

St. John Alternative Spring Breaks

SOCIAL SERVICE TRIPS

Camden, NJ- Romero Center Urban Challenge (\$390)

- The Urban Challenge Program is built upon four fundamental components: prayer, service, education, and reflection. Service is arranged by the staff of the UC Program with the intent of creating a space in which students will not only serve in the traditional sense (manual labor, babysitting, neighborhood clean-ups, serving food at soup kitchens and food banks) but also be present to the personhood of others (by spending time with people at nursing homes, rehabilitation Centers, homeless shelters, drop-in Centers for people infected and affected with HIV and AIDs, etc).

Philadelphia (\$390)

- Serve with the Holy Redeemer Corps in the inner city of Philadelphia! Previous groups have worked in food banks, women's shelters, served meals to the homeless and worked in a community garden. The group is hosted by the Holy Redeemer Sisters and have always had a marvelous experience!

CONSTRUCTION & HOME REHAB TRIPS

Jonestown, MS (\$390)

- Jonestown, MS is located in one of the poorest counties in our nation. Work usually involves a variety of construction and demolition projects, such as repairing roofs, replacing floors, building decks and walls, and painting.

Kentucky (\$390)

- The Christian Appalachian Project is located in the Appalachian Mountains. Service involves home rehabilitation construction and demolition. Multiple universities and colleges attend and the work groups are a variety of students from different schools.

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ASB trips fees are all inclusive: travel to and from sites, all meals, accommodations, materials and particular program fees.

Payment 1, \$130 required with application

Payment 2, \$130* due Friday Dec 7

Payment 3, \$130* due Friday Feb 5

ASB Mexico payments will be arranged differently. We will discuss this at the first meeting.

Withdrawals from ASB after December 11, 2015 will result in a loss of your down payment.

Withdrawals from ASB after Feb 5 could result in a loss of your entire payment, depending on our ability to replace you on the trip that you committed to.

Scholarships are available, email Katie Diller for an application (kdiller@elcatholics.org)

Due to the nature of service trips, some accommodations may require students to provide their own sleeping bags or air mattresses, and sleep in communal space. Each trip offers different accommodations- some are at retreat houses, others are at local churches.

All accommodations are guaranteed to be safe, but individuals should be flexible with their expectations for comfort, and be eager to experience a short period of solidarity with those less fortunate.

Service and Fundraising

As a student participating in ASB it is important that you complete the required service and fundraiser activities. These things are required of you to help your group establish a bond, support the ASB program, and give back to St. John Student Center.

Service:

- 1) Prepare/serve a Sunday Supper with your group
- 2) Help in the preparation, setting up, or tearing down of the Friend's Dinner Dance
- 3) Participate in one local service activity planned by your group leader.

Fundraisers:

- 1) Poinsettia Sale
- 2) Make a basket with your group to auction off at the Friend's Dinner Dance

To be placed on a trip, you must turn in:

1. Application
2. Liability Release Waiver
3. Down payment of \$130 by check, kiosk or online payment

Find the application, payment link & liability release waiver on stjohnmsu.org under "Service Opportunities".