

HWS Alternative Spring Break 2010 Application

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity to let **Compass** point you in the direction of a week of learning and engagement through serving a community “in need” during spring break. It is a beneficial and rewarding experience that not only allows you to make a difference in your own life but provides you with an opportunity to make a significant impact in the community that you serve. The trips are substance free. This year’s trips will be to Pocahontas State Park in Chesterfield, VA, Mariam Boyd Elementary School in Norlina, NC, Katrina Relief work in New Orleans, LA, home construction in a rural village in Nicaragua, river clean up in Cedar Rapids, Iowa or select a community partner to work with in Geneva.

Further descriptions are available on CCESL’s website http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/alternative_breaks.aspx

Please print or type your responses and return to The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning (2nd Floor Trinity Hall) by Nov. 1st for the Nicaragua trip OR December 1st for the other trips. Along with the information requested, please submit one written **letter of recommendation** from someone with whom you have worked in a leadership or service position—either on campus, in Geneva, or elsewhere. If it is more convenient, the letter of recommendation may be submitted via e-mail to serve@hws.edu or mailed to HWS Colleges, The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning, Trinity Hall, Geneva, NY 14456.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning at 781-3825 or serve@hws.edu.

Name _____ Age _____ Class Year _____ PO Box _____

Cell Phone _____ HWS Room Phone # _____ E-mail _____

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ HWS Van Driver? _____

Campus Residence for Spring Semester

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

Please rank your choices (1-5 or NA):

Norlina, NC _____

Iowa (Living Lands & Waters) _____

Chesterfield, VA _____

New Orleans, LA _____

Nicaragua (note early deadline) _____

Geneva, NY _____

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Please answer the following questions:

1. Do you have previous experience with service trips? If yes, please describe.
2. Please describe any training, skills, experience, or qualities that will be particularly useful to this trip.
3. In what ways would you contribute to the Alternative Spring Break Team?
4. The travel may be arduous, the accommodations less than luxurious. Please describe a situation when you had to be flexible, accommodating, and/or adaptable to make the most out of a challenging situation.

I will attend all pre-trip meetings and abide by the substance free rules of this trip.

(sign here): _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE:

Date Received _____ *Trip:* _____

Deposit _____ *Balance:* _____