

Destination: **SERVICE**

SPRING BREAK 2013

THIS YEAR WE HAVE 3 AMAZING TRIPS!

Environmental Outreach – Gila National Wilderness (Gila, New Mexico) Cost: \$100
(March 9, 7:00pm – March 16, 7:00am)

Students on this trip will volunteer with the National Parks Service on trail repair, creek bed maintenance, and to remediate damage from the 2012 forest fires. 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.)

Hunger Outreach and Immigration – Tucson, Arizona Cost: \$100
(March 9, 7:00pm – March 16, 7:00am)

Students will volunteer at the Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona. They will 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. 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.

Disaster Relief and Outreach – The Epworth Project (Greater New Orleans) Cost: \$100
(March 9, 10:30am – March 16, 2:00pm)

Students on this trip will volunteer with the Epworth Project located in Slidell, Louisiana serving the greater New Orleans area as they continue with hurricane recovery. Most resources from hurricane damage have run out but people are still in need of help. The Epworth Project seeks to provide for the basic needs of those who are living in unfit conditions, caused by Hurricanes Katrina and Isaac or by other circumstances. Students will repair homes needing insulation, painting, drywall, flooring, ramps, etc., as they learn about immediate and long term disaster relief. A cultural excursion to New Orleans is included, along with travel by van, lodging, meals and project fees.

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. 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 the diversity of interests, ideas and commitments and skills students bring to volunteer service.

Destination: SERVICE trips include time for direct volunteer service activities, learning about relevant issues at each site 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."

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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 it this year!

APPLICATIONS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE IN THE HOWRY CENTER AND ONLINE at:

<http://www.southwestern.edu/offices/spiritualandreligiouslife/>

For more information on the trips or the application process you may contact any member of the Destination: SERVICE Planning Team:

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Staff:

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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 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. 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 religiouslife@southwestern.edu, or 863-1527 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.

I have read the above information and the D.S. Covenant.

Sign

Date

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); or return electronically to kingj@southwestern.edu

DEADLINE for Applications is: **Friday, February 8, 2013 (noon)**

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:

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 12th at 6:30pm?**

7. Anything else you would like to add?

Registration Form

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: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Address: _____ City: _____ State ____ Zip _____

Home Phone(s) : _____ Email: _____

Cell Phone(s): _____

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 _____