



Alternative Breaks

2009 Spring Break Participant Application

**DUE: NOVEMBER 21, 2008 at 5:00pm in the Volunteer Resource Center,
UMC 344/358**

PARTICIPANT INFORMATION

Name		T shirt size	
Phone			
Email address			

How did you hear about the Alternative Breaks program?

Brochure Buff Bulletin UMC Event
 Volunteer Fair Word of Mouth Other

TRIP DATES: Spring Break, March 21st—March 28th, 2009

Please rank your site choices (1=highest; 8=lowest)

Visit www.colorado.edu/vrc for in depth site descriptions.

- Catalina, CA—Catalina Island Conservancy, environment and conservation
- New Orleans, LA—Hands on New Orleans, hurricane disaster relief
- Moab, UT—Plateau Restoration, sustainable environmental restoration
- Maryville, TN—Once Upon a Time in Appalachia, Cherokee Nation and environment
- San Francisco, CA—Project Inform and Project Open Hand, HIV/AIDS
- Chicago, IL—Teach for America, education and youth empowerment
- Cincinnati, OH—Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless, urban poverty
- Boulder Creek, CA—Camp Campbell Outdoor Science School, education

TRIP NAME	INITIAL DEPOSIT to VRC OFFICE <u>DUE FRIDAY JANUARY 16, 2009</u>	FINAL DEPOSIT to VRC OFFICE <u>DUE WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 4, 2009</u>	TOTAL COST OF TRIP
San Francisco, CA	\$300	\$240	\$540
Moab, UT	\$200	\$175	\$375
Cincinnati, OH	\$300	\$290	\$590
New Orleans, LA	\$400	\$305	\$705
Catalina, CA	\$300	\$175	\$475
Maryville, TN	\$300	\$325	\$625
Chicago, IL	\$300	\$300	\$600
Boulder Creek, CA	\$200	\$105	\$305

SHORT ANSWER QUESTIONS

Please type or print your responses on a separate sheet.

1. Trip rankings: Please explain your first choice. Would you be willing to participate in a trip that is not your first choice? If not, please address why.
2. What about the Alternative Break program interests you?
3. Why would you rather go on an Alternative Breaks trip than a vacation with a group of friends?
4. What role do you play in a group? How will you contribute to your group's Alternative Break experience?
5. If you have been involved in community service previously, express your motivations and describe your experiences. If you have not been involved in community service before*, what prompted you to get involved now? (*Prior service involvement has NO bearing on selection)

FINANCIAL NEED (optional)

A limited amount of financial aid is available to participants. It is given on a need basis.

1. Please indicate the amount of aid you would need to participate in a trip: _____
2. How will financial aid assist you in participating on a trip?

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Participant Interviews

Participant interviews will be Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 5th.
Your interview will last about twenty minutes. Please arrive at least 5 minutes early.

MARK AN X IN ALL THE TIME SLOTS YOU ARE BUSY!

If you are unavailable during all of these times please include the times you are available.

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**PLEASE TURN IN ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS BY FRIDAY NOV 21ST TO THE VOLUNTEER RESOURCE
CENTER OFFICE, UMC 344/358**

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL 303-492-7632 OR 719-314-7807 OR E-MAIL US AT
ALTBREAK@COLORADO.EDU**

Participant Expectations

Attending an Alternative Break is a life changing experience that can challenge and expand your understanding of yourself and society. Dedicated, caring and active volunteers are critical for the success of the program. Please consider all volunteer expectations before submitting your application:

I. FULL ATTENDANCE AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL MANDATORY FUNCTIONS

- a. Orientation meeting, December 11 6:30 pm (room TBD)
- b. Pre-departure meetings with your group
 - i. These meetings will be approximately 1 hour per week during Spring semester and will cover vital details of trip issue education and logistics. It is absolutely crucial that you attend!
- c. Saturday March 21st—Saturday March 28th: ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK!!!
- d. Small group re-orientation meetings in April, TBD

II. COMPLETION OF GROUP TASKS BEFORE, DURING AND AFTER ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

III. RESPECT FOR OTHERS AND WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE IN A GROUP SETTING

IV. REMAINING FLEXIBLE, OPEN-MINDED AND RESPONSIBLE

V. ADHERENCE TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE POLICIES DURING INVOLVEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

VI. INSURANCE INFORMATION:

- a. For your safety, we ask that all participants be covered by health insurance or purchase a temporary insurance plan. By signing below I confirm that I have health insurance coverage or intend to purchase temporary insurance. Policy information will be collected prior to trip departure and kept on file for emergencies.

VII. PAYMENT OF PARTICIPANT FEE

- a. Initial deposit due to VRC by January 16th
- b. Remainder of fee due to VRC by February 4th

Thank you for taking the time to fill out an application. You will be notified of your interview time no later than November 28th—so check your e-mail over Fall Break!!!! If you have any questions, please contact Meghan Montgomery in the VRC in UMC 344/358 or at 303-492-7632 or at altbreak@colorado.edu.

I have read and agree to the above information:

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (required if under the age of 18): _____ Date: _____

Please return all application materials to Volunteer Resource Center, UMC 358. Deadline is November 21st at 5:00