

Destination: **SERVICE**

SPRING BREAK 2012

THIS YEAR WE HAVE 3 AMAZING TRIPS!

Environmental Outreach – Gila National Wilderness (Gila, New Mexico) Cost: \$100
(March 10, 7:00pm – March 17, 7:00am) Deadline to apply: February 9, 2012

Students will volunteer with the National Parks Service on trail repair, creek bed maintenance, and other projects benefiting the park. The Gila National Forest and Monument is America's first national wilderness area and is located in southwestern New Mexico. High in the mountains, the park includes the Gila Cliff Dwellings. Students will travel by charter bus and camp in a forest camp near the Cliff Dwellings. (Tents are provided by SIRA. Some sleeping bags are available from SIRA and the Forest Service along with ground pads and cooking gear. The group does its own outdoor cooking.)

Urban Housing and Community Food Bank Farms – Tucson, Arizona Cost: \$100
(March 10, 7:00pm – March 17, 7:00am) Deadline to apply: February 9, 2012

Students will volunteer with Habitat for Humanity of Tucson and at the farm and community garden of the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. Students will help with construction of affordable housing and work at a farm just outside Tucson and at an "urban farm" in Tucson. Students will travel by charter bus with the "Gila Trip," dropping off students at the National Wilderness before going on to Tucson. Lodging will be at the Campus Christian Center (sleeping on the floor) at the University of Arizona. The group will prepare their own meals at the Center's kitchen.

Urban Outreach and Hurricane Relief – New Orleans, Louisiana Cost: \$100
(March 10, 10:00am – March 17, 2:00pm) Deadline to apply: February 9, 2012

Students will volunteer at the North Rampart Community Center, assisting with painting and grounds care, and with Beacon of Hope, working with continued clean up and rebuilding efforts from Hurricane Katrina. Students will travel by van, spending one night on the road to and from New Orleans, and lodge in New Orleans at the Rampart Community Center and cook most meals together at the Center.

What is Destination: SERVICE?

Destination: SERVICE is a program of Spring Break Service trips offered by the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life at Southwestern University. The trips are designed so that Southwestern students may experience serving others in a spirit of care, concern and openness to learning, in a context that is different from that of SU and that of central Texas. While learning about volunteer service and participating in acts of service on behalf of others are at the heart of Destination: Service, our program is also designed so that students may learn more about themselves and each other while on the trip. We believe such personal exploration and growth are integral to understanding the lives of those whom we seek to serve and is necessary to positive social change. While there are no religious education or worship activities on the trips designed by Destination: Service, nor are there specific "religious" goals created by the program, many students participating on the trips are often motivated to serve others by their faith, values and concern for others. It is hoped that Destination: Service will provide the opportunity for a meaningful experience of these commitments (and others) that participants bring with them. The program is designed to value the diversity of interests, ideas and commitments and skills students bring to volunteer service.

Destination: Service trips are designed to include time for service activities, learning about the issues involved in the program site and reflection and group discussion on the experience. The sites we travel to are sponsored by a variety of groups including non-profit organizations, religious organizations, federal, state or local governments. While we do not expect everyone to agree with everything the sponsoring organization does or believes, we do expect that respect will be shown to the sponsoring organization and that through good communication we can work out any rough spots in the trip.

It has been the hope of Destination: Service leaders, since its founding in 1996, that Destination: Service trips will be fun and meaningful for all who go, a time to learn more about "ourselves, each other and the world around us through service to others."

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Thank you for your interest in Destination: Service, a program dedicated fostering values and actions that encourage contributions toward the wellbeing of humanity. (SU's Core Purpose!) We are excited about the prospect of your being a part of it this year! Let us know if you have any questions.

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE

AND ONLINE at: <http://www.southwestern.edu/offices/religiouslife/destinationsservice.php>

For more information on the trips or the application process you may contact any member of the

Destination: Service Planning Team:

Student Leaders:

Heather Burns
Rachel Nowlin
Kavita Singh

Staff Leaders:

Beverly Jones (director)
Jane King (coordinator)
Georgianne Hewett
Maria Kruger
Dave Stones

Before you decide to join Destination: SERVICE 2012 . . .

Please keep in mind the following Destination: SERVICE guidelines, so you may make the best decision about participation. If you have questions or concerns about these policies, please do not hesitate to ask.

1. **Applications are processed in the order they are received.** On the application registration form (page 3) you will be asked to rank your preferences for the trips. If your first choice is already full when you submit your application, then you will be placed on the next ranked available trip and so on.
2. **Fees paid to participate in Destination: SERVICE are non-refundable.** Spaces on Destination: SERVICE trips are limited. Please note that if Destination: SERVICE has to cancel a trip for some reason, a full refund will be given to those students whose trip spaces were canceled. Otherwise, all fees paid to Destination: SERVICE are **non-refundable**. We hope that if you do have to cancel your participation that you will feel good about the fees that will go toward support of the Destination: SERVICE program.
3. **Payment Plans are available to assist you with paying Destination: SERVICE fees.** Also, a limited number of scholarships are available through the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life.
4. **All Southwestern policies are in effect during the complete course of the trips.**
5. **All trips are alcohol free and only limited use of tobacco is permitted.** Tobacco use of any kind is not allowed during travel, or in sleeping or dining areas. It also may not be allowed at the service sites depending upon the regulations of the site sponsors.
6. **Participants must stay with the group for the entire trip** and may not depart to visit family, friends, etc., who live in the area. On occasion, friends and family are invited to join the groups for a meal or an outing.
7. **We ask all participants to agree to and sign the Destination: Service Covenant** that is printed below for your information.

8. **Destination: SERVICE Covenant:**

I understand that Destination: Service is a trip being sponsored by Southwestern University to both learn more about myself and serve others. I hereby pledge to participate fully in all aspects of this trip, offering my fullest cooperation with leaders and other participants. I appreciate the importance of working with others and will do all I can to make new acquaintances and deepen friendships with those I do not know very well. I understand that while on the trip, I cannot leave the group to visit relatives or friends who may be living in the area. I understand that while I am on this trip, from beginning to end, that I am bound by all school policies as are outlined in the student handbook and may face disciplinary action if I do not abide by those policies. I agree to not bring or use alcohol, *tobacco, illegal drugs, firearms, weapons, or fireworks while on this trip. I understand that the student affairs staff on the trip have the power to enforce this agreement, including sending me back to Southwestern at my own expense.

**Limited smoking/tobacco use may be permitted depending upon the site. Check with site leader BEFORE you sign this covenant to learn of limitations on smoking on your trip.*

Destination: SERVICE APPLICATION

Please read and fill out all of the information requested in this portion of the application. Bring it along with the registration fee to the Office of Spiritual and Religious Life located at the Howry Center (by the Tennis Courts).

DEADLINE for Applications is:

Thursday, February 9, 2012 (5:00pm)

Name: _____

Please briefly answer the following questions. This part of the application is not designed to exclude any applicant, but rather it is designed to help us get to know you as we make trip plans.

1. Why would you like to participate in a Destination: Service Trip?

2. Highlight any skills or prior volunteer experiences that you have had that would benefit the trip or projects:

4. List any extra-curricular/community activities you are involved in and any leadership position(s) you have held.

5. What do you hope to receive from going on this trip? What do you feel you can contribute to the experience?

6. Have you been on a Destination: Service trip before? If yes, which trip did you go on, and in what year?

8. Anything else you would like to add?

DESTINATION: SERVICE COVENANT

All students going on Destination: Service must sign the following covenant as part of registration for the trips. It is important to understand the service nature of the trips and that you will be representing Southwestern University.

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Print Name Here _____

Sign & Date Here _____

Non-Refundable Registration Fee.

The Destination: Service registration fee is due **at the time you submit your application**. Limited scholarships and Payment Plans are available for those who cannot submit the full amount due at the time of the application. Please see separate form for Scholarship and Payment Plan application.

Initializing here denotes participant's understanding and agreement to these terms. _____

Registration Form

Please fill in ALL the information requested. If you need assistance call Jane King at x1527.

Name: _____

Trip Preference: Please rate the trips 1, 2, 3 in order of your preference:

- _____ Environmental Outreach: Gila National Wilderness, New Mexico (Trip Cost: \$100)
- _____ Urban Housing and Community Food Bank Farms, Tucson, Arizona (Trip Cost: \$100)
- _____ Urban Outreach and Hurricane Relief, New Orleans, Louisiana (Trip Cost: \$100)

Registration Fee (due at time of application) \$100.00 \$ _____

Destination: SERVICE T-Shirt (optional) Circle: S, M, L, XL \$10.00 \$ _____

Total Amount Due: \$ _____

Amount Paid: _____ Check or Cash Date: _____

Remaining Amount Due: _____

Remaining Amount Paid: _____ Check or Cash Date: _____

Please attach materials relating to

_____ **Scholarship**

_____ **Payment Plan**

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Office use only: Date Received _____ Time _____

Registration Form (continued)

Name: _____ Cell phone: _____

Email: _____ SU Box: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Class year: First Year Sophomore Junior Senior Gender: Male Female

Campus Residence Hall _____ Room # _____

Off Campus Address _____

Best Way to Reach You _____

Next of Kin in Case of Emergency: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone(s) : _____ Email: _____

Other Contact in Case of Emergency: _____

Phone(s): _____ Email: _____

Insurance Carrier: _____ Pre-Authorization Phone #: _____

Group # _____ Policy # _____

Employee/Name on Policy: _____

Health, Dietary and Medication:

1. Please list any dietary restrictions to be considered for planning meals on trips:
2. Please list any prescription medications:
3. Please list any allergies to medications, foods, or other:
4. Please share any other information that might be useful in case of emergency (i.e., diabetic, epilepsy, etc.):

AGREEMENT AND RELEASE FROM LIABILITY

I, _____, a participant in a Southwestern University sponsored trip do waive and release all claims against Southwestern University and its agents, any tour organizer or arranger employed or utilized by Southwestern University, and any organization or its agents offering service opportunities to Southwestern University, for any injury, sickness, loss, damage, accident, delay or expense incurred. I also release said parties and agree to indemnify them with regard to any financial obligations or liabilities that I may personally incur, in addition to any damage or injury to the person or property of others that I may cause while participating in this program.

I hereby grant Southwestern University and its agents full authority to take whatever actions they may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding my health and safety, and I fully release them from any liability for such decisions or actions as may be taken therewith. I authorize Southwestern University and its agents, at their discretion, to place me, at my own (or my parents') expense, and without my further consent, in a hospital for medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is readily available, to place me in the hands of a local medical doctor for treatment.

All references in this Agreement and release to "Southwestern University" and "its agents" shall include Southwestern University and all of its officers, directors, faculty and staff members, counselors, group leaders, employees, agents and affiliated companies. All references herein to the "parents" of the participant shall include the legal guardian or other adult responsible for the participant.

I have read the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement, and understand that this constitutes a part of my agreement with Southwestern University and is required for my participation in this program. I further understand that this agreement shall become effective immediately and shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas.

Print Name Here _____

Sign Name and Date Here _____