

Mascots to 'test' your SHE Program knowledge

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The Safety, Health and Environmental (SHE) Communications Team is sponsoring the Spot The Mascot Contest in November, to support the Centerwide Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) activity.

The contest is designed to offer employees an interesting and fun opportunity to refresh their knowledge of the Safety, Health and Environmental Program at the Marshall Center.

When the Marshall Center's application to the Voluntary Protection Program is accepted, OSHA will schedule an onsite evaluation visit. One key purpose of the visit is to verify that Marshall's SHE Program is an active, vital force in all facilities and operations.

OSHA will verify this by randomly selecting and interviewing employees, to see what they know and think about the SHE Program. If people can't answer the questions correctly, OSHA may conclude that Marshall's safety and health program doesn't measure up to the SHE Program directives.

Beginning Nov. 13, the SHE Communications Team will sponsor a month-long

To earn a VPP Star, each of us must know and live the parts of the SHE Program that relate to the work we do.

contest to help employees prepare for the OSHA interviews. The Marshall safety mascots will make scheduled appearances throughout the Center, giving employees a chance to test their SHE Program knowledge and practice answering impromptu questions.

The Spot The Mascot Contest is open to all civil service and contractor employees, because OSHA may choose to interview anyone.

When you see a safety mascot, introduce yourself and ask for a test question. Questions will be based on things you should know in order to plan, work, make decisions and request assistance in the safest possible way at Marshall.

Safety mascots will give a small reward to each employee who answers a

question correctly. If you answer incorrectly, you'll get the proper answer and a small consolation prize. Mascots will spend only one hour in a building, so don't hesitate to step right up and test your SHE Program knowledge and aim for the VPP Star. Everyone who participates will receive a prize.

To correctly answer the mascot's questions, employees need to know the information provided on Marshall's VPP Web page, under Special Events. You are encouraged to review that information, and refresh your memory. You will then be ready for the Spot The Mascot Contest, and helping to improve our chances of earning the VPP Star at Marshall.

The SHE Communications Team will post information about the Spot The Mascot Contest on the SHE Web page and VPP Web page. The Safety mascot schedule will be posted there, with updates on "Inside Marshall" and in Centerwide Activity Notices. Watch these announcements to find your opportunity to join the Marshall team in aiming for success.

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