



Alternative SUMMER Break 2013 Application

Bear Mountain Trail Project- May 26- June 1

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Thank you for your interest in applying to participate in Buffalo State VSLC Alternative Break. The Alternative Break (AB) program aims to encourage active citizenship through volunteering and community change. This alcohol and drug-free event will provide opportunities to get to know fellow classmates and community members, and grow in leadership and teamwork skills. And, it's fun!

- AB Bear Mountain Trail Project has a total cost of \$125, which includes transportation, housing, meals, supplies, and recreational activities.
 - AB Bear Mountain Trail Project will be residential and will stay 6 nights off-campus.
 - Students will work on trail restoration and relocation on a section of the Appalachian Trail.

Information Session for AB will be:

- **Thursday, April 4** 12:30pm-1:30pm in Bacon 115

Important dates:

- **Tuesday, April 9-** Application is due with \$30 deposit (this will be applied to your total cost and is non-refundable unless trip is cancelled)
- **Tuesday, April 16-** Mandatory Orientation for participants in Bacon 217 from 12:30pm-1:30pm
- **Tuesday, April 23-** Final payment is due (\$95). Full or partial payments can be accepted any time before April 23, and the final payment is non-refundable. Payments must be in cash or check payable to "Buffalo State Volunteer and Service-Learning Center".

Please keep this page for your records.



Buffalo State Alternative SUMMER Break 2013 Participant Application

Name: _____

Gender: _____ Phone: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Circle One: FR SO JR SR Grad Student *Only Current students are able to participate.

Major: _____ Minor: _____

E-mail address you use most: _____

1. How did you find out about this Alternative Break program?(Please Circle)

FRIEND ADVERTISEMENT (flyers) MEDIA(website/Facebook)

MARKETING(sidewalk chalk) EMAIL OTHER: _____

2. What organization/volunteer activities have you been in or are involved in?

3. Are you currently under any campus disciplinary action for violation of the student code of conduct?

___ YES ___ NO * if yes, please explain:

4. AB is a full time commitment for the week of May 26-June 1, 2013. Are you available for the entire length of AB?

___ YES ___ NO * If no, please explain when you are not available:

Please respond to the following questions:

1-(no interest at all) 2-(least interested) 3-(neutral) 4-(somewhat interested) 5-(very interested)

1. How comfortable are you working with tools? (1- not comfortable, 5-very comfortable)

1 2 3 4 5

2. How interested are you in utilizing hand tools to de-duff tread surfaces (taking organic matter off)?

1 2 3 4 5

3. How interested are you in learning how to create crushed stone?

1 2 3 4 5

4. How interested are you in restoring old trails?

1 2 3 4 5

5. How interested are you in identifying invasive plant species and removing them?

1 2 3 4 5

6. **Other ideas or opinions about what experience you are looking for on the Bear Mountain Trail Project?**

Before turning in this application please read all the statements below carefully, consider them seriously, and sign to indicate your agreement. Thank you.

COMMITMENT

Being an AB participant requires time, energy, and commitment. By signing this statement I am agreeing to invest that time, energy, and commitment. I will attend all scheduled AB meeting and events.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

AB POLICIES

AB participants are required to follow all AB policies. For more information about Buffalo State policies, please refer to the Student Code of Conduct & Regulations at www.buffalostate.edu/academicaffairs/x625.xml and be aware that AB has a Zero Tolerance Alcohol & Drug Policy. I am agreeing to follow and uphold AB and Buffalo State policies. Dismissal will occur if policies are not adhered to by participants.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

PAYMENT POLICY

All participants of AB make payments to help cover most of the trip. The participant's fee is \$125 for Bean Mountain Trail Project and is due no later than Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Should I be accepted to AB, I agree to pay in full the amount according to the payment schedule.

Signature:_____ Date:_____

I have read all the above statements and have considered them seriously. I fully understand all the above statements, and agree to comply with them.

Signature:_____ Date:_____