



# Rowan University Alternative Spring Break

*Student Application  
Due Tuesday, November 1, 2011*

## **Mission Statement**

The mission of the alternative spring break program is to promote service on local, regional, national and international levels through volunteer experiences that immerse students in different settings and cultures. Students visit communities where they perform short-term projects while learning about issues such as poverty, educational and cultural literacy, racism, hunger, the environment, homelessness and health related issues. These educational experiences are designed to heighten social awareness and promote lifelong social action and community involvement.

## **Role of the Participant**

Participating in an ASB trip is very rewarding; it also requires commitment and dedication from those involved. Participants are required to attend regular trip meetings, and service projects, where they will get to know their fellow trip members, become educated about their issue, and help plan their trip. After returning, they will also participate in post-winter break meetings, and scheduled service projects.

## **Trip Descriptions**

### ***Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration in Pensacola, Florida***

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Total Estimated Cost: \$250-\$300 plus airfare (Deposit: \$150)

Volunteers will work with Community Collaborations International ([www.communitycollaborations.org](http://www.communitycollaborations.org)) on a variety of environmental projects throughout the week.

Environmental projects are designed to build an understanding of coastal ecosystems and watersheds and how they are affected by man-made and natural disasters. Other community based projects are designed to serve families and individuals impacted economically.

*\*An extra cost will be added to this trip for airfare\**

### ***Katrina's Kids in New Orleans, Louisiana***

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Total Estimated Cost: \$250-\$300 plus airfare (Deposit: \$150)

Volunteers will be working with Head Start and Early Head Start centers operated by Total Community Action located in New Orleans providing direct service to pre-school children and support for the overall program. TCA operates Centers throughout the New Orleans area.

*\*An extra cost will be added to this trip for airfare\**

### ***The Carolina Tiger Rescue in Pittsboro, North Carolina***

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Total Estimated Cost: \$250-\$300 (Deposit: \$150)

The Carolina Tiger Rescue is a nonprofit wildlife sanctuary whose mission is saving and protecting wild cats in captivity and in the wild. Volunteers from the Carolina Tiger Rescue trip will be working with the organization to improve the animal habitats and raise awareness.

***Local Outreach in Glassboro & Camden, New Jersey***

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Total Estimated Cost: \$25-75 (Deposit: \$25)

Volunteers will immerse themselves in a variety of service opportunities throughout the South Jersey region. Projects will range from working with children to volunteering at the South Jersey Food Bank to working with special-needs adults to outdoor environmental projects.

*\*This trip is designed to run for half the week\**

**Important Dates**

- **September 30th**                      **Applications Available**
- **November 1st**                      **Applications due by 4pm**
- **November 18th**                      **Offer & Waitlist Letters Emailed**
- **December 7th**                      **Acceptance with Non-refundable Deposit Due**
- **December 12th**                      **Plane Ticket Purchase (if applicable)**
- **TBA**                                      **Pre-Trip Meetings**
- **March 2nd**                              **Final Payment Due (Unless Payment Plan is set)**
- **March 11th - March 17th**      **Spring Break**
- **TBA**                                      **Post-Trip Meetings / Service Project**

Please know that space on the Alternative Spring Break trips is limited. It is possible that not all applicants will be offered a space on the trip. Letters offering either a space on the trip or a space on the Wait List will be emailed on November 18th. The offer must be accepted and initial non-refundable deposit paid by December 7th. Failure to pay deposit by this date will result in the space being offered to another student.

\*If a payment plan is necessary, please contact Andrew Perrone (perrone@rowan.edu) in the Office of Service Learning, Volunteerism & Community Engagement (Chamberlain Student Center Suite 210)

**Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

Rowan University strives to provide reasonable accommodations for students. Please contact Andrew Perrone (perrone@rowan.edu) to discuss any needed accommodations.

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My signature below authorizes an official check of my university records to ensure that I am a full-time student in good academic and disciplinary standing. It also certifies that I have read, understood, and agreed to the terms and conditions stated in the application.

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(Applicant's Signature)

\_\_\_\_ By initialing here, I agree to allow the Office of Service Learning, Volunteerism & Community Engagement to use my ASB related pictures for professional activities unless I otherwise inform them in writing. (Pictures may be used on the internet for the ASB website)



## Spring Break 2012 Application

The Application deadline is November 1, 2011

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address:

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Rowan ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_ T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Spring Break Trips**

Please rank your trip choices from the following list of trips (1 being your top choice).

\_\_\_ Gulf Coast Restoration \_\_\_ Katrina's Kids \_\_\_ Tiger Rescue \_\_\_ Local Outreach

*Have you been on a short-term volunteer trip before? \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No If yes, where?*

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*Please list any clubs or organizations in which you are involved both on and off campus.*

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*Do you have any special skills or qualifications (Ex. CPR, First Aid, Bilingual)?*

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**Choose *one from each group* of the following essays. Keep each responses to one-page double-spaced.**

#### Group 1:

- How do you hope to grow from participating on an Alternative Spring Break trip and what change do you hope to bring about as a result of your involvement?
- Teamwork and group dynamics are an important part of an Alternative Spring Break. Please provide an example of successful teamwork you have experienced.

#### Group 2:

- If you could have one superpower, what power would you have and how could it help your ASB trip?
- If you ruled the world, how would it be different?