experiences directly to course content. Through reflective activities, service, and field seminars, we will support students' enhancement of their understanding of course content, sense of civic responsibility, self-awareness, professional development and commitment to the community.

We agree to model professional, ethical, and appropriate behavior when interacting with persons at the event. We will provide students with a complete tour of the site, in order to ensure that students are aware of all safety policies and emergency procedures and are able to act responsibly in case of an emergency.

Furthermore, we agree to participate in evaluation of the event, including analysis of content of students' (anonymous) reflection papers and analysis of (anonymous) data about the students' cultural orientations.

We look forward to working with you!

Sincerely,

Alice DeYonge
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