

Alternative Spring Break - March 2017 - Participant Application

Application due October 21, 2017 by 5:00pm

The Center for Career and Civic Engagement is seeking participant applications for the 2017 Alternative Spring Break program. Each trip will be led by a trained student leader, in addition to a faculty/staff member from Winthrop University. To be considered for this Alternative Spring Break Experience, please fill out and sign the attached application and return it to Laura Foster in Crawford. Applications will be considered according to space availability.

There will be three different ASB Trips.

- **Chattanooga, Tennessee:** Journey to the 4th largest city in the state. The city has received national recognition for the renaissance of its beautiful downtown and redevelopment of its riverfront. We will be working on the construction of The Cumberland Trail, an ambitious hiking trail project under development in East Tennessee. Building the Cumberland Trail is a grassroots effort, driven by the communities along the trail and a broad network of individuals from across the US. This very successful private/public partnership is a model often cited to demonstrate the power of volunteerism, and public/private partnerships. This trip is physical and hands on. We will be hiking every day to get to the trail (<http://cumberlandtrail.org/>). If you have a passion of the outdoors this trip is for you. The focus of the trip is **environmental cause and effect**.
- **Savannah, Georgia:** Serve at one of the oldest cities in America - a site of many famous Revolutionary & Civil War Battles. The Historic District of Savannah is buzzing with creativity, art, culture and live theatre and is the perfect place for you to spend a week of service. Join us as we work with "Hands-On Savannah" with a plethora of opportunities that are sure to make an impact on the community. One of the most beautiful cities in the world, end up falling in love with Savannah. The focus of this trip **food insecurity and poverty**.
- **Pulaski, Virginia:** Located right outside of Radford, Virginia, Pulaski is a small Appalachian town. Participating in an ASB trip to Pulaski provides a unique opportunity to experience the lifestyle of a unique culture. Join us as we work with Rice and Beans, Inc., a company whose mission is to make a positive impact on the local community. The focus of this trip is a **diverse spectrum of services**.

Trip Details:

- Each trip will cost \$300 – \$350.00; this covers meals at the site, transportation, housing and some extracurricular activities.
- Free time is scheduled for participants to sightsee and relax on all ASB experiences. We suggest bringing along a little extra spending cash.
- Students must provide bedding (sheets, pillows, and blankets), toiletries, and towels.
- ASB experiences are drug and alcohol free at ALL times. This includes evening hours and/or free time regardless of age.

**Have questions about ASB 2017? Please contact Laura Foster in the
Center for Career & Civic Engagement at fosterl@winthrop.edu or by phone at (803) 323-2141.
Please feel free to drop by Crawford with any questions.**

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Please return to Laura Foster in Career and Civic Engagement in the Crawford Building.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Cell Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Student WU Number _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Local Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Class Year: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior Graduate

Major/Minor: _____

Hometown: _____

T-shirt size: Small Medium Large XL XXL

Have you participated in ASB before? Yes No

 If yes, what year? 2013 2014 2015 2016

 If no, have you applied for ASB before? Yes No

If applicable, please list any special needs: _____

If applicable, please list any allergies: _____

Please rank your ASB trip preference, with 1 for your first choice and 3 for your last choice. If there is a trip that you are *unwilling to attend*, please mark an X in front of the trip.

_____ **Chattanooga , TN Environmental (3/12 – 3/18) cost \$350.00**

_____ **Savannah, GA. - Food insecurity and poverty (3/12 – 3/18) cost \$300.00**

_____ **Pulaski, Virginia – Diverse spectrum of services (3/12 – 3/17) cost \$300.00**

Please answer the following questions in essay form. Answers should total no more than 2 pages double spaced.

1. What motivates you to participate in an Alternative Spring Break Trip?
2. How do you see yourself or your skill-set contributing to the group and to the community that you will serve?
3. Please list any leadership and service activities you have been involved with at Winthrop University and/or elsewhere. Choose one of these activities and explain how it impacted your life.

Please sign below to verify that, if accepted, you intend to take part in ASB 2017 the week of March 12-18, 2017. By signing, you agree to participate in all pre-departure meetings, pay an initial 75.00 deposit, and abstain from the use of drugs and alcohol while participating in ASB. By signing, you also accept that if you cancel after being accepted, you will not receive a refund or partial refund of payments made. **The balance must be paid in full by February 17, 2017.**

Signature

Date

Application deadline: October 21, 2016

Selection process (may include interviews) will be completed during the first week of November.

Deposit of \$75.00 /\$85.00 due on or before November 18, 2016

Second Payment \$75.00 / \$85.00 due on or before December 2, 2016

Third Payment of \$75.00 /\$85.00 due on or before January 13, 2017

Balance Due of \$75.00 / \$95.00 on or before February 17, 2017

Payments are nonrefundable and must be paid on time to guarantee a spot on a trip. Fundraising activities are encouraged. Any fundraising activities must be approved. Participation in fundraising by trip participants will be applied to their personal balance and deducted from cost of trip.