Alternative Spring Break, March 18-26, 2006
Faculty/Staff Advisor Overview and Role Description

Alternative Spring Break Overview:
The Ohio Union, through Student Activity Fee funding, will be sponsoring ten (10) Alternative Spring Break trips during the university’s spring break 2006. The locations for the trips include Washington DC, New York City, Atlanta, Tennessee, Minnesota, Chicago, Gulf Relief, Ecuador, and Habitat for Humanity locations to be determined. Participants on each trip will work with a different social justice issue including HIV/AIDS, affordable housing, environment and animals, domestic violence, international poverty, and disaster recovery. All participants will travel via van or plane, and will lodge at a Youth Hostel, church, or other volunteer center.

Alternative Spring Break Mission and Goals:
Alternative Spring Break is a weeklong, substance-free program centered on community service and civic engagement, and held during the university’s spring break. The mission of the Alternative Spring Break program is to provide students with a challenging and fun opportunity to lead and learn through direct service experiences. Students will learn the importance of reflection, social justice, and civic engagement while gaining new perspectives through working in diverse environments. They will also be meeting community needs, building on community assets, and bringing their experiences back to campus. Students will also be able to create new and lasting friendships.

Faculty/Staff Advisor Role Description:
Faculty and Staff Advisors will serve as a university representative on all Alternative Spring Break trips sponsored by the Student Activity Fee and planned by the Ohio Union.

Advisors should be knowledgeable about all aspects of the trip, assist the Student Trip Leaders as needed, and encourage student participants to connect their service to academic topics related to their projects and/or host cities.

Student Trip Leaders will arrange and facilitate the majority of the trip components. We will make every attempt to match Faculty and Staff Advisors with a city or social issue related to their work or interests.

No previous experience with Alternative Spring Break or community service is necessary to participate as an Advisor.

Faculty/Staff Advisor Expectations:
- Attend initial ASB meeting on November 30, 2005 from 6:00-8:00 pm, if available.
- Attend group trainings during winter quarter to encourage teambuilding and understand all trip logistics and expectations.
- Attend Alternative Spring Break trip with student leaders and student participants.
• Participate in all service and reflection experiences during the trip.
• Take advantage of the opportunity to contribute an educational piece to trip—either during the trip, or before the trip during training.
• Serve as a resource and support, not a co-leader, for the Student Trip Leaders.
• Attend regular training and update meetings with the Ohio Union Planning Team.
• Be open to participating in the full Alternative Spring Break experience, including “roughing it” with regards to accommodations, meals, and travel.

Faculty/Staff Advisor Benefits:
• Opportunity to participate in extended community service experience in a location outside of Ohio.
• Opportunity to interact in small group with students from a variety of college departments and interest areas across campus.
• Trip expenses (including transportation, lodging, and a small discretionary fund) will be paid for each Advisor.
• Opportunity to share personal expertise or research interest with group of students in real-life setting.

Dates and Deadlines
• November 18 Application due, brief interview process to follow
• November 30 First ASB Meeting with student leaders and participants
• Sundays in Winter Quarter Trip Training Meetings, 5-7:00 pm
• Winter Quarter, dates TBA 10 hours of Trip Group Meetings/Service
• Additional training and update meetings may be scheduled for Advisors to meet as a group, or with Ohio Union planning staff if needed.

To participate with an Alternative Spring Break Trip through the Ohio Union, please complete the Faculty/Staff Advisor Application.

Applications are due by Thursday, November 18, 2005.

Contact Jen Bossard at bossard.5@osu.edu or 247-7792 with any questions, or for more information.
Thank you for your interest in serving as an Advisor for Alternative Spring Break! No previous experience with Alternative Spring Break or community service is necessary to participate as an Advisor.

Please review the “Faculty/Staff Advisor Overview and Role Description” for more information about Alternative Spring Break and the responsibilities of a Faculty/Staff Advisor.

**CONTACT INFORMATION**

NAME: ______________________________________________________
TITLE: ______________________________________________________
DEPARTMENT/COLLEGE/UNIT: _________________________________
EMAIL: ______________________________________________________
PHONE: _____________________________________________________
CAMPUS ADDRESS: ___________________________________________
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Are you willing to help drive a 15-passenger van to and from the service city and project site if needed?

YES ☐ NO ☐

Please submit a brief response to the following questions:

1. Why are you interested in serving as an Alternative Spring Break Trip Advisor?

2. What will you contribute to the trip (academic component, personal interest, relevant research, experience in the community, etc)?
TRIP INFORMATION

Please rank your trip preferences below (please rank 1-8 with 1 being your first preference). We will do our best to match you with your first preferences. You do not need to rank all eight choices.

- [ ] Southwest Women Working Together, Chicago, IL
  - Variety of responsibilities with domestic violence based organization.
- [ ] Hands On Atlanta, Atlanta, GA
  - Working with a variety of different projects and agencies throughout the week.
- [ ] Food and Friends, Washington, DC
  - Preparing and delivering meals to persons affected by HIV/AIDS and other life challenging illnesses.
- [ ] Elephant Sanctuary, Hohenwald, TN
  - Working on a variety of projects at elephant sanctuary
- [ ] Gulf Relief with Habitat for Humanity, Slidell, LA
  - Working with local Habitat for Humanity affiliate to rebuild areas affected by Hurricane Katrina.
- [ ] Habitat for Humanity, various cities—to be determined.
  - Building homes, at various stages in the building process, for low-income families.
- [ ] Quito, Ecuador
  - Working with issues of international poverty.
  - Please note, all participants on this trip must have a current passport by February 2006.

Completed applications may be submitted to:
Student Activities Office, 211 Ohio Union by Thursday, November 18 at 5:00 pm

Questions? Please contact:
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