

Member Quilt

An orientation exercise with lasting utility

Purpose:

- Introduce new members in a positive way
- Help staff learn names and connect names with faces
- Refer back to the quilt throughout the year
- Save the quilt throughout the life of a program

Materials:

- Camera
- One 12-by-12-inch felt square for each member (found at any craft store)
- Paste or glue sticks
- Felt tip pens
- Large sheet of paper or old sheet

Directions:

- Before orientation day, take a picture of each member and make a 4-by-6 print of each
- On orientation day, ask each member to:
 - Pick a felt square and a few markers
 - Paste their picture to the felt
 - Write their preferred name on the felt
 - Write other information at the direction of the leader, such as:
 - Why you chose to become an <<AmeriCorps or VISTA>> member
 - Three most important things in your life
 - What you would like the other members to know about you
- Paste the felt square on large sheet of paper or old sheet to make a quilt
- Hang the quilt in a prominent place for the program