



**Alternative Spring Break (ASB)
Information Packet and Application**

LOCATION

Aurora, IL
Chicago, IL
March 15-17, 2021

WHAT AND WHY

By working locally with non-profits, students will be able to experience first-hand the needs of our community and the direct impact they can make to better the lives of our fellow neighbor. They will have the opportunity to work alongside other students to help support organizations such as ReStore Aurora, Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry and Cradles to Crayons.

Monday, March 15 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Marie Wilkinson Food Pantry:

Students will be able to distribute food to guests, sort, organize and stock donated items.

Tuesday, March 16 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Restore Aurora:

Students will be able to assist with cleaning, prepping and organizing their donated items, help with unloading donations, merchandising, and general cleaning.

Wednesday, March 17 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Cradles to Crayons:

The Giving Factory (located at W. George Street, Chicago, IL 60641) give volunteers the opportunity to roll up their sleeves to sort, organize, and quality check the items donated to our organization. The volunteers' sort and inspect the donated items they receive and then package them for delivery to the children who need them.

Students will be able to experience local non-profits and their efforts serving those in our community, learning about food insecurity, affordable housing and poverty, the impact lack of resources have on communities, and how rural and city community's needs vary!

WHAT DOES IT COST?

Payment Schedule:

- There is a \$25 deposit due with your application.
 - If selected to go on the trip, this fee is non-refundable. If not selected, it will be immediately returned.
 - If a spot is offered and you turn it down, your deposit will not be returned.

There are no refunds. Should you decide not to participate after you accept, you will not receive a refund. ASB is a commitment and should be observed as such, from the moment you apply to the moment you return.

Miscellaneous Costs

The group will have half a day free to explore and learn more about the city of Chicago on Wednesday. Bring money for souvenirs, unplanned adventures, coffee, etc. Student Life will provide snacks and pay for meals. Additional snacks are the responsibility of the participant.

PREPARING FOR THE TRIP

Due to COVID, we ask everyone wear a mask at all times and follow all College guidelines for self-screening for participation.

ACCOMODATIONS

No housing accommodations will be provided, since this is a local opportunity. However, transportation for Wednesday will be provided. For Monday and Tuesday, students will provide their own transportation to the local service sites.

GENERAL SCHEDULE (subject to change)

We will meet at the site 10-minutes prior to our shift starting Monday and Tuesday. Wednesday, we will meet at the Student Center at Waubensee Community College - Sugar Grove Campus and take a bus. Be sure to eat breakfast prior to arrival. We will work all day until 4 or 5 p.m., and leave time for reflection each day. We will be providing boxed lunches on Tuesday and lunch and dinner on Wednesday. Monday no meal will be provided due to the short timeframe.

FOOD

Lunch will not be provided on Monday, be sure to eat a heavy breakfast as it is only a 4-hour shift and will not leave room for lunch. Tuesday, a boxed lunch will be provided and Wednesday lunch and dinner will be provided by Student Life.

COMMITMENT

Being an ASB participant requires time, energy and commitment. This commitment is needed before the trip to attend preparation meetings, as well as during the trip. There is ONE meeting in March. These commitments are required for us to effectively plan, learn, and bond as a team.

ASB is fulfilling but exhausting. Commitment to all three days of service is also required to help maintain the energy of the group.

Required Meetings

- **Orientation Meeting on Wednesday, March 10 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

REFLECTION

Reflection is a huge part of the volunteer experience. We will reflect as a team and individually on a daily basis. Additionally, upon returning, all ASB participants will be asked to write a reflection paper/ evaluation about what they learned during their service and how it affected them. The results will be kept confidential and will only be used for program feedback and improvement.

ASB POLICIES

ASB participants are required to follow all Waubensee policies before, during, and after their trip. For more information on Waubensee Policies, please review the Student Code of Conduct. As with all Waubensee events, ASB is a drug and alcohol-free experience.

APPLICATIONS AND ACCEPTANCE

Applications are due on **March 3**. Offers will be sent via email in rounds beginning on March 5. It is very important that you monitor your email. If you do not accept by the deadline listed, your offer (and your deposit) will be forfeited in order to allow other applicants the opportunity to accept.

SAFETY & AWARENESS

Please know that during the pandemic, we will be working with our masks on and in close quarters, maintaining proper social distancing guidelines. If you are feeling unsure of working in-person, take note of the location and the possibility of working in close proximity of others while taking part on this service opportunity. If you have allergies or are worried about the possibility, please pack items accordingly in case you come across any of these irritants.

QUESTIONS?

Contact:

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Date: _____
Received by: _____
Amount Paid: _____
Check #: _____

Alternative Spring Break 2021

Participant Application

Requirements to apply (please check each box, indicating that you meet all requirements):

- Completed application following all directions
- 2.5 GPA or higher (*High School GPA will be considered if a first semester student*)
- Plan to enroll in at least 6 credits for the spring semester
- ONE letter of recommendation, completed application

Students who have attended a previous Waubonsee ASB trip will be considered last in order to allow other students to benefit from this opportunity.

Name: _____ Preferred Name/ Nickname: _____

X Number #: _____ Cell Phone/ Main Phone: _____

Birth Date (must be 18 by March 15, 2021) _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Local Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Primary E-mail Address: _____

Please list any health issues/ concerns and dietary restrictions: _____

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK AGREEMENT

By signing this statement, I _____ am agreeing to the following:
(Print Name)

(Please check each box indicating that you agree)

- To uphold ASB and Waubonsee policies throughout the preparation and execution of ASB;
- To fully participate in the preparation meetings;
- To attend a mandatory ASB meeting on March 10 at 3:30 p.m.

To fully participate in all three service projects over the assigned days.

- To reimburse Student Life the cost of holding my spot should I opt out of the trip;
- To submit a reflection paper upon completion of the ASB trip;
- I certify that I am a Waubonsee Community College student and in good standing with the College.

I have read all the above statements and considered them seriously. I fully understand all the above statements, and agree to comply with them. I give Student Life permission to check my grades and my conduct record.

Signature

Date

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible.

1. Why are you interested in participating in Waubensee Community College's Alternative Spring Break experience?
2. Is there something specific about the non-profits we will be working with or the work that we will be doing that calls to/ intrigues you?
3. What are some of your goals for participating in the Alternative Spring Break experience?
4. What values, passions and strengths will you bring to your Alternative Spring Break team?

Note: The application for the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip is competitive. Only 10 applicants will receive offers and there are students who will not be selected to go on the trip. Selection will be based on academic performance, application quality and letter of recommendation.

Attached:

- ONE recommendation letter
- Spring class list with names of instructors