

## **Mars Hill College Sophomore Recommitment Program**

Our recommitment programs always occur the second half of the school year. We have the students plan out what they want to do during their weekly meetings. Ideally, this happens when we are covering meeting facilitation and the students actually run the meetings themselves. We have them set the date, time, activities, place, and food. We divide them into committees to farm out the work.

The recommitment programs always involve:

- Food
- Some kind of group activity
- The actual recommitment service

Before the event, we have the students brainstorm what they are willing to recommit to and then make a list of what they are willing to sign off on. The last two years have looked like this:

March 29, 2003

*As a Mars Hill Bonner Scholar, I recommit to the following:*

- Service to the community;*
- The policies of the Mars Hill College Bonner Program;*
- Finding my passion;*
- The meetings of the Mars Hill College Bonner Program;*
- Self-Awareness;*
- My fellow Bonners*

April 30, 2004

*As a Mars Hill Bonner Scholar, I recommit to the following:*

- Being a good representative of the Bonner Program;*
- Finding a placement that is a good fit for me;*
- Completing hours and focusing on motivation;*
- Being an active community participant;*
- Being cheerful and willing to do what it takes;*
- Using Service hours to grow and become a better person;*
- Being educated and informed on my issue;*
- Being an advocate for my issue;*
- Speaking out and gaining the confidence to speak out;*
- Doing my best at whatever I'm doing;*
- Exploring and taking advantage of all opportunities;*
- Serving vulnerable populations;*
- Stretching to reach out of my comfort zone;*
- Using good communication;*
- Being a person of integrity*

During the ceremony, the students get in a circle and, one-by-one, discuss what's hard about being a Bonner and why they stay in the program. Each one then signs a master copy of what they've committed to and gets a copy of the commitments to take home. It's been a wonderful experience the past two years.