

ECUMENICAL CENTER
At the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay

SOUTH DAKOTA SERVICE TRIP

APPLICATION

Awesome! You have decided to apply to join us on our trip to South Dakota to stay at the Outlaw Ranch and help at the Lakota Reservation from March 14-20, 2010. By signing this application, if accepted to the trip, you are committing to going and making the most out of it. Applications are due by February 1st, with preference given to the applications submitted by January 15, 2010. After filling out and submitting this application, you will be interviewed prior to being chosen to the trip. Service trips are unique opportunities, and while we want everyone to have a chance to participate, the space is limited, hence the interviewing process. SO, Sign up fast!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via email at info@ecuwgb.org or visit www.ecuwgb.org.

I. BASIC INFORMATION

First and Last Name: _____

Student ID: _____ Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Class Standing: _____

Major/Minor: _____ Age: _____

Certifications (CPR, First Aid, etc): _____

II. QUESTIONS/ESSAYS

On a separate sheet of paper, please respond to the following questions:

1. Have you ever been on a service trip in the past? If so, where and what type of service did you do?
2. Have you ever participated in local service projects or done work with organizations such as Habitat for Humanity?
3. Why do you want to go on this trip?
4. Have you ever done it yourself or have been a part of a group that did fundraising for a cause, cooked for a group of people, traveled within the country and abroad?
5. How will this service trip make a difference in your life?

III. GENERAL EXPECTATIONS

We hope and expect that upon signing up for this trip you will:

- Be open-minded and respectful towards your fellow group members, the community you are helping, and everyone else you meet over the course of the trip.
- Practice Humility.
- Have a desire to learn.
- Participate with the group to make it an enjoyable experience.

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Terms and Conditions

Priority is given to applications submitted by January 15, 2010. This trip requires a \$100.00 fare.

UWGB students, staff and faculty who are committed to social issues, direct service, making a difference, and fun, are invited to apply.

Trip participants must also sign a contract that includes an agreement to share their unique experience with others in the community upon return. This may include participating in class presentations and hall forums. **Participants must attend all pre-trip and post-trip meetings.**

This alternative break trip cost the participant \$100. The trip fee is due within one week of your acceptance to participate in the trip. The fees should be paid to the Ecumenical Center. Failure to pay the fee by the deadline will result in a withdrawal of your application's acceptance. **Please note that there are no refunds.** Additional group fund raising is required from participants for this trip. If a payment plan is needed, please contact the sponsor of your trip.

All deposits and trip payments are non-refundable. The trip will fill up quickly and is underwritten by the Alternative Trip program; we cannot afford empty space on a trip.

Trip Agreement Stipulations

Please put your initial next to each individual stipulation.

1. Meetings - Attend all pre-trip, on-site, and post-trip meetings and activities. Exceptions to this may be granted on a case-by-case basis by the trip leader and only for extenuating circumstances. _____

2. Liability - Behave in ways that are responsible, mature and representative of the best of the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay. This means compliance with all applicable state, federal, and international laws as well as the UWGB student codes and regulations. This includes the no-alcohol policy. Ignorance of a law is not an excuse or defense. If your behavior is unacceptable or in violation of this agreement, the trip leader (in consultation with trip coordinators) may terminate your participation in this trip. Termination means you must find your own way home at your own expense (a driver will escort you to the nearest transportation terminal), your lodging and reservations will be canceled, and you will not receive a refund of any of your trip fees. _____

3. Participation - Initiate and participate in activities that help build community, support learning and allow for personal growth. This may include organizing community meals, leading reflections (i.e., group journals, ecumenical prayer, and discussions), planning games or outings, etc. Stick with the group. Any activities done outside of the structured trip activities are at your own risk. _____

4. Reorientation - Develop and implement a project to educate others about your experience and what you have learned. Past projects included a video, a slide show, a picture display, assisting with recruitment, doing presentations, etc. Projects must be completed by the end of the semester in which you participated on the trip. _____

5. Payment - The full trip fee is due to the Ecumenical Center staff at the First Orientation meeting. The trip fees are not refundable. _____

6. Cancellation -The fee is non-refundable. _____

Answering the 6 areas above affirmatively indicates my agreement and understanding of the responsibilities I am undertaking as a trip participant. I also personally assume any risks involved in activities outside of the trip program. Signing this Trip Agreement indicates that I have carefully read and agree to the above conditions.

Signature

Date

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