Panther Breakaway

2015-2016 Site Leader Application (International)

Applications accepted on a rolling basis
Additional information: Office of Civic Engagement, Suite 475 Student Center West
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PANTHER BREAKAWAY, ALTERNATIVE BREAKS MISSION
To challenge Georgia State University students to become agents of social change in cultural and social awareness through education, strong direct service and reflection.

DESCRIPTION
Panther Breakaway, Alternative Breaks is a yearlong experience centered on community service during winter and spring breaks away from classes. Participants learn about and then work with agencies supporting a particular social issue. On location, students work for social change to improve the lives of others and explore the culture and history of the area.

The Alternative Breaks program challenges students to:

- Learn about and critically examine social issues.
- Take thoughtful, meaningful action towards the resolution of the social issues.
- Listen to and understand the community needs, recognize community strengths and work toward a reciprocal community relationship.
- Continue a commitment to service and social change while building new partnerships.

WHAT IS A SITE LEADER
Site leaders are responsible for the “Breakaway experience.” This includes pre and post trip activities/meetings, researching, planning and booking the service for their participants, serving as a liaison between service sites, participants, staff and the executive director. Site leaders are expected to attend ALL training sessions to help them be effective leaders throughout the year.

SITE LEADER COMMITMENT
As a site leader, you will be required to attend MANDATORY meetings listed below unless you provide documentation to Panther Breakaway’s Advisor showing you have class scheduled during that time.

- Aug. 28 3 – 4 p.m.
  Civic Engagement Conference Room (University Center 430) [Leader Meet and Greet]
- Sept. 11 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
  Georgia State University Indian Creek Lodge [Breakaway Site Leader Training]
- Sept. 24 3 – 4 p.m.
  Civic Engagement Conference Room (University Center 430) [Fundraising]
- Oct. 2 3 – 4 p.m.
  Civic Engagement Conference Room (University Center 430) [Cultural Competency]
- Nov. 6 3 – 4 p.m.
  Civic Engagement Conference Room (University Center 430) [Ice Breakers & Reflection]

To request disability accommodations at this event, please contact Disability Services at 404-413-1560.
TRIP COST
Site leaders pay a reduced cost based on the final international trip fees. The total trip fee for the international trips will be below $2000 (including airfare, lodging, etc.). The final trip fees will be announced in the Fall semester. The trips can be paid for in full or by installments according to the payment schedule. The trip payment pays for airfare, housing, transportation, meals, fun day activities and the closing dinner. Payments can be made via check or money order made out to Panther Breakaway.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
April 30, 2015: $100 Payment Due
October 30, 2015: $500 Payment Due

* The remaining payments will be due during the Spring 2016 semester, with the final dates and amounts to be established.

* Site Leaders who do not adhere to the payment schedule will be removed from their trip. Payments are nonrefundable.

ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY
Alcohol and drug use and/or possession on any Georgia State University Panther Breakaway trip is prohibited. If you are found with any alcohol or drugs (including participants over 21), you will immediately be asked to leave the group and travel home at your own expense. Upon return to Georgia State University, students will be directed to the Dean of Students Office for further disciplinary action.

APPLICANT INFORMATION
Name: ____________________________ Panther ID: ____________________________
Address: __________________________________________________________________
Cell Phone: ______________________ E-mail: _________________________________

Class Standing: Freshmen / Sophomore / Junior / Senior / Graduate Student
Gender: ____________________________ T-shirt Size: _______________________
Major: ___________________________________________________________________ GPA: __________

We are currently looking at trips to Costa Rica in March or May 2016 and Jamaica in May or August 2016 for our international options. Which trip would you prefer to lead and what timeframes would you be available?

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QUESTIONNAIRE

1. Have you participated in an Alternative Break trip? If yes, please list specific trip and your involvement (i.e. participant).

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2. What other service/leadership experience do you have?

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3. Why do you want to be a site leader for an international trip?

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4. Describe your ideas for recruiting participants for a trip.

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5. Describe your ideas for fundraising for a trip.

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Please initial next to each of the following statements to acknowledge your understanding and agreement:

_____ I have read through and understand all policies associated with the Panther Breakaway Program.

_____ I agree to the payment schedule.

_____ Payments made to Panther Breakaway are **NONREFUNDABLE**.

_____ Alcohol and Drug-free Policy: Please refer to this clause.

_____ Pre- and Post- Trip Meetings and Events: Please refer to this clause.

Applicant Signature: _____________________________  Date: ________________

*Please direct all questions concerning Panther Breakaway, the application process and more to* pbatgsu@gmail.com. *If it is urgent, please visit the Office of Civic Engagement, Suite 475 Student Center West or call 404-413-1550.*