

***Destination: SERVICE 2014***  
***The Spring Break Service Program of Southwestern University***

***General Information on the Trips***

**Environmental Outreach – Gila National Wilderness (Gila, New Mexico)                      Cost: \$100**  
**(March 8, 7:00pm – March 15, 7:00am)**

Students on this trip will volunteer with the National Parks Service on trail repair, creek bed maintenance and wildfire clean up. The Gila National Forest and Monument is America's first national wilderness area. The park includes the Gila Cliff Dwellings high in the mountains of southwestern New Mexico. 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.)

**Hunger Outreach and Immigration – Tucson, Arizona    Cost: \$100**  
**(March 8, 7:00pm – March 15, 7:00am)**

Students will volunteer at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona and spend a day with United Nations Refugees gleaning citrus fruit. They will feed 100 homeless persons at a local mission, and will learn about immigration issues by taking a "Desert Walk" with the Tucson Samaritans in an effort to provide humanitarian aid to persons lost in the Sonoran Desert. Students will travel by charter bus with the "Gila Trip," dropping off students at the National Wilderness before going on to Tucson. The group will stay at a local church (sleeping on the floor - bring your own pad). Meals will be prepared as a group in the church kitchen.

**Poverty and Homelessness in America – A National Seminar in Washington D.C**  
**(March 8, 10:00am – March 13, 9:30pm)    Cost: \$150**

Students will participate in this seminar organized with the United Methodist Board of Church and Society (located on Capitol Hill) which seeks to connect acts of mercy with justice. The experiential and interactive seminar will raise students' awareness of poverty. It will also empower students to advocate with elected representatives in Congress and the Senate. Around these issues. This trip will not include direct volunteer service, but will focus on skills for political and social advocacy. The group will stay at the First Trinity Lutheran Church (on the floor with mats provided), prepare some meals together and have some meals at the seminar. Transportation will be by air and metro system.

**Destination: GEORGETOWN (March 9-14, 8am-6pm daily)    Cost: \$50**

This "trip" is for students who want to serve our own local Georgetown kids. Partnering with the Georgetown Boys and Girls Clubs, this program will be structured as a day camp for the week of spring break. SU students will serve as camp counselors to engage the youth who participate in educational and recreational activities throughout the day. Background checks will be required. Lunch will be provided and there will be some evening activities/dinners for the SU students serving in this program. Goals of this program are to strengthen student leadership skills, reflect on the needs of the children served and to have fun together.

# ***What is Destination: SERVICE?***

Destination: SERVICE is the Spring Break Service trips program offered by the Spiritual and Religious Life Office in partnership with the Office of Civic Engagement. Southwestern students experience serving others in a spirit of care, concern and openness to learning, in contexts that are different from SU and central Texas. Destination: SERVICE is 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 others and is necessary to positive social change. While there are no religious education or worship activities on the trips designed by Destination: SERVICE, many students participating on the trips are often motivated to serve others by their faith, values and concern for others. Destination: SERVICE provides the opportunity for a meaningful experience of these commitments (and others) that participants bring with them. The program is designed to value a diversity of interest, ideas and commitments and skills students bring to volunteer service.

Destination: SERVICE trips include time for direct service activities, learning about relevant issues and group reflection on each day's 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."

Thank you for your interest in Destination: SERVICE - a program dedicated to fostering values and actions that encourage contributions toward the well being of humanity. (SU's Core Purpose!) We are excited about the prospect of your being a part of Destination: SERVICE this year!

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For more information on the trips or the application process you may contact any member of the Destination: SERVICE Planning Team through their SU email addresses given below:

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## ***Destination: Service APPLICATION***

DEADLINE for Applications is: **Wednesday, February 5, 2014 (noon)**

***RETURN APPLICATION WITH FEES TO THE BUSINESS OFFICE  
LOCATED IN THE CULLEN BUILDING 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR***

***READ AND SIGN BELOW.***

**AS you decide to join *Destination: SERVICE 2014* . . .**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 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 and no other trip is available, a full refund will be given to those students whose trip spaces were canceled. If you are placed on a trip that costs less than you first choice, you will be refunded the overpayment. 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 your deposit going to support 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. Contact the office at [destinationsservice@southwestern.edu](mailto:destinationsservice@southwestern.edu), or 863-1056 for more information.
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.
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 SU faculty and staff on the trip have the power to enforce this agreement, including sending me back to Southwestern at my own expense.

## Destination: SERVICE Participant Information Form

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 and advocacy experiences that you have had that would benefit the trip or projects:
3. List any extra-curricular/community activities you are involved in and any leadership position(s) you have held.
4. What do you hope to receive from going on this trip? What do you feel you can contribute to the experience?
5. Have you been on a Destination: Service trip before? If yes, which trip did you go on, and in what year?
6. Can you come to the **mandatory Pre-Trip meeting on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm?**
7. Anything else you would like to add?

## Registration Form #1

**Return this and all other forms to the Business Office Cullen Bldg.**

Please fill in ALL the information requested.

If you need assistance contact one of our team or email to [destinationsservice@southwestern.edu](mailto:destinationsservice@southwestern.edu)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Rate all trips you want to go on (1, 2, 3, etc. "1" being your top choice.)**

\_\_Environmental Outreach: Gila National Wilderness, New Mexico      Trip Cost: \$100

\_\_Hunger Outreach and Immigration, Tucson, Arizona      Trip Cost: \$100

\_\_National Seminar on Poverty and Homelessness, Washington D.C.      Trip Cost: \$150

\_\_Destination: Georgetown      Trip Cost: \$50

**Registration Fee due at the time of application submission. Pay for your number one choice. Please remember that registration fees are not refundable, with the exception of your going on a lower priced trip than you paid for.**

Checks are to be made to Southwestern University. (Put Destination: Service in lower left hand corner of the check.)

\$50 for Destination: Georgetown      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$100 for Environmental Outreach (Gila), Hunger & Immigration (Tucson)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$150 for National Seminar on Poverty and Homelessness (D.C.)      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Check below if submitting a payment plan or scholarship application:**

I am submitting a payment plan. \_\_\_\_\_

I am submitting a scholarship application. \_\_\_\_\_

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Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Form #2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ SU Box: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Campus Residence Hall \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_

Off Campus Address \_\_\_\_\_

Best Way to Reach You \_\_\_\_\_

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

### **NEXT OF KIN IN CASE OF EMERGENCY:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone(s) : \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Other Contact in Case of Emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSURANCE INFORMATION:**

Insurance Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_ Group # \_\_\_\_\_

Other Relevant Insurance Numbers: \_\_\_\_\_

Pre-Authorization Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

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 MEDICAL information useful in case of emergency. (Please add an extra page if needed.)

***Please read the following and sign. If you have any questions please contact the Destination: Service Director Dr. Beverly Jones at 512-863-1056.***

***COVENANT FOR PARTICIPATING IN DESTINATION: SERVICE***

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 SU faculty and staff on the trip have the power to enforce this agreement, including sending me back to Southwestern at my own expense.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

***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.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINT NAME HERE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Destination: Service  
Payment Plan Request Form**

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SU Box: \_\_\_\_\_

***Payment Plan***

Amount you are paying now: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount you will pay later: \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the dates and amounts to be paid on each date you list:

Date:

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Destination: Service  
Scholarship Request Form**

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

SU Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount you are paying now: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of scholarship you are requesting: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for this request:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_