

UDM Alternative Spring Break



"It will change the way you see the world"

March 6th –March 13th 2010

Application

(Please print neatly or type.)

FULL LEGAL NAME _____

(AS IT APPEARS ON YOUR TRAVELING DOCUMENTS- BIRTH CERTIFICATE or
PASSPORT or DRIVERS LICENSE)

****It is important that your name is spelled correctly! If you will be flying, this name will be used when purchasing your airline ticket. You will be charged a fee if the name needs to be changed because of an incorrect spelling on this sheet. These are the rules of the airline.****

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Citizenship: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

(for phone & email put the ones you use the most)

Birth Date: _____ Major: _____ Class Level: _____

T-Shirt size: _____

Statement of Purpose

We are asking that you write a statement about why you are applying for ASB by using the questions below to guide you. ***Minimum of one page typed -- Due w/ application.***

1. Please tell us about previous volunteer work/service learning that you have done and how this influenced you to become a part of ASB.
2. Why are you choosing to participate in Alternative Spring Break Experience?
3. What particular site or issue is your first choice and why does it interest you? *(see site list on back)*
4. Name three goals that you have set for your Alternative Spring Break experience.
5. What strengths and weaknesses will you bring to ASB?

Please answer the questions as thoroughly as possible, as they will help us to understand the strengths, weaknesses, goals, and needs of each participant.

Application Interview: When you turn in your application you will schedule a meeting with two of the University Ministry Staff to go over your Statement of Purpose and Fundraising requirements. This will also be a time to ask questions or voice concerns you may have.

Sites for Spring Break 2010

South Carolina – Poverty Housing

For the 10th year, United Methodist Relief Center will have a house that needs repair in Mt. Pleasant SC.

El Paso/Juarez- Border Issues

This trip is an immersion experience with deeper look into the reality of immigration on the border hosted by Casa Puente working with Las Americas (advocacy) and Annunciation House, an immigrant shelter.

Cincinnati – Urban Poverty

Franciscans for the Poor are involved with soup kitchens and neighborhood centers mostly in inner city Cincinnati. The week will be spent working at those agencies and organizations in service to the poor.

Gulf Coast-- Rebuilding Effort

We will go to work with Habitat for Humanity's Collegiate Challenge assisting with rebuilding communities in the Gulf Coast that is still badly needed nearly five years after Hurricane Katrina.

Sacramento- Hunger & Homelessness

Loaves and Fishes, a Mercy led organization caring for the homeless population in Sacramento, will host our group. The week will be spent working and getting to know the men and woman at Loaves & Fishes.

West Virginia – Rural Poverty/Environmental Sustainability

Nazareth Farm works with their neighbors in rural communities providing support for the elderly and assistance in home repair. The Ignatian Family Teach-in on Environmental Justice at Wheeling Jesuit will be a stop on the way to learn about mountain top removal and other issues affecting Appalachia.

Site preferences: (you may not get your first choice.)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

For All returning participants we encourage you to think about going to a place you have not been or an issue you have not considered. ASB is not about where you go but how you are being a man or woman for others in compassionate service to those in need.

UDM Liability Release and Waiver

This is a legally binding Release made by _____ ("Participant") to the **University of Detroit Mercy** ("UDM"). The term, "Undersigned" refers to Participant.

The Undersigned fully recognizes that there are dangers and risks to which Participant may be exposed by participating in the University Ministry sponsored program, (hereinafter "Program") as described as follows:

Name of Program: Alternative Spring Break
Program Dates: March 6-12, 2010
Program site:
Transportation to Program:

The Undersigned has signed this "Release and Waiver" in full recognition and appreciation of the dangers, hazards, and risks of said Program, which dangers include, but are not limited to: physical injuries (minimal, serious, or catastrophic) and/or property loss or damage. The Undersigned understands that the University of Detroit Mercy does not require Participant to participate in this Program, but the Participant desires to do so, despite the possible dangers and risks and despite this Release. The Undersigned submits that Participant is physically able to participate in this Program.

The Participant grants UDM permission to administer first aid to and/or obtain emergency medical treatment for Participant in the event of an emergency. The Undersigned agrees to pay for any/all costs of such treatment.

The Undersigned therefore agrees to assume and take on all the risks and responsibilities in any way associated with Program. In consideration of, and in return for, services, facilities, and other assistance provided to Participant by UDM in this Program, the Undersigned releases UDM (and its Board of Trustees, employees, and agents) from any and all liability, claims and actions that may arise from injury or harm to Participant, up to and including death, or from damage or loss of property in connection with Program. The Undersigned understands that this Release covers liability, claims, and actions caused entirely or in part by any acts or failures to act of UDM (or its Board of Trustees, employees, and agents), including but not limited to negligence, mistake, or failure to supervise by UDM.

The Undersigned recognizes that this Release means that the Participant is giving up, among other things, rights to sue University of Detroit Mercy, its Board of Trustees, employees, and agents for injuries, damages or losses incurred. The Undersigned also understands that this Release binds Participant and his/her heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns. The Undersigned has read this entire Release, fully understands it and agrees to be legally bound by it.

Participant's Signature

Date

Photo Release

I, _____, hereby grant to the Alternative Spring Break Program (ASB), University Ministry, the University of Detroit Mercy (UDM) and its legal representatives and assigns, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to use and publish photographs and/or still video of me, or in which I may be included, for: advertising, web and any other purpose and in any manner and medium to alter the same without restriction; and to copyright the same. I hereby release the ASB, University Ministry, UDM and its legal representatives and assigns from all claims and liability relating to said photographs and/or still video.

Participant's Signature

Date

POLICIES AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

*Thank you for choosing to participate in ASB. The Alternative Spring Break Program is coordinated by University Ministry. We hope that it will be an exciting and rewarding experience for each of you. While you are taking thoughtful and meaningful action towards the resolution of important social issues, our hope is that each of you brings your commitment to community service and social change back to the UDM campus and incorporate it into your daily lives. **Participants in ASB are representatives of the University of Detroit Mercy and its Mission and are expected to behave as such.***

SIGN-UPS: October 5, 2009 to February 6, 2010.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICIES: All participants agree to abide by the University's alcohol and drug policies (see Student Handbook p. 128.) http://www.udmercy.edu/slo/student-handbook/pdf-handbook/UDM_StudentHandbook09_10.pdf

ORIENTATION: Students must be present for pre-break orientation meetings. In addition to conveying important practical information, the orientations begin building community even before the trip itself. Post-trip wrap-up meetings are important because they allow us to deepen and share the impact of the experience.

Each participant must sign a **LIABILITY WAIVER** and **HEALTH & EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FORM** before Spring Break begins.

PAYMENT INFO

STUDENT FEE: Total student fee is **\$250.00**, and covers transportation, lodging, and most meals. Each participant is required to submit a non-refundable deposit of **\$150.00** with their Application.

ASB reserves the right to raise the price of trips that involve air travel due to unpredictable increases by the airlines in ticket taxes, fuel surcharges, etc. Every attempt will be made to make up such unexpected increases through fundraising.

SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE: Those students who feel they cannot afford the entire \$250 fee may request a partial scholarship. The request must be submitted in writing with the Application; the request must include a statement of how much the participant is able to contribute. Student will be notified of the amount of scholarship awarded.

FUNDRAISING: All students **must** participate in fundraising, and will receive a fundraising packet at their application interview. Why? Because the \$250 student fee does not cover the total costs, which average over \$600 per person; the difference (\$350+) must be covered by donations. Money collected through student fundraising goes toward the general fund, not to individual students. Students are welcome to suggest fundraising activities.

DONATIONS: The deadline for student-solicited donations is February 25, 2009. Donors may send the money to University Ministry. **Checks should be payable to "University of Detroit**

Mercy – ASB,” and are tax-deductible. A written acknowledgement for tax purposes will be mailed to the donor.

LATE REGISTRATIONS: Students who register **AFTER** *February 6, 2010*, will be required to pay a higher fee, since they will not have participated in fundraising.

REFUNDS: Students who drop out *before February 12, 2010*, will receive a refund of any fee paid, excluding the non-refundable deposit. ASB participants who drop out *on or after February 12, 2010*, will receive **NO REFUND**. Those whose plane ticket has already been purchased will be able to retain the ticket for future use, and of course will be responsible for any change fees they may incur.

CANCELLATIONS: ASB reserves the right to cancel a trip due to travel advisories, the closing of a host agency, low enrollment, or other situations that would create an unsafe break experience. Should this happen, participants will be given the opportunity to move to another trip or receive a refund.

Payment Information Summary

1. **\$150.00** non-refundable deposit is due with Application.
(payable by cash, or by check payable to “University of Detroit Mercy-ASB”)
2. Letter to request a *partial scholarship* is due with Application.
3. Final Payment of **\$100.00** is due by February 1, 2010.

The facts and policies contained in this packet are meant to keep participants updated and informed. When you, as a participant, sign the application form, you recognize these policies and agree to uphold the policies of UDM’s Alternative Spring Break.