



April 5-10, 2010

Some sites have varying dates

Application

Applications are due in Campus Ministry (OM 207) by Friday, December 4.

Name: _____

Local address: _____

Home/room phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email address: _____

Gender: M or F Graduation year: '10 '11 '12 '13 Grad

T-shirt size: _____

ID#: _____ Age you will be on April 5, 2010: _____

Academic major: _____

**Please rank your site placement choices. Note the different departure and return dates!
(Site descriptions are attached)**

_____ The Catholic Worker Farm in Spencer, WV (April 5-9/10, 2010) \$300

_____ Wheeling Ministries in Wheeling, WV (April 5-10, 2010) \$300

_____ Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, KY (April 5-10, 2010) \$300

_____ Benedictine Community in Erie, PA (April 5-10, 2010) \$225

_____ Harper's Ferry National Parks Service in Knoxville, MD (April 5-10, 2010) \$225

_____ The Immigrant's Experience in Buffalo, NY (April 5-10, 2010) \$225

Please give a *typed* response to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:

1. Have you participated on other service-immersion trips or projects before? If so, please list them.
2. Why do you want to participate on this year's ASB trip?
3. Do you feel called to go to a particular site? If so, why?
4. If you are not placed for your first site choice, would you be open to traveling elsewhere? If so, please list and explain.
5. Please represent your personal philosophy on service in an imaginative way (visual, musical, written, etc). We want to get to know you and your creative thoughts on service.

****Please remember to fill out and sign the back of this application as well!****

Requirements for Alternative Spring Break

Please initial the following statements to signify that you have read and understand them.

MONEY

- _____ I understand that each participant is responsible for securing the full cost (\$225-\$300) of ASB.
- _____ I understand that, although Campus Ministry will help me fundraise this cost and that there is scholarship help available, ultimately I am responsible for the full cost of this trip.
- _____ I understand that there is a \$40 deposit due on Friday, January 22. Failing to pay this symbolically says that I am not committed to this trip and threatens my ability to continue on this team.
- _____ I understand that if I am struggling to raise money and need scholarship help, it is my responsibility to be pro-active and approach Sarah to learn about my options. My silence threatens my chances of receiving scholarship help.
- _____ I understand that all money turned in to Campus Ministry is **non-refundable**.

PREPARATION

- _____ I understand that if selected, I am **required** to attend the following preparatory meetings:
Mark your calendars!!!
- Choose ONE: Introductory meeting on either Wednesday, January 20 at 9pm OR Thursday, January 21 at 5pm. Both meetings will be held in the Undercroft (basement) of Christ the King Chapel.
 - Sunday, February 7 from 8:30am-1pm (2 shifts) in Grupp: ASB Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.
 - February: Individual site meeting: determined by site leaders.
 - Sunday, March 21 at 8-10:30pm in the Undercroft: All-participant meeting and mass blessing.
 - Saturday, March 27: 8:45am-3pm: All-participant Buffalo Plunge.

_____ I understand that if I fail to participate in the preparation process leading up to this trip, I may be dismissed from my team by Campus Ministry and none of my fundraising money will be refunded.

COVENANT OF PARTICIPATION

- _____ I will not seek to bring my ways, my food, my language or my mentality to the people I encounter, but rather seek to experience the richness of what is theirs.
- _____ I will cultivate a positive outlook, realizing that cultural conditions may be more harsh and less comfortable than those I am used to at home.
- _____ I will be open and honest with other community members and willing to share part of my life with them.
- _____ I will take part in the team's activities, including meetings before we arrive, while we are there, and when we return.
- _____ I will share my experiences, both good and bad, during regular reflection sessions.
- _____ I will not make decisions that affect the group or the program independently of the team leaders.

Placing your name after this statement indicates that you have read, understood,
and agreed to abide by all of the above.

Name:

Date:

About the trip:

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip is the longest running service-immersion program at Canisius. Campus Ministry has offered this unique alternative to a traditional spring break for 19 years. In the spring of 2009, 55 Canisius students and staff members traveled to sites in rural Appalachia located in Kentucky and West Virginia. A group of students also traveled to the Benedictine Community in Erie, PA and to an Ignatian Family Teach-in on Immigration in D.C.

This year, ASB participants will be traveling throughout Appalachia, Buffalo, and to Erie, PA to spend one week doing a variety of service work including home repair and construction, tutoring, working with the elderly, learning about and educating for immigration, and trail construction. Read the attached site description form to get a better idea of what individual sites will offer for service and accommodations.

ASB is based on four cornerstones: community, simplicity, reflection, and social justice. ASB participants will go through a variety of pre and post-trip meetings to learn more about the regions in which they will be working. On-site accommodations and food will be simple. Reflection and prayer will be part of the daily routine during the preparation process and trip.

Criteria for acceptance:

- Commitment to the four trip cornerstones: community, social justice, reflection, and simple living.
- Participation in all preparatory meetings as listed below.
- Students going on an international service-immersion trip and who are interested in attending ASB, will need to set up a meeting with Lu Firestone and Sarah Signorino to discuss the practicality of doing both trips.

Trip cost:

- Each participant is responsible for securing a total of \$225 or \$300 (depending on site location).
- Participants will participate in a variety of fundraising activities such as letter writing, t-shirt sale, and pancake breakfast.

Timeline:

- Friday, December 4: ASB applications are due in Campus Ministry (OM 207).
- Monday, December 7: Students are notified of their acceptance.
- Tuesday, December 8 from 4:30-5:30pm: Cookies and cocoa in OM 219.
- Choose ONE: Introductory meeting on either Wednesday, January 20 at 9pm OR Thursday, January 21 at 5pm. Both meetings will be held in the Undercroft (basement) of Christ the King Chapel.
- Friday, January 22: \$40 deposit is due by 5pm to Campus Ministry (OM 207).
- Sunday, February 7 from 8:30am-1pm in Grupp: ASB Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.
- February: Individual site meeting: determined by site leader.
- Friday, February 26: \$125 (\$165 total including deposit) is due by 5pm to Campus Ministry.
- Friday, March 19: All money is due (\$225 or \$300 total) by 5pm to Campus Ministry.
- Sunday, March 21 at 8pm in the Undercroft: All-participant meeting and mass blessing.
- Saturday, March 27: 8:45am-3pm: Buffalo Plunge.

Questions can be directed to:

- Campus Minister Sarah Signorino (OM 215), 716-888-2424 or signoris@canisius.edu
- The Office of Campus Ministry (OM 207), 716-888-2420 or campmin@canisius.edu
- Any of the leadership team:
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 - John Ewell (ewellj@canisius.edu)
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Alternative Spring Break 2010 Site Descriptions

WHEELING MINISTRIES Wheeling, WV *April 5-10, 2010* **\$300**

(Web: <http://www.laughlinchapel.org/>)

Participants will be living simply at the Laughlin Chapel in Wheeling, WV. During the day we will be serving the poor by working on home repair and construction projects. In afternoons, the team will be working at Laughlin Chapel with the after school program. Additional work may be available with different ministries in the Wheeling area.

THE CATHOLIC WORKER HOUSE Spencer, WV *April 5-9/10, 2010* **\$300**

(Web: <http://www.giftoftears.com/service.html>)

The Catholic Worker's unique service-immersion experience focuses on simple living, a field trip to coal country, social analysis, evening reflections, and a ropes course. You will be experiencing Catholic social teaching first hand. Participants will be staying in a rustic log house, conserving natural resources, working on projects around the farm, learning about Catholic social teaching, and experiencing true Appalachian culture. The Catholic Worker experiences includes some direct service but mainly focuses on learning about the environmental impact of coal mining, the causes of poverty in Appalachia, and the importance of reducing our carbon footprints.

GLENMARY FARM Vanceburg, KY *April 5-10, 2010* **\$300**

(Web: <http://www.glenmary.org/farm/default.htm>)

The Glenmary Farm gives participants a firsthand experience of missionary service. Each week-long session is a retreat-like mission immersion blending the values of service, culture, prayer, reflection, and sharing in an environment of simple living. Volunteers come not only to serve, but also to learn about the rich culture and traditions present in this Appalachian region. It aims to broaden volunteers' understanding of the causes of poverty, oppression and injustice—and how their life choices can impact these issues. Volunteers are divided into small work units for the week. The teams go into the county to work sites including a nursing home, a rummage store, a daycare center for developmentally disabled adults, and building and renovating housing for the poor.

BENEDICTINE COMMUNITY Erie, PA *April 5-10, 2010* **\$225**

(Web: <http://eriebenedictines.org/Pages/GOODWORKS/goodworks.html>)

At the Benedictine Community in Erie, volunteers will serve in a variety of ministries both at the Mount with the community and in inner-city ministries that include recreation for disabled adults, a children's art house, children's day care, working with the elderly, serving at soup kitchens and more! Each day is a different experience working alongside the sisters from dawn to dusk. Participants will stay at the Benedictine monastery and live with the sisters and experience their life of daily prayer and fellowship. Evenings will be spent reflecting on justice, service, and what we can do to truly make a difference.

NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE AT HARPER'S FERRY Knoxville, MD *April 5-10, 2010* **\$225**

(Web: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/supportyourpark/community-service-projects.htm>)

Harper's Ferry is located by the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers in the states of West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. Participants will be staying in a historic volunteer house and working for the National Parks Service in Harper's Ferry. Participants will have the opportunity to learn more about the National Parks Service and the history behind Harper's Ferry. The service focuses on heavy labor for park upkeep and renovations. Past projects have included fence and trail construction.

THE IMMIGRANT'S EXPERIENCE Buffalo, NY *April 5-10, 2010* **\$225**

(Web: <http://www.harvesthouse.ws/> <http://www.vivelacasa.org/> <http://www.iibuff.org>)

The Canisius delegation will be staying at Harvest House in South Buffalo as they begin to experience and explore immigration in WNY. Buffalo is a port city for many migrants, immigrants, and refugees. Participants will spend the week learning about many of the refugee and immigrant services available in their community. These include Vive La Casa, International Institute, Journey's End, and a trip to the Batavia/Brockport area to visit migrant camps. This trip will not focus on direct service but instead give participants a working knowledge of the needs, services, and problems facing refugees, immigrants, and migrant workers in the Western New York area.