

## Alternative Spring Break 2012

In 2012, there will be 7 ASB Trips. For more trip details, [click here](#) or refer to the list below. If you are interested in attending a trip, please [complete an application](#) by the deadline (12/9/11).

**Special Note:** The Office of Campus Activities, in collaboration with several University partners, is exploring the potential of an international ASB experience. Though a trip is not yet confirmed, the potential exists. When completing the ASB application, students will have the opportunity to express their interest in an international ASB.

Location: Los Angeles, CA  
Contact: Jocelyn Simons, [jms527@drexel.edu](mailto:jms527@drexel.edu)  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Jewish Students Association  
Affiliated with Jewish Funds for Justice

Join us to assist the community of Los Angeles with urban issues such as poverty and homelessness. Each day we will connect what we've seen, experienced, and learned to Jewish and secular values; evenings will be spent meeting with community residents and hearing their stories about LA. Participants will have time to explore the rich culture and nightlife that LA has to offer ... after all, Hollywood is in LA! Kosher food will be available and the trip will include an opportunity to experience Shabbat, the Jewish day of rest. Trip departs Sunday, March 25 and returns Sunday, April 1. Estimated cost is \$500 per participant with a \$100 scholarship available for all that attend pre-trip seminars. This experience is open to all Drexel students, regardless of religious affiliation.

Location: St. Marks, FL  
Contact: Sarah Michelson, [sjm72@drexel.edu](mailto:sjm72@drexel.edu)  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Drexel University Photography Club  
Affiliated with the Florida Trail Association

The Florida Trail Association is a non-profit volunteer organization that helps to build, maintain, protect, and promote the 1,400-mile stretch of public hiking trails throughout Florida. After a successful alternative spring break with the FTA two years ago, we will be heading back to St. Marks to participate in various restoration projects including overgrowth removal, trail blazing, building small bridges/boardwalks, and more. Students will learn about the environment while hiking through the gorgeous Florida scenery. Volunteers are accommodated in dorm-style housing at the St. Marks National Wildlife Refuge, but we will also have the option to camp outside if desired. All the necessary equipment and tools are provided, but volunteers are required to bring hiking boots and clothing. Estimated cost is \$250 per participant, which includes lodging, meals, equipment, and transportation.

Location: Southeast Florida  
Contact: Giancarlo Stefanoni, [gas36@drexel.edu](mailto:gas36@drexel.edu) & Elise Thomson-Hohl, [ert27@drexel.edu](mailto:ert27@drexel.edu)  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Drexel Democrats  
Affiliated with TBD

Join the Drexel Democrats for a service trip to Southeast Florida concentrating on environmental and community relief projects in the area. We'll focus on different projects each day and explore Southeast Florida. The weather will be great, so not only will you help the communities of Southeastern Florida, but also enjoy great weather and what Southeast Florida has to offer. Remember, this trip is not affiliated with a particular political belief, so all are encouraged to apply and participate!

Location: Albany, GA  
Contact: Usman Syed, [ums24@drexel.edu](mailto:ums24@drexel.edu)  
Affiliated with Habitat for Humanity Flint River  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Sigma Phi Epsilon

Collegiate Challenge is an alternative break program that provides opportunities for college students to spend a week building a house in partnership with Habitat for Humanity Flint River (HFHFR). HFHFR offers one of the most comprehensive Collegiate Challenge packages. This affiliate has built over 120 homes and is currently building their 65th home in the subdivision. Close to President Carter's home and Habitat's national headquarters in a great city with local attractions that includes plazas, bowling arenas, fun parks, movie theaters, aquariums, and beaches! Estimated cost is \$250 per participant.

Location: Cumberland, MD  
Contact: Cathleen Kerr, [cmk58@drexel.edu](mailto:cmk58@drexel.edu)  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Newman Catholic Community  
Affiliated with St. Patrick's Catholic Church

The Drexel Newman Catholic Community will host a trip to the Appalachian region. Students will volunteer in Cumberland, Maryland, an area with a poverty rate three times that of Maryland itself. Participants will take part in various hands-on service opportunities, including house repairs. The experience will increase cultural learning from homeowners and Cumberland citizens. Volunteers of any work experience level are welcome. Morning and evening reflections will occur in group and individual settings. We hope you can join us! Estimated cost is \$250 per participant, which includes all meals, rooming, and travel expenses.

Location: Philadelphia, PA #1  
Contact: Christie Ruggieri, [chr28@drexel.edu](mailto:chr28@drexel.edu)  
Sponsoring Student Organization: Circle K  
Affiliated with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia

There are 60,000 low-income individuals and families in Philadelphia fortunate to own the home they live in. Of these homeowners, some are living on the streets because their homes are run down and uninhabitable. Join Drexel University's premier community service organization, Circle K, as we tackle a major problem in our area. Circle K will be partnering with Rebuilding Together Philadelphia in order to provide critical repairs for low-income homeowners. Rebuilding Together Philadelphia is a non-profit organization that focuses on "warm, safe, and dry" issues. Participants will have the opportunity to renovate homes and help transform a neighborhood, working alongside homeowners and truly seeing the differences they are making in a family's life. Participants will also have the opportunity to explore incredible places in Philadelphia not known by many. This trip will provide participants with a unique social experience while addressing issues which afflict our neighborhood.

Location: Philadelphia, PA #2  
Contact: Ed Kovacs, [communityservice@drexel.edu](mailto:communityservice@drexel.edu)  
Hosted by: Office of Campus Activities (OCA)

We are planning an immersion experience to make an impact and difference here in Philadelphia. Philadelphia is a richly diverse city and Drexel students will have the opportunity to give their time and talents in the City of Brotherly Love. This trip is ideal for those interested in staying local, but who believe in the value and importance of service. Because the trip is local, expected cost to participants will be minimal.

Location: Chicago, IL

Contact: Kate Waggoner, [cw495@drexel.edu](mailto:cw495@drexel.edu)

Sponsoring Student Organization: Asbury Ministry

Affiliated with Community Engagement Focused on Urban Poverty

Through work with various church and community organizations, as well as interaction with local residents and activists, students will see Chicago through the eyes of the poor, reflecting on poverty and homelessness in an urban setting - and how they can help confront the systems that enable it. Reflection and discussion throughout the trip will be rooted in a Christian/spiritual context, but students don't have to be Christian (or even religious) to participate. There will also be time to explore the city, including dinner out one night. Students are expected to participate in several pre-trip meetings/trainings, and support any trip fundraising activities as necessary. Trip departs Saturday, March 24 and returns Saturday, March 31. Estimated costs: \$200-\$250 per participant.