

Kansas State University

# Alternative Breaks Spring 2011



## We want YOU this Spring Break!

Alternative Breaks is an opportunity for K-State students to participate in a service experience that provides a hands-on learning experience and develops a student's sense of identity, community, and responsibility. Teams of 7-9 students will travel to communities throughout the country where they will work with local residents to address a pressing social issue, such as poverty or environmentalism. Volunteers will be exposed to a variety of geographic, economic, and cultural environments while gaining a new understanding of service and forming a lifelong commitment to citizenship.

## Sites for Spring Break 2011

Dallas TX - AIDS Service of Dallas  
New Orleans, LA - Katrina's Kids Project  
Chicago, IL - Boys and Girls Club  
Denver, CO - Florence Crittenton School  
Galveston, TX - One Mission Galveston  
Memphis, TN - St. Jude's Hospital  
Taos, NM - Shared Table & Stray Hearts



## How much does the program cost?

Regardless of destination, each participant will pay the same cost. Cost for trips are set at \$250. Participants will be given fundraising opportunities to further reduce the cost of their Alternative Breaks trip.

## Who can participate in Alternative Breaks?

Students from all majors looking for the opportunity to serve others over spring break are encouraged to apply. Participants should be hard working, adaptable, mature, flexible, and service oriented. Students interested must undergo an application and a group interview process.

**How do I apply?** Submit an application (available in the Leadership Studies Building or online at [ksu.edu/leadership/ABMN.html](http://ksu.edu/leadership/ABMN.html)) by Friday, **December 3rd, 2010**. Group interviews will be held shortly following the application deadline.



**For more information,  
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**Application deadline:**  
**Friday, December 3**

## Dallas TX-AIDS Service of Dallas

The mission of ASD is to create and strengthen healthy communities through the delivery of quality, affordable, service-enriched housing for individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS. ASD's mission includes advocacy, education, and the development of affordable housing options and community development opportunities, both for its residents living with HIV/AIDS, and for economically disadvantaged people. In the past, students have been involved in a variety of activities including landscaping the garden, organizing filing systems, and interacting with youth clientele.



## New Orleans, LA-Katrina's Kids Project

Students will be working with an organization called Katrina's Kids Project. Team members will get the opportunity to work directly with local children who have been affected by the hurricane. Children who suffer through the displacement and loss associated with disaster need ongoing support. They are less likely to finish high school, more likely to have problems with drugs and alcohol, and are in need of ongoing support that builds coping skills. The Katrina's Kids project brings volunteers to disaster impacted communities and works with schools, head start programs, and after school programs.



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## Chicago, IL-Boys and Girls Club

The mission of the Boys & Girls Club is to enable all young people, especially those who need help most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. Students will support regular staffers through facilitating activities and games with the kids as well as tutoring and working one on one with children at the club. Programs at the Roseland/Pullman Club vary from educational to character-building to just plain fun, and are geared toward providing children a safe, positive, and productive school year.



## Denver, CO-Florence Crittenton School

The Florence Crittenton School is an alternative school for pregnant and parenting teens. It is operated by Parent Pathways Inc, a not-for-profit agency whose mission is to help teen parents raise healthy families. Students will help plan an event called Miles for Moms Run/Walk. They will also assist in the Early Learning Center working directly with children. Additionally, many donated items need to be sorted and arranged, and help is needed to organize items within and outside the school grounds.



## Galveston, TX-One Mission Galveston

One Mission Galveston takes in thousands of volunteer groups (45 universities volunteered during last year's spring break season) and works to rebuild the city of Galveston after the devastation of

Hurricane Ike in 2008. Volunteers will work directly with other teams and leaders throughout the community. Projects will mostly include renovating both the interior and exterior of homes.

## Memphis, TN- St. Jude's Hospital

St. Jude Children's Research Hospital is America's second-largest health-care charity. With research and patient care under one roof, St. Jude is where some of today's most gifted researchers are able to do science more quickly. St. Jude is a place where many doctors send some of their sickest patients and toughest cases. Because this is the first time K-State students have volunteered in Memphis, details for volunteer work have not been finalized. Students volunteering in Memphis can expect to have the opportunity to help run daily events and projects for patients to participate in.



## Taos, NM - Shared Table & Stray Hearts

Shared Table and Stray Hearts are just two of several organizations in Taos, New Mexico that students will get to work with. Shared Table is a program run through the El Pueblito United Methodist Church. The program feeds meals to thousands of hungry in the Taos area. Stray Hearts is a local animal shelter that houses the many stray animals of the Taos area.

Not sure what site you're most interested in? No worries! All students will have the opportunity to re-preference sites during group interviews! Please direct any questions or concerns to the Alternative Breaks Student Coordinators at [altbreaks@ksu.edu](mailto:altbreaks@ksu.edu).