

Keene State College

2011 Alternative Spring Break Participant Application

ASB Service Trip Dates: Friday, March 11th - Sunday, March 20th

Thank you for your interest in the Alternative Spring Break Program! The ASB program provides a significant leadership opportunity and a memorable learning experience for all involved. The program exposes students to complex social and cultural issues through direct service, experiential learning, discussion and reflection. The program allows students to apply classroom learning to real world topics.

A maximum of twelve participants are admitted to each trip. Strong applicants who are not admitted to their first choice trip will be placed on the next open trip, space permitting. This application is the most important part of the selection process, so include thoughtful reflective responses. We are as objective as we possibly can be in the selection process. Description for all sites can be found within the following pages of this application. Please rank all of the sites you are interested in participating in. Please include a **\$50 check or money order payable to Keene State College** with your application to reserve your spot. If you are NOT selected for a service trip your \$50.00 deposit will be returned to you.

Please note that only one **Student Teacher trip will be offered**. Preference for the trip is given to students who are student teaching Spring semester. The dates for the student teacher trip are Friday, February 18th through Sunday, February 27th.

Applications are due **Friday, November 19th 2010**. Students will be notified of their trip placement by email on **Tuesday, November 23rd**. The Alternative Spring Break program is a drug and alcohol free program. All participants must be in good standing with the College. Trip participants will be required to pay \$450.00 or \$600.00 per person depending on the destination. This price includes travel, lodging, meals, gas and fees for the entire trip. We will not be asking students to send out family and friend appeal letters this year on behalf of the ASB program. Appeal letters will be given to students directly to send out on an individual basis. Any money collected will go directly to the student.

Please note that reservations for trip expenditures are made in advance. When you commit to the trip student fee money is used to reserve your lodging, transportation and participant host site fees. **Therefore, there are no refunds.**

Please keep the Important Dates part of the application for your records. Due to the amount of planning involved, all meetings are **mandatory**. Failure to attend meetings will result in losing your spot on the service trip.

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Due Date: Friday, November 19th by 4:30 p.m.
L.P. Young Student Center, Community Service Office
229 Main Street Keene, NH 03435-3003
Phone: 802-373-7662
Email: lblankemeyer@ksc.mailcruiser.com

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Student ID #: _____

Campus Address: _____ Mail Stop: _____

Permanent Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: Home: _____ Cell: _____

Email: _____

Major (s): _____

Previous ASB Trips: _____

Have you taken the Defensive Driving Class? _____ T-Shirt Size: _____

Expected Graduation month/yr: _____ Date of Birth mm/dd/yy: _____

“A different world cannot be built by indifferent people” – Horace Mann

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please respond to all of the following questions on a separate sheet of paper.

1. Why would you like to participate in an Alternative Spring Break experience?
2. What do you expect to learn from your Alternative Spring Break experience?
3. Describe what you imagine to be your biggest challenge or concern while you are on the ASB service trip.
4. List and briefly describe your service experiences. Include any past ASB involvement.
5. What do you consider your greatest strength and one area for growth?
6. What do you hope to contribute to the community and also learn by going on this service trip?
7. Will participating in the Alternative Spring Break program relate either to your major or to courses you have taken at Keene State College? If so, please explain.

2011 Alternative Spring Break Service Sites

Please rank the sites according to your interest (1-8) 1=first choice, 8=last choice.

_____ **The International Institute/ Saint Louis United Way/ Refugee Resettlement**

St. Louis, Missouri **\$450.00**

<http://www.iistl.org/index.html>

Team Leaders: Callahan Connors and Zach Clark

_____ **Everglades National Park & Biscayne National Park/Environmental**

Florida City, Florida **\$450.00**

<http://www.evergladeshostel.com/>

Team Leaders: Brooke Wheeler and Emily Montplaisir

_____ **Freedom Foundation**

Selma, Alabama **\$450.00**

www.freedomfoundation.org

Team Leaders: Michelle Corf and Laura Beisswanger

_____ **Habitat for Humanity/ Collegiate Challenge/Affordable Housing**

Sea Island, South Carolina **\$450.00**

<http://seaislandhabitat.org/>

Team Leaders: Lara Briscoe and Chelsey Rothermel

_____ **Essential to Life/ At-Risk Youth/ Shelter Work**

Atlanta, Georgia **\$450.00**

<http://www.e2online.com/>

Team Leaders: Alyssa Tremblay and Lauren Heiser

_____ **Literacy for Environmental Justice/ Environmental**

San Francisco, California **\$600.00**

<http://www.lejyouth.org/programs/pgm.html>

Team Leaders: Zach Beaver and Janine Lesclinier

_____ **Plateau Restoration/Environmental**

Mohab, Utah **\$600.00**

<http://www.plateaurestoration.org/>

Team Leaders: Sarah Smallwood and Joey Mintel

_____ **United Saints/Rebuilding New Orleans**

New Orleans, Louisiana **\$450.00**

<http://www.unitedsaints.org/>

Team Leaders: Nate Brattan and Joe Robinson

STUDENT TEACHER TRIP (Friday, February 18th – Sunday, February 27th)

_____ **Essential to Life/ At-Risk Youth/ Shelter Work**

Atlanta, Georgia **\$450.00**

<http://www.e2online.com/>

Team Leader: Lisa Blankemeyer

ASB Mandatory Meeting Dates and Times

November

Friday, November 19th – ASB participant applications due with **\$50.00 application deposit**

Tuesday, November 23rd, 2010 – Teams are announced. (Via e-mail)

December

Sunday, December 5th, 2010-ASB Team Meetings- *Leaders will provide time and location*

Monday, December 6th, 2010- **\$200 ASB payment due**, bring to Deb Edwards (3rd floor S.C.)

January

Monday, January 24th, 2011 - **\$200 ASB payment due**, bring to Deb Edwards (3rd floor S.C.)

Sunday, January 30th, 2011 - ASB Team Meetings

February

Monday, February 14th, 2011 - **\$150 ASB payment due (if applicable)**, bring to Deb Edwards (3rd floor S.C.)

Friday, February, 18th – Sunday, February 27th Student Teacher Trip Dates

Sunday, February 20th, 2011 – ASB Team Meetings

March

Sunday, March 6th, 2011 – ASB Team Meetings

Friday, March 11th - Sunday, March 20th - ASB Service Trip Dates

April

Sunday, April 3rd, 2011 – ASB Teams Dinner at 7:00 p.m. Mabel Brown Room