Alternative Break April Weekend Application

Hendersonville, NC | April 8-10, 2016
Cost: $50

Environmental Awareness: A Zero Waste trip focusing on land conservation in Hendersonville, NC.
Join the Alternative Break team for a weekend of service immersion and education in Hendersonville, NC where we will learn about land conservation and environmentalism. This will be the first Alternative Break program at College of Charleston to go Zero Waste thanks to a partnership with the Office of Sustainability.

Important Dates
Attendance is mandatory for listed dates.

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<td>Friday, Apr. 1st Time TBD (afternoon)</td>
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(Please note that departure from campus on Friday, April 8th will be scheduled after classes)

**If you have any conflicts with these dates, please indicate this matter in your application.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Wednesday, March 16th, 2016 @ 4pm

Applications should be submitted in person to the Center for Civic Engagement (Lightsey 203)

$10 non-refundable application fee is due upon submission.

** Application fees go toward Alternative Break scholarships

**Check or cash is acceptable. Make checks payable to “College of Charleston – Alternative Break.”

The Alternative Break program and the Center for Civic Engagement are committed to providing access for all people with disabilities. Please contact Christopher Ciarcia, Associate Director of the Center for Civic Engagement at ciarciaca@cofc.edu for more information.
April Weekend Participant Application

Full Name (as it appears on passport/license): ________________________________________________

Nickname: _______________________________________________________ Phone: ______________

Permanent Address:
___________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Local Address:
___________________________________________________________________________________

City: ___________________ State: _______ Zip: __________

Birthdate (mm/dd/yy):_________ Class Year: _______ Major: ________________________________

E-mail: ___________________________ Student ID #: __________________________

Voluntary Demographic Data

Colleges and universities are asked by many, including the federal government, accrediting associations, college guides, newspapers, and our own college/university communities, to describe the backgrounds of our students and employees. In order to respond to these requests, we ask you to answer the following questions. Submission of this information is entirely voluntary.

Religious affiliation: __________________________

Gender: __________________________

Are you Hispanic/Latino?
___ Yes
___ No

In addition, select one or more of the following racial categories to describe yourself:
___ American Indian or Alaska Native
___ Asian
___ Black or African American
___ Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
___ White

This first page will be removed as part of a blind selection process, thus basic information will be requested again on the next page.
Essay Questions:

Note: Participants are selected according to interest, availability of space, and answers to the questions listed below. Please remember that this is a blind selection process so please take time to submit thoughtful, typed responses to these questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. If you were stuck on an elevator with the Alternative Break selection committee, what would you want them to know about yourself? Give us your “elevator speech.”

2. Describe a previous service experience for which you are particularly passionate.

3. In your opinion, what role do active citizens play in a community?

4. Please provide any additional information that you think we would find useful during the selection process. (ex: Level of Spanish, previous construction or tutoring experience, etc.)

Alternative Break Policies and Commitment Agreement:

Nonrefundable Payment Policy
All students participating in the Alternative Break program will pay for the total cost of the Alternative Break experience in installments unless otherwise indicated. These payments will cover the cost of flights, lodging, program fees, and other pre-paid aspects of the Alternative Break trip for which the student is selected. All payments are final. In the event of a late withdrawal from the program, students will be held accountable for any unfulfilled payments and expenses associated with their trip cost.

Commitment
I have reviewed the schedule and mandatory dates required for each of the Alternative Break experiences for which I am applying. I agree to invest the necessary time, energy and commitment if selected to be a participant on an Alternative Break trip. I will attend all mandatory Alternative Break events, including all group meetings and the events listed in this application. I understand that all non-emergency scheduling conflicts must be communicated in writing with the submission of my application.

I have read, understand, and agree to the Alternative Break policies outlined in this document:

________________________________________
Signature

Have you been on an Alt Break trip in the past?
Are you 18, licensed, and willing to drive in the US?

**Office Use Only**
Application # _____