2015 Alternative Spring Break Application
March 14-21, 2015

Application Due: January 30, 2015 by 5:00 p.m.
Please turn your application in to the Office of Community Outreach and Leadership Development in FSC 117 or by email to leadership@drury.edu, along with a photo copy of your health insurance card.

Trip Options:
Trip Option #1: Urban Perspective (LGBT issues, poverty, health, environment, etc) in Chicago, IL
Trip Option #2: Environment & Rebuilding in New Orleans, LA

Fee: $50
The fee must be paid by cash or check and is due by the first meeting on Friday, February 13 at 8:00pm. This fee includes food while on site, t-shirt, transportation, accommodation, and free time activities. Students are responsible for food during the travel days (two days). Checks should be made out to Drury University with Alternative Spring Break Trip in the memo line. Limited financial assistance is available for those who would like to attend but cannot afford the fee. For information regarding financial assistance, email leadership@drury.edu. The majority of this trip is funded by SGA.

Free Time Activities:
There will be time set aside during each trip for free time, during which participants will be able to explore the surrounding community. Participants will help pick these activities, which are funded by SGA.

Participant Eligibility:
You must be a full-time, day school, undergraduate student in good academic standing, and have health insurance. Students without health insurance may not attend this trip. For more information about health insurance coverage options for Drury students please visit the Dean of Students Office in FSC 201.

Engaged Learning Credit:
Both trips can fulfill an Engaged Learning graduation requirement if participants complete the required paperwork after attending the trip.

Selections Announced:
A diverse committee are responsible for selecting trip participants using a standardized scoring rubric. Participants will be announced by 5:00pm on Friday, February 6. All applicants will receive an email informing them of the result. Interviews may be required.

Mandatory Meetings:
The first mandatory meeting will be February 13 at 8:00pm. Location is TBA. The second mandatory meeting will be March 6 at 8:00pm. Location is TBA.

Fundraising:
We will have at least one fundraising event to help raise money for this trip. Trip participants will be responsible for developing and implementing the event(s).

Withdrawal from Trip: All participants who decline to attend this trip must do so by the first mandatory meeting on February 13. Withdrawal from the trip after February 13 results in no refund of the trip fee.

If you have any questions about this trip, contact:
The Office of Community Outreach and Leadership Development
FSC 117 | 417-873-6803 | leadership@drury.edu
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The mission of the Drury Alternative Break Program is to encourage an increased understanding of social and environmental issues by engaging students in service while creating opportunities for development of leadership and active citizenship skills.

Participation in the Alternative Break Program often includes utilizing sleeping bags, sleeping on floors, showering at the YMCA, interaction with populations and cultures that differ from your own, and living in a way that you may be unaccustomed to. Proceeding with the following questions confirms that you understand and are comfortable with the aforementioned aspects of the trip.

In order to help our office understand your commitment, please answer the following questions as they relate to the Alternative Break Program. Interviews may be required. You must answer all questions in order to be considered for the program. If you do not feel comfortable answering a question, please provide a reason as to why in order to still be considered.

Name:
Drury ID:
Phone Number:
Drury Email Address:

Class (please circle one): [ ] Freshman [ ] Sophomore [ ] Junior [ ] Senior [ ] Other

T-shirt size (please circle one): [ ] S [ ] M [ ] L [ ] XL [ ] XXL [ ] Other: __________

Trip Options (please circle one):
[ ] Chicago: Urban Perspective [ ] New Orleans: Environment & Rebuilding [ ] Either

Have you participated in the Drury Alternative Break Program before? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Are you in good academic standing (meaning you are not restricted from registration due to failing grades)? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Do you currently have active and valid health insurance? [ ] Yes [ ] No

Can you commit to attending the mandatory meetings listed on the information sheet? [ ] Yes [ ] No

If you are not chosen as a participant for your preferred trip, are you willing to attend the other trip? Please explain your answer.

[ ] Yes [ ] No

Please explain:
Please type your responses to the following questions on a separate piece of paper.

1. If chosen, what impact do you believe you will have on the group?
2. Why do you wish to spend your spring break on a Drury Alternative Break trip?
3. What do you hope to gain from this trip?
4. Why is community service important to society and to you personally?
5. Have you performed community service within the last two years? Please describe.
6. What are three talents, skills, or personal strengths you have that can help us complete our service project or enhance the group dynamic?
7. Give an example of a challenge you faced and how you met it.

Thank you for your interest in attending this year’s Alternative Spring Break trips!

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