Thank you for your interest in applying for Alternative Spring Break 2007!

Alternative Spring Break is a week-long community service trip to a city outside of Columbus during the university’s spring break. The mission of ASB is to provide students with a challenging yet rewarding opportunity to lead and learn through active experiences. Participants learn the importance of reflection, social justice, and civic engagement while gaining new perspectives. They also meet community needs, identify and build upon community assets, and bring experiences back to campus to share. This opportunity allows participants to build new friendships, and serve and learn about our communities in a substance-free environment.

To offer even greater opportunities to students this year, ASB will offer two separate categories of trips for 2007 distinguished by their levels of intensity, expected commitments of time, and required previous experience.

**asb sit**

Seven of this year’s trips will be referred to as ASB Service Immersion Trips, or ASB SIT. These trips will follow the successful model of past ASB trips. Groups will spend the latter half of winter quarter familiarizing themselves with their destination and service theme, finalizing travel plans, and interacting through teambuilding activities. The group will then travel to their designated sites during spring break where they will spend most of the week working on their project, with some time set aside for sightseeing and socializing. Upon their return to campus, every group will be expected to partake in an ASB ‘reorientation’ and to share continually the lessons and experiences taken from their trip with the campus community.

**asb raise**

In an effort to expand the ASB program and intensify students’ experience, three trips this year will be designated as ASB (R) Advanced Immersion in Service and Education, or ASB RAISE. Students selected for these three trips will be involved with all that is included in an ASB SIT trip as described above. However, they will further commit themselves throughout Winter Quarter to an additional educational component, providing in-depth exposure to both their service themes and destinations (not an official OSU course, but similar to a seminar). A qualified OSU faculty member will lead weekly 60-90 minute sessions that will result in an even more intensified ASB experience.

**trip positions**

Two Trip Leaders will be selected for each trip (ASB SIT and ASB RAISE), along with nine Trip Participants. Leaders will be expected to perform all those duties expected from Participants, but will also be responsible for additional tasks such as: assisting in the selection process of Trip Participants, attending weekly Trip Leader training sessions throughout winter quarter, and taking a leadership role at actual service sites. The attached “Trip Leader Job Description” gives more details as to specific responsibilities of Trip Leaders.
**ASB SIT:** While no previous experience with ASB is necessary to be an ASB SIT Trip Leader, strong leadership skills, the ability to work well with others, and a commitment to service are essential characteristics.

**ASB RAISE:** Since it is a new endeavor and requires additional commitment, ASB RAISE will require of all of its participants (both Trip Leaders and Trip Participants) either previous experience with an intensive service project.

**general expectations**

ASB operates under a substance-free policy. No alcohol or illegal drugs of any kind are allowed on the trip, including travel to and from the service city. Trip Leader support of the substance-free policy is essential for a safe and socially aware experience for all participants.

Please note that because ASB is funded by the Student Activity Fee, only students who are enrolled from autumn 2006-spring 2007 and who have fully paid their tuition and fees are eligible to participate.

Please take time when filling out your application as we read them thoroughly. Your application will help create a picture of your leadership style and provide a basis for discussion during your interview. We will consider all submitted application materials, interview, specific interests, and leadership and service qualifications as we select our team of Trip Leaders and ASB RAISE Participants.

If applying for a Trip Leader position (ASB SIT or ASB RAISE), you will sign up for an interview time when you submit your application. Interviews will take place the week of November 2-9, 2006.

**important dates**

If selected as a Trip Leader (SIT or RAISE), you will be expected to attend all meetings and trainings. These include, but are not limited to the following:

- **All Trip Leader Meeting and Retreat**
  - Thursday, November 30, 6:00-9:00 PM

- **RAISE Trip Leader/Participant Reception**
  - Sunday, December 3, 6:00-7:00 PM

- **SIT Trip Leader/Participant Reception**
  - Wednesday, January 31, 6:30-8:30 PM

- **Trip Training Meetings**
  - Tuesdays (January 9-March 13) 7:30-8:30 PM

- **Spring Break Trip!**
  - March 17-25, 2007

Additional training times as needed by your group:

- If selected for an ASB RAISE trip (Leader or Participant), you will be expected to attend weekly group education and training sessions throughout Winter Quarter. Specific dates and times are to be worked out by all of those involved with individual trips once selections have been made.

- SIT Trips will require 5 hours of group training during Winter Quarter to be led by the Trip Leaders and with times to be determined by the trip group.

**Thanks for your interest in Alternative Spring Break! We look forward to meeting you!**

Submit applications to: **Student Activities Office, 211 Ohio Union by Monday, October 30th, at 5:00 pm**

Contact: **Collier Lumpkin**, Coordinator of Community Service, at 247-6097 or lumpkin.15@osu.edu with questions.
ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK 2007
trip leader (asb sit and asb raise) job description

REQUIREMENTS/RESPONSIBILITIES:

Ongoing:
- Attend all mandatory events and meetings
- Uphold the mission and values of Alternative Spring Break
- Communicate effectively with all Participants and Staff Advisors to share all necessary information

Before the Trip:
- Assist with recruitment of ASB Participants
- Attend Winter Quarter training/meetings with other trip leaders and your participants
  - All Trip Leaders: 1 hour of trip leader training per week throughout Winter Quarter
  - ASB SIT Trip Leaders: 1 hour of group training with trip participants per week for final 5 weeks of Winter Quarter
  - ASB RAISE Trip Leaders: 60-90 minutes of trip group education and training per week throughout Winter Quarter
- Participate in fundraising activities (if group so desires)
- Agree to and support the Substance-Free Policy
- Meet with your Staff Advisors on a regular basis

During the Trip:
- Co-lead participants during Alternative Spring Break 2007
- Assist in coordinating on-site logistics
- Manage budget and maintain a record of all expenses
- Ensure safe travel
- Enforce university policies while on the trip, including substance-free policy
- Facilitate daily reflection on experiences
- Complete evaluations

After the Trip:
- Attend Reorientation upon return to campus
- Meet with Ohio Union Staff for wrap-up and evaluation
- Send thank-yous to site, host, etc.

DESIRED LEADERSHIP QUALITIES:
- Motivator: Passionate about service, sense of humor
- Coordinator: Organized, task-oriented, good work ethic
- Teacher: Supportive, challenging, patient, dynamic
- Learner: Open-minded, critical thinking skills, reasoning skills
- Counselor: Flexible, dependable, approachable

BENEFITS:
- Leadership skill development
- Community service opportunities
- Intense connection with a service project and destination

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**trip leader** and **asb raise participant** application form

[NOTE: If you are interested in being an ASB SIT Participant, THIS IS NOT THE CORRECT APPLICATION. Please look for the ASB SIT Participant application to be released on December 1, 2006.]

**STUDENT INFORMATION**

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**PARTICIPATION INFORMATION**

*We will do our best to match you with your first preferences. This item is very important in that your position will determine for which destinations you are considered.*

Please rank in order your preferred position on ASB 2007 Trips (only mark those in which you are interested):

- ___ ASB RAISE Trip Leader (interview required)
- ___ ASB RAISE Trip Participant (no interview required)
- ___ ASB SIT Trip Leader (interview required)
  - ___ Check here if interested in being considered for a position as an ASB SIT Participant if not selected as a Trip Leader

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TRIP INFORMATION

If applying for a position on an ASB SIT and ASB RAISE trip, please rank your preferences separately (i.e. rank ASB RAISE destinations, then rank ASB SIT destinations) since your position selection will determine your possible destinations. We will do our best to match you with your first preferences. Service projects and locations listed as TBD will depend on availability and needs of community organizations.

ASB RAISE Preference Location – Rank as many as you choose
___ The Bronx (New York City), New York- specific site TBD (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Quito, Ecuador- exploring various facets of urban and rural poverty throughout the Latin American nation (www.goecuador.com) (TL = $600.00 / P = $800.00)
___ Everglades Ecosystem, Florida- helping to preserve the ecosystem through replanting (http://www.nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/florida/preserves/art5523.html) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)

ASB SIT Preference Location – Rank as many as you choose
___ Hohenwald, Tennessee- assisting in the maintenance of the Elephant Sanctuary, the nation’s largest natural habitat for refuge (www.elephants.com) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Atlanta, Georgia- working with teenage girls on issues such as teen pregnancy and self-esteem (www.thecoolgirls.org) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Washington, DC- preparing and delivering meals for sufferers of HIV/AIDS, cancer, and other life-challenging illnesses (www.foodandfriends.org) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Willow River, Minnesota- helping create a better life for children affected by HIV/AIDS (www.campheartland.org) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Nashville, Tennessee- building wheelchair ramps and interacting with patients with cerebral palsy (www.ucpnashville.org) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)
___ Habitat for Humanity Trip- specific sites TBD (www.habitat.org) (TL = $125.00 / P = $195)

Please attach a resume, highlighting service and leadership experience, along with answers to the following questions, limiting your responses to a maximum of two pages (12 font and 1” margins, please).

1. Why are you interested in being a Trip Leader for Alternative Spring Break? [no response necessary if applying only for ASB RAISE Participant position]

2. Why are you interested in participating in one of the new ASB RAISE trips? [no response necessary if applying only for ASB SIT Trip Leader position]

3. Describe one meaningful leadership experience you have had in the past.

4. Describe one meaningful service experience you have had in the past.

5. How will your participation benefit the students who are going on an Alternative Spring Break trip?

6. What experiences would you like to gain from this trip?

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7. What are personal qualities you appreciate in a co-leader? What are personal qualities you cannot work with in a co-leader? [no response necessary if applying only for ASB RAISE Participant position]

8. Please tell us more about your location/service preferences – are there reasons you ranked the sites the way you did?

9. If you wish to be considered for the Ecuador trip, please list and describe any extensive travel and overseas service experiences you may have. Please note that you must have a current passport by February 2007 to participate in this trip.

10. If you have attended or led an Alternative Spring Break Trip before, please describe your experience. Please note, no previous ASB experience is required to be an ASB SIT Trip Leader.

By signing this application I attest that I will be enrolled as a student at The Ohio State University–Columbus during autumn quarter 2006-spring quarter 2007. I also agree to allow Ohio Union staff to check this status by using my social security number.

SIGNATURE _________________________________      DATE _____________