**Alternative Spring Break Application 2016-17**

Location: Washington D.C.

Community Partner: YSOP (Youth Service Opportunities Project)

Dates of Trips: March 19th-25th

Social Issue: Homelessness and Poverty

Applications due November 9th with $100 Deposit to Information and Tickets Desk

What will we be doing: Students will arrive in Washington D.C. on March 19th and will be staying at a hostel for the week. Monday through Thursday students will spend the day working all around the city. They will work YSOP in soup kitchens, food pantries, or homeless shelters each experience is different agencies. The work day typically last 4 to 5 hours and after service is concluded there will be a reflection facilitated by the site leader/service trip coordinator. On Friday March 24 the group will have time to explore the city, and then leave on a late flight back that night, then arriving back in Stevens Point on March 25th.

YSOP Website: <http://www.ysop.org/programs/>

**Pre-Trip Meetings (attendance is required)**

Fundraising meeting (attendance is required)

12/ 13 5:30pm DUC Laird Room South

* Yes I can attend the meeting
* No I cannot attend the meeting (please explain) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

There will be 3 pre-trip meetings planned for the end of February and into March. These meeting times and dates will be determined by participants and leaders schedules. They are crucial to the bond of the group, education on the issue, and overall preparedness for the trip. If you are unable to attend the meetings you will need to email the service trip coordinator and set up an alternative meeting. If a participants are absent at pre-trip meetings it is up to that student to set up an additional meeting with the service trip coordinator.

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| Full Legal Name  (as appears on passport or license) |  |
| UWSP Student ID Number |  |
| Email |  |
| Birthday |  |
| Gender(M/F/Other) |  |
| Address (this is where refund and fundraising checks will be sent to) |  |
| T-Shirt Size |  |
| Do you have any dietary needs? |  |
| Major/Minor |  |
| Are or will you be enrolled at UWSP the semester the trip takes place? |  |

**Cost $450**

This includes $100 deposit that is due with application; **the final payment of $350 is due December 14th.**

What does the trip cost include?

* Airfare and transportation to and from airport to SP
* Lodging/accommodations
* Select meals
* Any supplies needed to work at service sites

What does the cost not include?

* Checked Baggage
* Meals on travel days, and different dinners throughout the week
* Medical Insurance
* Cost associated with leisure time activities (museums, souvenirs, tickets)
* Incidentals
* Transportation in city (metro, cabs)

**Essay Portion**

When completing the essay questions, please type your answers on a separate document and attach it to your application. Please DO NOT WRITE YOU’RE NAME; please only include your ID number on the document with your essay responses and attach it to your application.

Note: The essay portion is the top determining factor for choosing participants; please take your time on it. We are not looking for full essays, but an average answer is one to two paragraphs for each question.

**Essay Questions**:

1. List three adjectives that describe yourself, than explain why you chose each word.

2. What is one social justice issue that you are passionate about, what is your experience dealing with or working with this issue?

3. How big of a problem is poverty in our society today?

4. While in Washington D.C., we will be working with people in low-income situations and homeless. How comfortable are you interacting with individuals who are facing hunger and homelessness? Describe your comfort-level with talking to people who are homeless and who may want to share their life experiences.

**Service Trip Participant Agreement**

**COMMITMENT/EXPECTATIONS:**

Being a part of a service trip is a life changing experience that can challenge and expand your understanding of both yourself and society. *The program is successful because of dedicated, active volunteers. Please consider all volunteer expectations before you apply. Failure to meet expectations may result in dismissal from trip.*

By initialing each statement, I am agreeing to invest the time, energy and commitment to fulfill the expectations, and adhere to policies as outlined below.

**Full attendance and participation in all mandatory functions includes:**

**1.** Pre-trip meetings with your site leaders and group

**2.** Active participation in service trip fundraising

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**3.** Payments made by deadline ($100 October 16, Remaining balance due December 4th)

**4.** Be present on the first day of the service trip and stay for the duration

**6.** Remain flexible, open-minded, and responsible

**8.** Completion of tasks before, during, and after the service trip

**9.** Respect for others and willingness to cooperate in a group

**SERVICE TRIP PARTICIPATION AND CONDUCT:**

Service trip participants are required to follow all SIEO and UWSP policies before, during, and after their trip. I am responsible for cooperating with, and respecting the authority of, the UWSP trip leader and service site on-site staff. I understand that any breach of student conduct rules and regulations of UWSP and/or the service site may be reported to the appropriate student conduct authority on campus. Additionally, I understand and agree that my participation in this Program may be terminated by the University with no refund of fees if I fail to maintain acceptable standards of conduct as established by the University and I accept responsibility for the costs of returning home if I am terminated under these circumstances.

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**ALCOHOL/DRUG FREE POLICY:**

This UWSP service trip is an alcohol and drug free program. This is done in order to achieve the program’s goals and objectives. This is also required for the safety and well-being of all participants, the group, and the community in which we are serving. As such, I will not possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs while participating in the service trip. Should this policy be violated, I will be asked to leave the trip and will be responsible for making my own arrangements and paying for the trip home.

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**Agreement for Assumption of Risk, Indemnification, Release, and Consent for Emergency Treatment**

I, (print name), age , desire to participate voluntarily in recreational, service, and/or travel activities at the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point and through (organization name) during the period of September 2013 through May 2014.

I UNDERSTAND THAT I AM BEING ASKED TO READ EACH OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS CAREFULLY. I UNDERSTAND THAT IF I WISH TO DISCUSS ANY OF THE TERMS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, I MAY CONTACT: Jeff Karcher, Campus Risk Manager, AT TELEPHONE NUMBER 715-346-3901.

**Assumption of Risks:**

I understand that physical activity and participation related to (organization) activities, by its very nature, carries with it certain inherent risks that cannot be eliminated regardless of the care taken to avoid injuries. Some of these involve strenuous exertions of strength using various muscle groups, some involve quick movement involving speed and change of direction, others involve sustained physical activity, which places stress on the cardiovascular system and some involved mild activity. The specific risks vary from one activity to another, but in each activity the risks range from: 1) minor injuries such as scratches, bruises, and sprains to 2) major injuries such as fractures, internal injuries, joint or back injuries, heart attacks, and concussions to 3) catastrophic injuries including paralysis and death. I understand that the University has advised me to seek the advice of my physician before participating in this activity. I understand that I have been advised to have health and accident insurance in effect and that no such coverage is provided for my by the University or the State of Wisconsin. **I know, understand, and appreciate the risks that are inherent in the above-listed programs and activities. I hereby assert that my participation is voluntary and that I knowingly assume all such risks. I assume full legal and financial responsibility for my participation in these sponsored activities.**

**Signature:**   **Date:**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

**(if Participant is Under 18): Date:**

**Hold Harmless, Indemnity and Release**:

In consideration of permission for me to voluntarily participate in (organization) activities, today and on all future dates, I, for myself, my heirs, personal representatives or assigns**,** agree to defend, hold harmless, indemnify and release the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, and their officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, from and against any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action of any sort on account of damage to personal property, or personal injury, or death which may result from my participation in the above-listed program. This release includes claims based on the negligence of the Board of Regents of the University of Wisconsin System, the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point, and their officers, employees, agents, and volunteers, but expressly does not include claims based on their intentional misconduct or gross negligence. **I understand that by agreeing to this clause I am releasing claims and giving up substantial rights, including my right to sue**.

**Signature:**   **Date:**

**Signature of Parent or Guardian**

**(if Participant is Under 18): Date:**

**Financial Commitment**

I agree to participate and take financial responsibility for the University of Wisconsin- Stevens Point’s Student Employment and Involvement Office’s service trip to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_. Agreeing to participate in this trip, I accept the obligation to turn in the application along with the money deposit. **I understand that if I am not chosen for the trip, I will receive my full deposit refund. If** I am chosen for the trip I am financially responsible to pay the remaining participant fee by the assigned date and time. I understand after my payment for the participant fee is deposited, I will not be reimbursed.

If I decide to remove myself from the trip after being notified of my acceptance, and if a replacement cannot be found, I understand I will be financially responsible for covering the full cost for the trip incurred by the university. I am responsible to not only pay the designated trip fee, but also any additional costs that SIEO covers for the trip. For example, a usual student pays $400 for a domestic flying trip, while the actual cost for the student to go is $700. That extra money is being paid for by SIEO. I am responsible for paying the $400, and also the additional $300, which would cover the full trip price.

If I am chosen to participate in this service trip I, \_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, agree to pay the above mentioned financial obligation. I understand that if I fail to complete the aforementioned requirements, I am responsible for all fees. I further agree that any outstanding payments due may be applied to my UWSP Student billing account, under which I will be held to the terms of the current UWSP Credit Agreement. Failure to pay my financial obligations may also include university disciplinary actions.

**I have read all the above statements and considered them seriously. I fully understand the financial commitment I am agreeing too, and agree to comply with them.**

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

**University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point**

**Student Prepaid Expense Agreement**

In consideration for the Board of Regents of University of Wisconsin System, doing business as the University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point, (“UWSP”) paying for travel expenses

incurred in my travel to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

being held in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

on the following dates, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_,

I, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, the undersigned agree that UWSP may charge my student account directly for any costs charged to UWSP for goods or services

1) which went unused for any reason inconsistent with

a) Applicable State of Wisconsin policies,

b) University of Wisconsin System Travel Regulations (i.e., Financial and Administrative Policy 36 (“FAP 36”)), or

c) University of Wisconsin – Stevens Point travel policies or procedures; or

2) for which there is no reasonable explanation for the failure to use the goods or services.

(Student’s signature) (Date)

(Student’s campus ID #) (Student’s local phone #)

(Student’s local address)