

Winter Service Week 2010

Information Sheet

Winter Service Week is an opportunity to work and learn in communities in the Bronx, Manhattan, Brooklyn, New Orleans, and Appalachia. This will be the ninth year of Winter Service Week at Canisius College. Campus Ministry will be going to three different locations to do service. *Each of these sites has different arrival and departure dates.* Please pay close attention to their descriptions and dates!

New York City (45-60 people will work at 12 to 14 different sites)

Saturday, January 9-Saturday, January 16, 2010

Participant cost: approximately \$200 (Transportation to NYC, local transportation, and a \$25 fee toward food)
The price depends on where you are traveling from and how you choose to get to NYC (bus, plane, train).

- Currently, roundtrip prices from Buffalo to NYC are the following:
 - Flights (Continental and Jet Blue): \$180
 - Greyhound buses: \$88
 - Amtrak: \$110
 - Another option would be to look at www.megabus.com for transportation between Buffalo and NYC.

Campus Ministry will take care of housing and most food.

In New York, participants will be assigned to work in a service agency of some sort (shelter, food program, hospital, nursing home, school, etc.). Participants will live together at a variety of living sites in NYC, sometimes in religious communities and sometimes in the homes of people. In a few cases, participants will have to bring sleeping bags. On the weekends there will be some limited time for folks to tour NYC and to work in a large urban soup kitchen.

New Orleans (12 open places)

Friday, January 8-Friday, January 15, 2010

Participant cost: approximately \$325

(Transportation to New Orleans plus a \$100 fee for transportation, food, and tours)

Campus Ministry will take care of local transportation, housing, and most food. Student participants would be asked to cover 1-2 meals on their own.

Operation Helping Hands brings volunteers from across the country together to help elderly, disabled, or uninsured victims of Hurricane Katrina. The flooding in the aftermath of the hurricane severely damaged as many as 200,000 homes in the Greater New Orleans area. The first phase of the project was comprised of gutting homes. Catholic Charities volunteers have gutted more than 1,915 homes. Recently, Operation Helping Hands moved into the rebuilding phase. Participants in Winter Service Week will be working with Operation Helping Hands doing interior work to rebuild the homes of New Orleans. Evening activities will include a visit to the French Quarter, beignets and café au lait at Café Dumond, a tour of the damage done by Katrina, and an evening of jazz at the historic Preservation Hall.

Nazareth Farm (6 open places)

Sunday, January 3-Saturday, January 9, 2010

Participant cost: \$225 per person (Nazareth Farm fee and transportation)

Campus Ministry will take care of transportation costs.

The full time community of Nazareth Farm and the community of short-term volunteers, together form a community rooted in the Gospels and Social Teachings of the Church by sharing morning and evening prayer, meals, work, service and outreach. Nazareth Farm is devoted to developing relationships and eliminating sub-standard housing through home repair in rural West Virginia. The community of Nazareth Farm lives in and serves the people of Doddridge County. Nazareth Farm is rooted in the four cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, service and community.

*The Erie Benedictine Site has been cancelled due to circumstances beyond our control.

Winter Service Week 2010 Timeline:

If you have questions, come to an information session on **Monday, October 5 at 9pm** in the Chapel's Undercroft or on **Tuesday, October 6 at 5pm** in OM 219. Each session will last approximately 20 minutes.

Friday, October 9: All applications are due by 5pm in Campus Ministry (OM 207).

Criteria for Acceptance:

- Proper motivation and interest.
- Willingness to commit to and live the four cornerstones of simple living, community, prayer & reflection, and social justice.
- Lives by the Canisius College Community Standards.
- Priority will be given to juniors, seniors, and those who have not gone on a Campus Ministry service trip.

October 19: Applicants are informed of their acceptance.

At that time, accepted applicants going to NYC will be asked to come to an informational meeting and to indicate their work placement preference. (There is no guarantee that everyone can work at their first choice but we will try to place people as best we can).

Accepted applicants going to New Orleans and Nazareth Farm will have separate meetings to go over trip details.

Friday, October 23: All participants on all trips are asked to put a \$25 deposit down to hold their spots. Money is due by 5pm in Campus Ministry (OM 207).

By Friday, November 6: Accepted applicants going to NYC or New Orleans have purchased their plane ticket or other reliable means of transportation and are asked to turn in a copy to Campus Ministry (OM 207). Students going to Nazareth Farm are asked to turn in the remaining \$200. Students going to New Orleans are asked to turn in the remaining \$75 of their fee.

Mid November: NYC participants are informed of their placements. Individual site meetings for NYC, Nazareth Farm, and New Orleans begin to take place.

Early December: Final meetings take place for all sites to go over the details and prepare for the experience!

January 3-9, 2010: Nazareth Farm WSW

January 8-15, 2010: New Orleans WSW

January 9-16, 2010: New York City WSW

Please make no travel arrangements
until you are accepted to Winter Service Week!

If the expenses of the trip are a problem, please pick up a blue WSW financial aid application in Campus Ministry. Financial aid applications are due along with your WSW application. If you have any questions about aid, please direct them to Father Bucki or Sarah Signorino.

Questions: Stop at Campus Ministry (OM 207) or call 888-2420. See Father Bucki or Sarah Signorino.

Winter Service Week 2010 Application

Please read the info sheet before completing this application.

Applications are due by Friday, October 9 by 5pm in Campus Ministry (OM 207)

I am applying to attend: Nazareth Farm New York City New Orleans (please circle one)

**If there was a site during the week of December 13-19, would you be interested? Yes No (please circle one)

Name: _____ ID#: _____

Graduation Year: '10 '11 '12 '13 grad (circle) Gender: M F (circle) Age on January 3, 2010: _____

Local address: _____

Permanent address: _____

Local phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Will you need scholarship help to go on this trip? Yes No (Please circle one)

We have limited funds to assist with scholarships. If you think you need assistance, please fill out the blue WSW financial aid form in Campus Ministry. The financial aid form is due along with your application.

Please provide us with a *typed* response to the following questions on a separate sheet:

- Winter Service Week (WSW) is based on the four cornerstones of social justice, reflection, community, and simple living. Please describe how you will enter into these during the WSW experience.
- Have you participated in other service-oriented trips or projects at Canisius College or in high school? Please describe and list the dates for your service experiences.
- We will be going to NYC, New Orleans, and Nazareth Farm. Why do you feel called to go to the particular site you identified?
- Would you be open to going to a different site other than the one you selected above? If so, which one(s) would you be interested in and why?

For more information or to get your questions answered, please contact:
The Office of Campus Ministry (OM 207) at 716-888-2420 or campmin@canisius.edu.