



2010 Spring Break Site Leader Application

DUE: September 14, 2009 in the Volunteer Resource Center, UMC 358/356

SITE LEADER INFORMATION

Name:		T shirt size:	
Phone:			
Email address:			

Mailing address:	
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How did you hear about Alternative Breaks program? (mark all that apply)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Brochure
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Fair
<input type="checkbox"/> Buff Bulletin
<input type="checkbox"/> Word of Mouth | <input type="checkbox"/> UMC Event
* which event _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Past leader/participant
* what trip _____ |
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TRIP DATES: Spring Break, March 21st-March 28th

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

- Disabilities
- Disaster/hurricane relief Community awareness
- Environmental sustainability
- Native American issues
- HIV/AIDS
- Education and youth empowerment
- Urban poverty

TOTAL SITE LEADER COST: \$225

APPLICATION PROCESS

Please type or print your responses to the following questions on a separate sheet. Site leaders are selected according to answers to the questions listed below and an interview.

We have started researching Alternative Spring Break 2010 sites. These sites will be confirmed next fall with your input. Please fill out this application in regards to the selected issue areas:

1. Environmental awareness
 2. Environmental conservation
 3. HIV/AIDS
 4. Native American culture
 5. Disaster relief
 6. Urban poverty
 7. Youth empowerment
 8. Disabilities/ terminal illnesses
 9. Community awareness
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- 1) Issue rankings: Please explain your first issue choice. Be as specific as possible. What experience/knowledge do you have in this issue area? Why are you passionate about this issue? What makes you want to spend your Spring Break addressing this issue? Would you be willing to lead a trip that is not your first choice? If not, please address why. If so, please list experience/knowledge/passions you have for the other issue areas.
 - 2) Why do you want to be a site leader? What about the Alternative Breaks program interests you? Why would you rather participate in Alternative Breaks instead of going with a group of friends on vacation?
 - 3) Describe your leadership style.
 - 4) List and describe any previous leadership, volunteerism, or service-learning experience.
 - 5) Describe 3 personal strengths. Describe 3 personal weaknesses. How would you address these weaknesses in your role as a site leader?
 - 6) Please respond to the following scenario: Alternative Breaks is an alcohol, tobacco and drug-free program. While on the trip, a member of the organization with whom your group is working invites one of your participants to learn more about the local community over a couple of social drinks at the local watering hole. As a site leader, you learn that the student participates and has a meaningful experience interacting closely with the community in a social activity. How would you respond and why?
 - 7) Please respond to the following scenario: One of the members of your group consistently arrives late to your meetings and, at times, simply doesn't attend. This person has never offered an

explanation. It is very important that all participants attend the meetings you and your site leader have organized. As a site leader, how would you approach this conflict?

- 8) The Alternative Breaks site leader position is a year-long commitment, including weekly 1-hour meetings starting mid- October, 2009 on Wednesdays from 5-6pm. Please describe your willingness to commit to this program, as well as your other commitments for the 2009-10 school year (classes, work, and other extracurricular activities).
- 9) We would like you're feedback and input: Is there a particular organization in your issue area that you know of/ would like to work with? How do you know about this organization? Do you have a contact person? If so, please provide us with the name and number.

FINANCIAL NEED QUESTIONS (optional)

1. Please indicate the amount of need \$_____.
2. How will financial aid assist you in participating on a trip? Please be specific, we will have a board that reviews your answers. The board will decide based on specific criteria how much financial aid we will reward.

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CU ALTERNATIVE BREAKS EXPECTATIONS for CO-SITE LEADERS

I. ATTEND ALL MANDATORY FUNCTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

- a. Site Leader trainings – 5-6pm. Wednesdays starting mid-October until Spring Break
- b. Pre-departure meetings with your participants – 5-6pm alternating Wednesdays starting mid- November.
- c. ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK: Saturday March 21st—Saturday March 28th
- d. Re-orientation meetings in April, dates TBD

II. COORDINATE AB SPECIFIC TASKS

- a. Plan and facilitate all pre-break group meetings
- b. Plan and facilitate daily reflection during the trip
- c. Work closely with fellow Site Leaders in implementation of tasks
 - i. All trips are led by two site leaders. All planning and organization will be coordinated with you by the Site Leader Coordinators on the Alternative Breaks board. Responsibilities will be shared equally by the two site leaders.
- d. Incorporate issue education into meetings

III. RELAY ALL NECESSARY INFORMATION TO YOUR PARTICIPANTS

- a. Get participants psyched for the upcoming trip!

IV. 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.

V. UPHOLD ALTERNATIVE BREAKS MISSION, RULES, GOALS, AND INTEGRITY

- a. Be a good role model and supportive to participants and their needs
- b. ADHERENCE TO ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE POLICIES DURING INVOLVEMENT WITH ALTERNATIVE BREAKS

SITE LEADER BENEFITS INCLUDE:

- I. Discount on trip fee...**
- II. Leadership training and experience...**
- III. Gains hands on experience with a particular issue and work towards social justice...**
- IV. Help a community in need and much more!**

CRITERIA FOR SELECTING ALTERNATIVE BREAKS SITE LEADERS

- Application responses and interview
- Motivation and sincerity in volunteerism
- Positive communication throughout application process
- Good conflict resolution skills
- Open to diversity of ideas and people
- Willingness to learn

Thank you for taking the time to fill out an application. We will be in touch at the start of next school year to schedule your interview. If you have any questions over the summer please contact Jen Ross in UMC 356 at 303-735-2315 or jen.ross@colorado.edu. Otherwise, please contact Meghan Montgomery in UMC 358 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 356/358.