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TO ALL ORGANIZERS

Dear Comrades,

As we projected at the National Committee plenum in July, the YSA will be fielding Young Socialist teams this fall. We are preparing a YS team handbook which will contain all the specific details for the teams. This letter is intended to provide a basic outline to enable locals to begin organizing their teams.

We are projecting 15 YS teams this fall, to be on the road for 8 weeks beginning October 1 and concluding November 26. We are proposing to field one team each from the following centers: Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Detroit, Houston, Los Angeles/San Diego, New York, Philadelphia/Pittsburgh, San Francisco/Berkeley, Seattle/Portland, St. Louis, Twin Cities and Washington D.C.

We are projecting that each team will have three members. Regions that feel they would like to add a fourth person to their team should consider local possibilities for subsidizing the fourth member, since the National Office will only be able to subsidize three members per team.

The central activities and goals of the teams this fall will be: 1) selling 30 Militant subscriptions a week; 2) selling 100 Militants a week; 3) selling 100 Young Socialists a week; 4) building the SWP statewide campaigns; and 5) building the YSA convention.

Since the first five weeks the teams will be on the road will be before the November elections, the teams will be able to take advantage of the opportunities this affords us in building support for the SWP election campaigns. Where possible, areas are encouraged to include a candidate on the team.

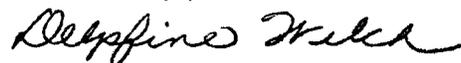
Many areas are already making plans for the teams. A leading comrade should be assigned as team captain and experienced comrades should be assigned as the other members of the team. Our experience has shown that assigning more experienced team captains and members helps to insure the most effective regional teams and the fewest possible problems.

We have also learned that early, careful and thorough preparation is one of the most important elements that allows us to take advantage of the resources and comrade power we invest in the teams.

As soon as team assignments are made and the itinerary is planned, the regional organizer should notify the YSA N.O.

At Oberlin, there will be a YS teams workshop, and areas should plan on having comrades involved in planning and participating on the teams attend it.

Comradely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Delpfine Welch".

Delpfine Welch
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