

To Whom it May Concern:

My name is Leanna N. Keeney and I am the Donations Coordinator for **Dawg Days New Student Retreat**. I contact you representing Dawg Days, a program designed to support incoming New Students. Our mission is to create peer support networks, familiarize students with Southern Illinois, and inspire Saluki Pride. We do this through our camp which is organized and led by SIU student volunteers.

This fall, we are organizing one session for the Dawg Days New Student Retreat which is expected to host 120 incoming Salukis. I have the fortunate opportunity to help organize and lead these sessions.

I am contacting you today to ask for your help in making this life changing opportunity a reality for us. We college students believe we can make a difference in the worlds of incoming students and inspire them to be the best Saluki they can be! Dawgs Days is a program that aims to aid student growth and transition, providing a support system across a wide network of Salukis and Saluki Supporters while creating a fondness for the great outdoors.

Students and their families are asked to pay \$195 to attend; however partial scholarships are needed to make this experience possible for all students. In addition, the cost of the program is made more affordable by having supporters donate funds for meals and supplies.

Will you please consider supporting Dawg Days? There are a few main ways to help:

1. Donate a Meal: Each session holds up to 120 students with 30 volunteer staff. You can donate items for meals such as cereal, chips, etc. Or you can even provide a whole meal for everyone!
2. Donate Equipment or Supplies: To pull off the best New Student Retreat, there are a lot of supplies needed! You may have access to office supplies, recreational equipment or other items we may need.
3. Donate a Scholarship: The average scholarship amount for our program is \$195. You could help a student start their experience at SIU with a bang!

We have also attached a sheet to provide a more specific list of what is needed this year for Dawg Days!

Thank you for your time and consideration! We look forward to hearing back from you!

Best wishes,
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