WHAT Is Alternative Spring Break?
Alternative Spring Break is a seven-day, six-night service learning trip. This service learning trip is designed to be an immersive and hands-on opportunity for students to learn more about themselves, others, and the world around them through service experiences in either rural Appalachia or Atlantic City, NJ. While performing basic home repairs and maintenance, students will learn about issues affecting either rural areas suffering from poverty or coastal areas that were damaged by Hurricane Sandy. In addition, students will explore cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of the two locations through excursions and educational programs. Students will explore social justice issues through nightly group discussion and reflection sessions as well as participate in programs to learn more about the cultural, historical, and recreational aspects of Rural Appalachia or New Jersey.

WHEN Is Alternative Spring Break?
Alternative Spring Break will take place Saturday, March 2nd - Friday, March 9th, 2013. Participating students should plan to meet at the HUB- Robeson Center to leave State College by 10 A.M. on Saturday, March 2nd, 2013. We plan to return to the HUB- Robeson Center in State College around 6 P.M. on Friday, March 8th.

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<td><strong>What Will We Be Doing?</strong></td>
<td>Students will participate in a range of service projects that may include: basic home repairs, such as painting and plumbing, and basic home maintenance such as foundation work, roof work and yardwork.</td>
<td>Students will participate in service projects that restore homes damaged by flooding during Hurricane Sandy. These restorations will include insulation work and foundational work.</td>
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| **Where Will We Be Staying?** | We will be staying at one of Appalachia Service Project’s year-round centers in Brenton, WV. The Appalachia Service Project is an organization committed to helping the residents of Appalachia deal with the poverty and challenges they face. For more information visit their website: [www.asphome.org](http://www.asphome.org). | The location of our staying will be determined later. The possible places are
- Lord of Life Lutheran Church Tabernacle, NJ [http://home.comcast.net/~lordlife/](http://home.comcast.net/~lordlife/)
How Will I Know If I Am Accepted to Alternative Spring Break?

Applications for Alternative Spring Break will be accepted in 209 HUB- Robeson Center through the deadline, Friday, January 18, 2013 at 5 P.M. Unfortunately, there is limited space, so we will be accepting participants based on their responses on the application. Attendance at the information sessions will be taken into consideration.

Students who have previously attended Alternative Spring Break will be considered following students who have not had the opportunity to attend a service trip.

Once we fill the trip, students will be placed on a wait list and may be accepted to Alternative Spring Break until Friday, March 1st, 2013.

Other Commonly Asked Questions...

Is there a fee?

Although the Office of Student Activities and UPAC are funding the majority of the trip (NOTE: transportation, lodging, and all meals WILL be covered; excursions and additional spending money will NOT be covered), there will be a program fee of $85/person payable after acceptance into the program (NOTE: cash or check payment only, checks made out to “Office of Student Activities- Service Learning”). This fee also includes a t-shirt. Once you have submitted your program fee you are obliged to go on the trip and will not be refunded if you are unable to attend.

If I live in the residence halls, is there a place I can store my belongings I plan to take home for Spring Break?

Yes. Because we are only able to take a limited amount of items (one small bag, one backpack, optional blanket and pillow) per person, we will provide a limited amount of space in 209A HUB for participating students who live in the residence halls to store additional items until we return to State College.

NOTE: The residence halls will be closed when we return on March 9th, 2013. They do not reopen until March 10, 2013 at 10 A.M. The Office of Student Activities WILL NOT be responsible for finding you housing from March 9th, 2013 - March 10, 2013.

What Do I Do NOW?

• Complete the Alternative Spring Break program application attached.
• Bring your completed application to 209 HUB ASAP, or by Friday Jan. 18, 2013 by 5 P.M.
• If necessary, you may be contacted to attend a mandatory information session.
• Watch for your acceptance to Alternative Spring Break via e-mail the week of January 28th.
• Upon acceptance, attend a mandatory Orientation Session (TBA) to discuss the trip in greater detail, complete any additional paperwork, go over guidelines, and get to know other participants before the trip!
A Typical Day On Alternative Spring Break:

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<td>Load Supplies, Depart for Work Sites</td>
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<td>9:00am-4:30pm</td>
<td>Service! Lunch at the Worksite</td>
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<td>5:00pm-6:00pm</td>
<td>Relax!</td>
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<td>Dinner</td>
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<td>Evening Gathering (Reflection, Education, Other Activities)</td>
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<td>11:00pm</td>
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ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

March 2nd-9th, 2013
Brenton, West Virginia or Atlantic City, New Jersey

**Return this application to 209 HUB by 5 p.m. on Friday, January 18, 2013**

Name: ________________________________                 Gender: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________                 E-mail: ________________________________

Year of Study: ____________________________                  Major: ________________________________

Local Address: ____________________________    Home Address: ____________________________

T-shirt Size: S         M         L        XL        XXL

Have you previously participated in a service trip? Yes     No

If so, Location: ________________________________

Will you need to store additional items during this trip? Yes     No

**for students living in residence halls only**

Will you be returning to State College following this trip? Yes     No

**See info sheet above for additional details**

Do you have special dietary or other needs? Yes     No

Special Needs: ________________________________

What is your site preference? West Virginia   New Jersey

Would you like to be considered for both locations? Yes     No

PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER. PLEASE BE AS DETAILED AND THOROUGH AS POSSIBLE BUT DO NOT EXCEED 3 PAGES.

1. What are your expectations for the trip? Specifically, what do you expect to experience that will help you learn about yourself, others and the community you will be serving?

2. What community needs do you feel are important in the region of your preferred trip?

3. What are you involved in at PSU and/or what previous experiences do you believe will contribute to the trip?

4. At what place (other than your actual home) do you feel most at home? Why is this?

5. If you could choose one object to describe your past, your present and your future (3 objects in total), what would each be and why?

Questions?

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