ALTERNATIVE FALL BREAK
Participant Application

WHAT: The Alternative Fall Break (AFB) experience will provide community service opportunities for two groups of students in a specific area of interest. The purpose of AFB is to strengthen student connection in the community through civic engagement and cultural enhancement.

WHO: AFB is looking for students dedicated to serving communities in need. Ideal participants have an interest in service learning and are excited to devote a week to the betterment of their local communities.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES:
- Attend orientation and other group meetings as outlined in the application
- Adhere to standards set as a group prior to the break
- Follow all Alternative Break, Office of Student Life and Ball State University guidelines and rules
- Submit any required payments on time and in full (See payment information below)

PAYMENT INFORMATION: If selected, you will be responsible for an estimated total payment of $75.00 that covers transportation, food, and housing. This can be raised through individual fundraising, sponsorship or individual payment. A $20.00 deposit will be due Monday, September 21st by 5PM to the Office of Student Life (SC133) in order to hold your spot. A payment of $25.00 is due on Monday, September 28th by 5PM to the Office of Student Life. The remaining balance of $30.00 will be due on Monday, October 5th by 5PM to the Office of Student Life (SC133). Fundraising opportunities will be presented during the orientations throughout the semester for those interested. Alternative payment plans are available upon request.

Refund Information: Deposits are nonrefundable. Participants will not be able to receive money back from any funds raised through AFB. Payments made other than a deposit can be refunded with a doctor’s note or a family emergency until 7 days prior to the trip. Only 50% of the payments may be refunded less than one week prior to the trip. No amount of payments may be refunded within two days prior to the trip.

WHEN: AFB will take place from Saturday, October 10th – Tuesday October 13th.
**WHERE:** This fall, the Alternative Break Association will take two groups of students to volunteer with two different non-profit organizations. Ball State students will have the opportunity to volunteer with either La Casa, Inc. or the Exotic Feline Rescue Center (EFRC).

- La Casa, Inc., located in Goshen, IN is a non-profit housing agency that focuses on the development of the community. La Casa, Inc. has developed programs that help their clients achieve financial stability, find new homes, prevent foreclosure, find affordable rentals, etc. Students who volunteer with La Casa, Inc. will be doing jobs such as painting, putting in windows, roofing, cleaning, and landscaping.

- Exotic Feline Rescue Center in Center Point, IN. The Exotic Feline Rescue Center (EFRC) provides permanent homes for exotic felines that have been abused, abandoned or for some reason have nowhere to live out their lives. Students who volunteer with EFRC will greet visitors, help with construction projects, and assist keepers in feedings and cleaning habitats.

**IMPORTANT DATES:** Information given/received during these times will be essential in gaining the most from the experience; thus, all dates are mandated for participation in the program.

- Thursday, September 17th: All applications will be due by 5PM to SC133.
- Friday, September 18th: All AFB applicants will be notified of their status!
- Monday, September 21st: Deposit of $20.00 is due to SC133 in order to hold your spot.
- Monday, September 28th: Payment of $25.00 is due by 5PM to SC133.
- Monday, October 5th: Remaining balance of $30.00 is due by 5PM to SC133.
- Saturday, October 10th – Tuesday, October 13th: Alternative Fall Break!

**INTERESTED?** Complete the attached application and submit it to the Office of Student Life (SC133) no later than **5PM on Thursday, September 17th, 2015.** If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hannah Dwyer at hkdwyer@bsu.edu.
Personal Information:
Full Name:_____________________________________________________________________
Preferred Name:________________________________________________________________
Local Address:__________________________________________________________________
Phone Number: ________________________________________________________________
Email address: __________________________________________________________________
Birth Date: ________________ Gender:_______ BSU ID Number: ________________
Driver’s License Number and State (Only if over 21 years of age): ______________________
Class Standing: ____________ Major/Minor:__________________________________________

Medical Information:
List any medical restrictions:_______________________________________________________
List any allergies:________________________________________________________________
List any dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, vegan, celiac, etc.):_________________________
Health Insurance Company:_______________________________________________________
Policy Number:___________________________________________________________________

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Alcohol and Drug Policy:
The AFB program promotes an Alcohol/Drug free philosophy. This prohibits alcohol consumption or illegal drug use by anyone, regardless of age. Any participant who does not adhere to this policy will be asked to leave the program and return to his/her place of residence at his or her own expense. Support of this by all participants is mandatory for a safe and socially-aware trip.

Please initial here to indicate that you have read and fully understand this policy: ☐

Expectations:
My signature below acknowledges that I understand the above policies and expectations and will agree to and adhere by their terms.

Name (please print):
Signature: Date:

Professional References:

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Trip Preference:

List First and Second Choice: (this does not guarantee placement in first choice site)

1\textsuperscript{st} Choice:

2\textsuperscript{nd} Choice:

☐ Check box if no preference
Essay Responses:

Please type (no more than 200 words) and attach your answers to the following questions:

1) Why is volunteering important?
2) What do you hope to gain from this experience?
3) What are your strengths and weaknesses in a group setting?
4) Do you have any previous experience with Alternative Break trips or service projects
   (Lack of prior experience will not be a factor in determining your acceptance)? Respond
   yes or no.

Completed applications should be turned into the Student Center 133 (Office of Student Life)

DEADLINE: Thursday, September 17th by 5pm

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Hannah Dwyer