Summer Break 2011 International Trip Participant Application
Due Date: November 12th at Noon

Thank you for your interest in participating in Auburn University’s Alternative Student Breaks program! This year we are expanding our program and will be traveling to nine different sites. ASB promises to be an exciting and rewarding experience! We are glad you are considering spending one of your academic breaks working in service to help others.

What is Alternative Student Breaks?
The Alternative Student Break program places a team of college students in a community to engage in service and experiential learning. The objective of an Alternative Student Break is to involve college students in community-based service projects and to give students opportunities to learn about the problems faced by members of other communities. Being completely immersed in diverse environments enables participants to experience, discuss, and understand social issues in a significant way. The intensity of the experience increases the likelihood that participants will transfer the lessons learned on-site back to their own communities after the Alternative Student Break ends.

ASB Mission
The mission of the Alternative Student Break program is to engage Auburn University students in an affordable, substance free experiential service learning project that encourages an understanding of pressing social issues in a significant way.

ASB Participant Commitments
Requirements of an ASB Participant:

- Attend the six mandatory meetings prior to the trip (no more than one can be missed). All sessions are at 3 p.m.
  - February 27th
  - March 6th
  - March 27th
  - April 3rd
  - April 17th
  - May 1st

- Assist with fundraising and publicity efforts prior to trip
  - The trip price does not cover the entire cost it takes for ASB to send a participant on the trip; therefore, fundraising is essential to continue the program’s success. Additional fundraising information will be given in the training sessions.

- Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.2
- Work all days of the ASB trip
- Represent Auburn University by acting responsibly and respectfully in all places, with all people, at all times
Summer Break 2011 International Site Issue & Location (May 7th – 15th, 2011)

Community Development – Volta Region - Ghana

Trip Specifics

Cost - The cost for the May International trip will be $2500. This will cover transportation, lodging, breakfast, lunch, some dinners, and an ASB t-shirt. **Applicants who are accepted will be required to pay a deposit of $100 due the Monday immediately after Thanksgiving Break.** The remaining $2400 will be paid in two separate payments of $1200. The first is due by January 21st, the second is due February 27th, the first training session. Participants will need to bring extra spending money on the trip for activities and meals not covered. *No refunds* will be made, except for emergency situations such as serious illness or death in the family.

Transportation- Participants will be flying into the country of Ghana.

Lodging- Participants will be provided local housing. You will need to provide your own toiletries.

Work- The work site has the potential to involve manual labor outside, rain or shine. Be prepared to work hard and dress appropriately. There will also be the potential to work with children. You will be working with your fellow Auburn students to make the most out of this trip experience!

Passport- To apply for this trip you must already have a passport.

Immunization- Shots required for Ghana include: Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A & B, Meningococcal Meningitis, Polio, and Anti-Malarial Medication. Representatives from the Medical Clinic will come to training sessions to administer immunizations, but students are required to cover the cost of all immunizations.

Due Date - The last two pages of the application, along with attached essay answers and a small photo, will be due to Suite 3130 in the Student Center no later than **November 12th at noon.** If you have questions, email Matt Lawson, Alternative Student Breaks Director, at asbtrip@auburn.edu.

Notification - Applicants will be notified as to the status of their application no later than November 19th. Applicants who have not received notification by this date should feel free to contact Matt Lawson.

Age Requirement – By policy, all students participating in International trips must be 19 years old by the dates of trip.
Full Name: ___________________________________________  Preferred Name: _______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________________________________

Banner ID: ___________________________  Major: ___________________________________________  Gender*: _______

Date of Birth: _________________  Phone: _________________  Email: ________________________________

Classification: _________________  T-shirt Size: _____  Ethnicity*: ______________________  Cumulative GPA: _______

Passport: Yes  No  *

What other campus organizations are you involved in?

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How did you hear about ASB? (e-mail, billboard, interest session, friend, etc.)

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Have you ever been on an ASB trip before?  Yes  No

Answer the following questions and submit with your application. Please limit your answers to 250 words each.

1. How do you hope to grow from participating on an Alternative Student Break trip and what change do you hope to bring about as a result of your involvement?

2. How would you describe your culture? When have you encountered a culture unlike your own and what was your reaction to this culture?

3. What distinguishes you from the rest of the applicants (personality, character, experience)?

4. List and explain any fundraising ideas you have for the trips.
Please read all statements below carefully, and sign to indicate your agreement.

**NON-REFUNDABLE PAYMENT POLICY:** All students participating in ASB will make payments to go on the trips. These payments are a sign of commitment to the program and will not be refunded. By signing this statement, I am signifying that I understand the ASB non-refundable payment policy.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ______________

**COMMITMENT:** Being an ASB member requires time, energy, and commitment. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to invest the time, energy, and commitment required. I will attend all mandatory ASB meetings and help with fundraising prior to the trip.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ______________

**SURVEYS and EVALUATIONS:** All ASB members will be asked to participate in surveys and evaluations. The results will be kept confidential and will be used for program feedback and improvement. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to participate in ASB surveys and evaluations and to give honest feedback.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ______________

**PHOTO and VIDEO RELEASE:** By signing this statement, I give permission to ASB to use photos or video of me taken at any ASB event (training, sites, etc.) on their website, presentations, and any other promotional items.

Signature: ________________________________  Date: ______________

Submit completed applications (essays included) to Suite 3130 in the Student Center by November 12th at noon. If you have any questions, please contact Matt Lawson, Alternative Student Break Director, at asbtrip@auburn.edu. Thank you for your interest!