

# Alternative Breaks—

Connecting students one community at a time



## *Ball State University Alternative Spring Break 2013 Participant Application*

Thank you for your interest in the Alternative Spring Break (ASB). ASB is an opportunity for a groups students to travel during spring break to a different community they will serve through 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.

Each year, the Office of Student Life, with assistance from student leaders, will select important social issues for students to tackle during the Fall Alternative Break and the Alternative Spring Break. This is the tenth anniversary of Alternative Spring Break (ASB), so we will be traveling to Caretta, West Virginia, the first community we volunteered for in 2004, for alternative spring break from March 2, 2013 - March 9, 2013.

If chosen as a Participant on the ASB, you will join a team of 25-35 other 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 Fall Alternative Break.

**This application and written responses need to be submitted as ONE COMPLETE PACKET. The total cost of the trip will be \$350, which includes housing, regular meals, and travel to on the trip. A nonrefundable \$50.00 commitment fee will be due at the time of acceptance to the program.** Please complete the following application and turn the completed packet into the Office of Student Life. Checks need to be made payable to: Ball State University. If you have questions or concerns please contact the Office of Student Life at (765) 285-2621 or William G. Keaton at [wgkeaton@bsu.edu](mailto:wgkeaton@bsu.edu)

**DEADLINE: November 28, 2012 by 5pm**

**Completed applications should be turned into the Office of Student Life in the Student Center 133.**

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The Spring Alternative Break trip will occur Saturday, March 2nd, to March 9th, 2013.

A \$50 nonrefundable fee will be due at the time of acceptance into the trip. The total cost of the trip is \$350. Absolutely no refunds will be extended after February 1st, 2013, so withdrawal from the trip should be completed before then (except in Emergency Circumstances).

## **Personal Information:**

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Last Name	First	MI	Preferred Name
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Local Address	City,	State	Zip	Phone	EMAIL
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Birth Date	Gender	Race (optional)	Drivers License # (if over 21)
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BSU ID#	Class Standing	Major
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## **Medical Information:**

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List any medical restrictions

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List any allergies

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

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Health Insurance Company Policy #

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Emergency Contact (Name)	Relationship	Phone Numbers (Home)	(Work)
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2)

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Emergency Contact (Name)	Relationship	Phone Numbers (Home)	(Work)
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**Participation Requirements:**

**Prior to an ASB, all participants in the AB program MUST**

- Attend **ALL** pre orientation sessions (unless excused by the graduate assistant)
- Pay the \$50.00 commitment fee
- Fulfill payment plan requirements, paying all \$350 by February 15th.

**While on an ASB, all participants in the ASB program**

- Must participate fully in planned community and team activities including evening programs.
- Will be asked to participate fully in daily and evening reflections.
- Will live in a community with other volunteers for the duration of the trip. This includes sharing meals and following rules set at your site.
- Must be cooperative with, and considerate to, other members of the team.
- Must work to better the community.
- Must work with the team to help meet the set goals.

**Post ASB, all participants in the ASB program MUST**

- Attend the post orientation session (unless excused by the graduate assistant)

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

**Professional References:**

1) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name                      Relation to Applicant                      Phone                      Email

2) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name                      Relation to Applicant                      Phone                      Email

**Please list two professional references (i.e. faculty, advisor, employer, etc.) who may be asked to provide a letter of reference upon request. Family members and/or friends are not acceptable and will not be considered.**

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

1. What interests you in attending and participating in the Spring Alternative Breaks?
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. What other time/organizational commitments do you have?

**Please attach your class and evening schedule (typed) or your application will not be considered.**