Program Summary:

The College House Eco-Reps program is an environmental leadership program open to all College House residents that focuses on raising awareness of environmental issues and encouraging sustainable lifestyles.

Selected students will work as a group inside their College House to develop educational events, projects, and initiatives aimed at supporting the University’s environmental goals and Climate Action Plan. Topics can include energy conservation, waste and recycling practices, water conservation strategies, alternative transportation, consumer choices, and more. Participants will meet other students, staff, and faculty throughout the University who are passionate about environmental issues, attend trips in the Philadelphia area, hear from guest speakers, and work to develop inter-House programs that challenge students to adopt more sustainable behavior.

The College House Eco-Reps program is managed by sustainability staff in Facilities and Real Estate Services and is part of Penn’s Green Campus Partnership, a collection of students, staff, and faculty throughout the University promoting better environmental practices and policy.

Mandatory Program Dates:

- Eco-Reps will receive more information about mandatory program dates upon acceptance into the program
- Save the date for the following kick-off events:
  - Day-long Welcome Session, College House Eco-Reps Retreat, and Service Day on Sept. 22nd
  - 90-minute Positional Training during weekend of Sept. 29th – 30th

Availability:

- All Eco-Reps are required to participate a minimum of 2 hours per week
- ...to attend a weekly meeting with their College House Eco-Reps group
- ...to attend a monthly General Body Meeting with other College House Eco-Reps
- ...to attend a semesterly meeting based on House role
- ...to participate in and develop environmentally-focused House events and activities throughout the year

Applications are due by Sept. 16th, 2012 and must include a resume.

Students applying for House Leader positions should apply early, in order to schedule an interview.

Application decisions are announced the following week.
Ideal Eco-Reps Candidates Should Be:

- Interested in environmental issues and sustainable living
- Enthusiastic about College House community involvement
- Able to work with others in a team environment
- Motivated to make a difference among peers
- Friendly, flexible, and willing to hear ideas from others
- Organized and creative

Apply to the following House roles

Group Leader: The Group Leader will work with the Eco-Reps Program Coordinators and Exec Board to manage their House’s Eco-Reps group. Group Leaders must be able to attend a bi-weekly meeting with all Group Leaders, hold a weekly meeting with their own House group, and keep in close contact with their College House Dean and/or College House Staff. Group leaders are encouraged to apply early, in order to schedule a brief interview.

Events Coordinator: The Events Coordinator will oversee the management of House events, logistical needs, event forms, and purchasing necessities for their Eco-Reps group. Organized students with a background in event planning will be given special consideration.

Arts Manager: The Arts Manager will develop signs, posters and other graphic components for their group’s activities. Students applying as Arts Managers are encouraged to submit an example of graphic or other artwork. Special consideration will be given to students with backgrounds in illustration and design.

Communications Manager: The Communications Manager will oversee marketing of events and information to their College House community. Communications Managers must work with their House Dean and College House Staff to inform residents about their group’s initiatives. Additionally, they will be responsible for documenting events in writing, photography and/or video. Special consideration will be given to students with a background in communications and with photography or video experience.

Educational Manager: The Educational Manager will oversee the educational content of all events, activities, and projects throughout the year. Educational Managers will work with their group to make sure Eco-Reps initiatives have strong educational content that teaches students about sustainability and their role as students on campus.
Name: _______________________________________________________________

Phone: ___________________ Email: ________________________________

College House: ____________________________ Room #: ____________

Major and Graduating Year: _______________________________________

Choose a preferred House role and one or more alternates: ________________

* We encourage everyone to supplement their applications with a brief video (3 min. max) telling us what they love about the environment and why they’d make a great leader at Penn! Videos are optional, but will be considered in addition to short-answers questions below.

**First Time Applicants (Short-Answer)**

- Provide a brief background detailing your interest in environmental issues and your interest in becoming an environmental leader at Penn.
- What position(s) are you applying for and why?
- List your anticipated extracurricular commitments for the coming year.
- List a few ideas for engaging your College House community on important environmental issues.

**Returning Applicants (Short Answer)**

- What are your interests in reapplying to Eco-Reps and your personal goals for next year?
- What position(s) are you applying for and why?
- List your anticipated extracurricular commitments for the coming year.
- List a few ideas for engaging your College House community on important environmental issues.

Applications and questions should be submitted to Julian Goresko: goresko@upenn.edu