

Alternative Spring Break Program Application
Student Volunteer Center, UC Santa Cruz
March 21-29, 2009

Mission Statement

Our mission is to provide an opportunity for students to immerse themselves in a community based service-learning program over spring break. ASB participants will assist New Orleans families that have been displaced by Hurricane Katrina. Students will work on damaged homes in cooperation with Tulane University. Hard work complemented by cultural and educational activities will instill an understanding of the culture, history, and social issues surrounding the consequences of Katrina. SVC hopes that this experience will allow participants to become more thoughtful and engaged citizens who will continue to work for social change.

Requirements

- Applicant must be a UC Santa Cruz student in good academic standing
- Attend bi-weekly meetings before the trip, starting in November
- Attend one meeting after the trip
- Sign conduct agreement form
- Complete trip reflection/evaluation packet after the trip
- Pay fees by the deadlines below
- Be able to show a valid tetanus vaccination records by February 1st
- Participate in all fundraising projects

Project

SVC will be working with SAFER (Student Advocacy for Equitable Recovery), a student-led recovery initiative run by Tulane University students in New Orleans. SAFER engages college students locally and globally in rebuilding efforts throughout New Orleans. We will be taking a first-hand look at the social, economic, historical and cultural tensions of the region in an attempt to better understand the difficulty of the recovery effort in New Orleans.

Cost

Students are required to participate in fundraising projects for their trip. The total **cost of the trip is \$650**, which can be fundraised and/or paid by the student. *Need based scholarships are available after fundraising activities have taken place*. This trip cost includes: travel, room and board, cultural activities and sightseeing, an SVC work shirt, and transportation in New Orleans. Other miscellaneous costs are the responsibility of the student and may be fundraised as well. Examples of miscellaneous costs are: work boots, extra SVC shirts, SVC sweatshirt, snacks, extra activities and food on travel days and one dinner at a restaurant on the last night in New Orleans.

Payment Schedule

First Payment due Friday, November 14 th :	\$250.00
Second Payment due Friday, December 12 th :	\$200.00
Third Payment due Friday, January 16 th :	\$100.00
<u>Final Payment due Friday, February 13th:</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total:	\$650.00

THE APPLICATION IS DUE BY:
Friday, October 31 at 5:00 pm

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Name: _____

Student ID: _____ Class Standing _____

Major: _____ Expected Graduation Date _____

Address: _____

Phone Number (Day): _____ Phone Number (Evening): _____

Email: _____ (We contact applicants by email, so make sure you provide an email address that you check routinely. Make sure to add volunteer@ucsc.edu as a contact so our email doesn't go into your junk folder).

1. Please list any previous volunteer work community service projects, activism, service trips, or related experiences that you have participated in.

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2. What do you expect to gain from Alternative Spring Break New Orleans?

3. What makes you uniquely qualified for the trip? How are you different from other applicants (personality, experience, character)?

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4. Traveling and volunteering in New Orleans will expose us to many sociological and political issues. What issues specifically interest you and why?

5. Working as a team to complete our project will be very important while we're in New Orleans. What experience do you have working cooperatively with others from diverse backgrounds?

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6. Spring break in the Big Easy may sound like a party, but that is NOT what ASB NOLA is about. This is a dry trip with the purpose of rebuilding homes, learning about social justice issues in NOLA, and working with peers towards a common cause. Participants must be respectful of ASB's policies and guidelines. Why are you choosing hard labor over the beach?

7. Don't expect the Four Seasons. We'll be staying in co-ed group housing with fewer commodities than you're used to. The showers won't always have hot water and the beds will probably be lumpy. What are your thoughts about these types of living arrangements (is your skin crawling, or have you braved worse)?

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8. Is there anything else you'd like us to know? (e.g. random, fun facts about yourself)

Your responses to the following questions will be referenced if you become an ASB participant, but they will not be considered during the selection process.

1. Are you first aide, CPR, AED certified?
2. Will your require any special accommodations in order to participate in rigorous physical labor in hot, humid conditions?
3. Do you have any construction/carpentry experience?

QUESTIONS about Alternative Spring Break? Contact Shawn Riley at SVC for more information: volunteer@ucsc.edu.

QUESTIONS about the Student Volunteer Center? Contact David Partida or Shawn Riley at volunteer@ucsc.edu or check us out online at <http://volunteer.ucsc.edu>.

Thank you for your interest in ASB New Orleans!