

Open to Change 

the 2011 Middlebury College PossePlus Retreat

Event

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The PossePlus Retreat is a unique space where students, faculty and staff get together to participate in a powerful discussion about a topic relevant to Middlebury's community.

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has invited you to attend this year's PossePlus Retreat.

This spring, more than 3,000 college students at 36 colleges and universities across the United States will engage in dialogue on the topic of the Millennial generation. This is a rare opportunity for you to voice your ideas and experience this important national conversation.

When:

Friday, March 4 to Sunday, March 6, 2011
Buses will depart at 4:30 p.m. sharp from Adirondack Circle on Friday and return by 2:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Where:

Lake Morey Resort
Fairlee, Vermont

Registration:

Please register by Monday, January 31, 2011 to Jennifer Herrera at jherrera@middlebury.edu. In your email, please state the name of the Posse Scholar who invited you.

Bring:

1. Toiletries (shampoo, toothbrush, soap)
2. Warm comfortable clothes
3. Music you like

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Relationship Status:

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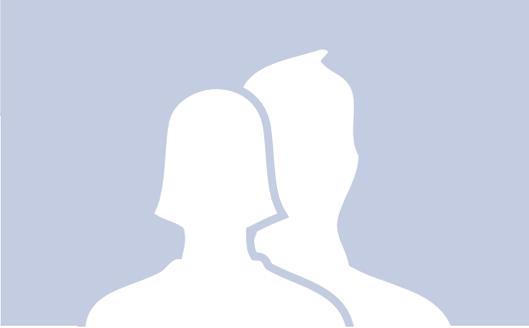
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The Posse Foundation identifies, recruits and trains incredible young leaders from urban public high schools and sends them in Posses of 10 students to top colleges and universities across the country.

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Context

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Every 20 years or so, a new generation emerges and challenges, in one way or another, the cultural, social and political status quo. People born within a certain time frame share a lived experience and are remembered for a unique characteristic that defines them. As the children of the Baby Boomers and Generation Xers, what will define this generation—The Millennials?

Coddled. Progressive. Entitled. Entrepreneurial. Savvy. Narcissistic. Engaged.

One commentator applauds your global connectedness just as another decries your lack of commitment to anything substantive. Are you that hard to pin down? And for those who don't have the access, technology, information and power that the term "Millennials" has come to connote, where is their place, their voice within this generation?

You've come of age in an unstable world. Columbine. The 2000 election. 9/11. Terror. War. Shrinking job market. Rising expectations. Google. Gaga. Idol. Obama. Change has been your norm. Seven years ago Facebook was called Facemash. Six years ago the first Youtube video hadn't been uploaded. Three years ago Twitter was still a glimmer in a programmer's eye. Fresher. Cooler. Sleeker. Smaller. Easier. Yet with each new app, it becomes harder to pause to ask a few simple, yet timeless questions:

- * Will you spark change or go with the flow?
- * Will you lead a life you choose or a life that's been chosen for you?
- * What do you believe in and care about?

For the PossePlus Retreats of 2011, Posse Scholars voted for a very unique topic. This year's Retreat is your time to collaborate, contemplate, and create the life you want and the legacy you will leave behind both collectively and individually. At this year's Retreat, we'll discuss what it means to be living as a Millennial; what it means to be happy; what it means to be charged with leading a world you're only beginning to shape but will soon inherit.

We've heard from the experts. Now it's your turn. Use it.