Alternative Breaks—

Connecting students one community at a time

Ball State University
Alternative Spring Break 2012
Participant Application

Thank you for your interest in the Alternative Spring Break (ASB). ASB is an opportunity for students to travel during spring break to a different community where they will provide service. The purpose of Alternative Breaks is to strengthen student connections to the community on a local, national, and global level through civic engagement and cultural enhancement.

The domestic Alternative Spring Break will take place March 2, 2012-March 10, 2012 in Tuscaloosa, AL!

If chosen as a Participant on the ASB, you will join a team of students and be expected to attend weekly meetings to prepare for your experience. You can expect to spend time learning about the organization, the social issue and the service you will be doing once on site. There may also be other group activities such as a pre-break service project, fundraisers, and other events throughout the year. If you are excited about devoting a week of your college life to having a great time and forming lasting memories, you are exactly the person for an Alternative Break.

Attached to this form are the participant guidelines and policies. Please review this information as it lays out your duties and expectations as a participant on the Spring Alternative Break.

This application and written responses need to be submitted as ONE COMPLETE PACKET.

$350.00* will be due at the time of acceptance
You will have several opportunities to fundraise as a group to help defray the costs.

If you have questions or concerns please contact the Office of Student Life at 285-2621 or
Amanda Eisele or Efosa Ogbomo at
aceisele@bsu.edu or eoogbomo@bsu.edu.

DEADLINE: Friday, December 2, 2011 by 5pm

Completed applications should be turned into the Student Voluntary Services Office in the Student Center Room 133.

***Fee is subject to change based on transportation and housing costs.**

For more information, please visit the Alternative Breaks webpage on the Student Voluntary Services website: www.bsu.edu/svs.

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Personal Information:

_____

Last Name First MI Preferred Name

_____

Local Address City, State Zip Phone EMAIL

_____

Birth Date Gender Drivers License # (**if over 21**)

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BSU ID# Class Standing Major

Medical Information:

_____

List any medical restrictions

_____

List any allergies

_____

List any dietary restrictions (i.e. vegetarian, vegan, etc)

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Health Insurance Company Policy #

1)

_____

Emergency Contact (Name) Relationship Phone Numbers (Home) (Work)

2)

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Emergency Contact (Name) Relationship Phone Numbers (Home) (Work)

Alcohol and Drug Policy:

The AB 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: _____

I, _____, hereby agree to fulfill of the terms listed above as an official student representative of Ball State University on the Alternative Break program.

_____
Print Name

_____ _____
Signature Date

Please provide one letter of recommendation from a faculty or staff member.

Please provide the name of someone who can serve as a character reference:

1) _____
Name Relation to Applicant Phone

Please type and attach your answers to the following questions:
(Please respond in no more then 75 typed words per question)

1. What interests you in attending and participating in the Alternative Spring Break?

2. What role do you feel you will play in a group setting?

3. Do you have any previous experience with Alternative Break trips or service projects?

4. What do you hope to gain from this experience?

5. Describe an skills and/or life experiences you can contribute to this service project.

6. What other time/organizational commitments do you have?

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ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

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2012 Alternative Spring Break
Participant Application-Expectations

- Follow all application procedures for selection
- Attend group meetings and functions
- Sign the non-refundable deposit and alcohol/drug prohibition form as well as any hold harmless/waiver and medical forms
- Submit any required payments on time and in full
- Adhere to standards set as a group prior to and during the break
- Serve as an ambassador of the program, Student Voluntary Services, and the Office of Student Life
- Follow all Alternative Breaks, the Office of Student Life or Ball State University guidelines and rules

***** Please see next page for Participant policy*****

Alternative Breaks

Participant Policy

Selecting Participants

A. The potential Participants will fill out an application.

B. The Alternative Breaks Advisory Board will review the applications and invite their top choices to join the site, depending on the participant limit.
Decisions should not be made on the basis of any protected class through the university's non-discrimination policy.

Duties

A. All Participants must attend group meetings and functions.

B. All Participants must sign the non-refundable deposit and alcohol/drug policy form as well as a Hold Harmless form.

C. All Participants must participate in Site fundraiser (s).

D. Participants must adhere to the standards set by their Site and the *Alternative Breaks Program/Student Life/BSU* during and before the trip.

Removal of Participants

A. In case of a Participant's absences at the meetings and fundraisers, the Alternative Break Advisory Board may ask Advisor for removal of the Participant.

B. If a Participant's behavior is detrimental to the group's cohesion before the trip, the situation must first be discussed with the Participant and Graduate Assistant. Then the Graduate Assistant may bring the situation to the Office Of Student Life.

C. If a Participant is under the influence of a controlled substance or alcohol or in some other way their behavior is detrimental to the group cohesion, the Graduate Assistant will invoke the emergency procedures and bring the situation to their appropriate Advisor's attention. The Participant *may* be asked to go home at his/her own expense.

Refunding Money to Participants

A. Deposits are nonrefundable.

B. Payments made other than the deposit can be refunded with a doctor's note or family emergency until <u>one week (7 days)</u> prior to the trip.

C. Only 50% of payments may be refunded less than one week prior to the trip.

D. No amount of payments may be refunded within the *two* days prior to the trip.

MY SIGNATURE BELOW ACKNOWLEDGES THAT I UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE POLICY AND WILL AGREE TO AND ADHERE BY ITS TERMS.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____