

HWS Alternative Spring Break 2009 Application

Alternative Spring Break is an opportunity to let **Compass** point you in the direction of a week of learning and engagement with (usually) a community outside of the Geneva area for the week of our 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. It also gets you to somewhere at least marginally warmer than Geneva in March! 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, Boys and Girls Club in Worcester, MA, and (if you like the cold or just can't leave) Geneva (projects tailored to what you would like to do)! A further description on each trip is available on the website, http://www.hws.edu/academics/service/spring_break.aspx or the **Compass Headings** brochure.

Please print or type your responses and return to The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning (2nd Floor Trinity) by Monday, December 1st 2008. 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 Ave Bauder, Director, of The Center for Community Engagement and Service-Learning at 781-3825.

Name _____ Age ____ Class Year ____ PO Box _____

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

Home Address _____ Home Phone _____

_____ HWS Van Driver? _____

Campus Residence for Spring 2008 Semester

Major(s) _____

Minor(s) _____

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

Norlina, NC _____
Chesterfield, VA _____
New Orleans, LA _____
Worcester, MA _____
Geneva, NY _____

(OVER)

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet of paper if you are applying for the **Mariam Boyd Elementary School trip in NC, Pocahontas State Park in VA, Worcester, MA, or Geneva, NY.**

1. Why do you want to participate in Alternative Spring Break program this March? What do you hope to accomplish while at your service destination?
2. What previous experiences have you had with community service/civic engagement?
3. In what ways would you contribute to the Alternative Spring Break 2009 Team?

If you are applying for the **Katrina** relief trip to **New Orleans, LA** please answer the following questions on a separate sheet.

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. Why do you want to go to the Gulf Coast region on this service project? What do you hope to accomplish in one week?
4. You are assigned to work in a neighborhood that is badly damaged, yet appears salvageable with the help of your group. Some of the residents however, seem ungrateful for your help and maybe even hostile to your team's efforts. How would that make you feel? What do you think you should do?
4. Are you part of the *Politics of Disaster* class?

If there is a Readers Colleges associated with the North Carolina trip are you interested in participating in those classes? This will entail readings and discussions before the trip, reflection during the trip and a final written integration of the reading with the experience at the conclusion of the trip.

YES NO

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:* _____