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Residence leaders prepare for arrival of students at Laurier

Ten head residents and 40 dons will return to Wilfrid Laurier University early to prepare for the arrival of about 800 other students at the residences on Labor Day.

From Aug. 28 to Sept. 4, the group of 50 people will attend sessions on counselling, communication and confrontation, standards and ethics, legal liability and liquor regulations.

One session will offer suggestions on how to handle floor parties. Through the use of role playing, two other workshops will deal with a variety of problems the head residents and dons can expect to face over the next eight months.

Mike Belanger, WLU's director of housing, said the training for residence leaders has become more extensive over the last five years.

"It's designed to make them better able to cope with situations they'll face and to give them more confidence in meeting them," he said.

The head residents and dons will also receive instruction in security, first-aid and the use of fire extinguishers.

As a team-building exercise, meal planning and preparation will be rotated among smaller groups.