



**March 10/11-16/17, 2012**

\* Date depends on site

## **Application**

**Applications are due in Campus Ministry (OM 207) by Friday, December 2.**

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

Local address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home/room phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: M or F                      Graduation year: '12 '13 '14 '15 Grad

T-shirt size: \_\_\_\_\_

ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic major: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please rank your site placement choices.  
(Site descriptions are attached)**

\_\_\_\_\_ Nazareth Farm in Salem, WV (\$300)

\_\_\_\_\_ Glenmary Farm in Vanceburg, KY (\$300)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lantz Farm/Coal Fields Tour in New Martinsville, WV (\$300)

\_\_\_\_\_ National Parks Service at Harper's Ferry in Knoxville, MD (\$200)

\_\_\_\_\_ Appalachian Catholic Worker, Spencer WV (\$300)

**Please give a *typed* response to the following questions on a separate sheet of paper:**

1. Have you participated on other service-immersion trips or projects before? If so, please list them.
2. Why do you want to participate on this year's ASB trip?
3. Do you feel called to go to a particular site? If so, why? If you are not placed for your first site choice, would you be open to traveling elsewhere? If so, please list and explain.
4. What, if any, is your faith practice? Are you comfortable sharing reflectively about your faith journey?
5. Please represent your personal philosophy on service in an imaginative way (visual, musical, written, etc). We want to get to know you and your creative thoughts on service.

***\*Please remember to fill out and sign the back of this application as well!\****

## Requirements for Alternative Spring Break 2012

Please initial the following statements to signify that you have read and understand them.

### MONEY

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that each participant is responsible for securing the full cost (\$200-\$300) of ASB.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that, although Campus Ministry will help me fundraise this cost and that there is scholarship help available, ultimately I am responsible for the full cost of this trip.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that there is a \$25 deposit due on Friday, January 27. Failing to pay this symbolically says that I am not committed to this trip and threatens my ability to continue on this team.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I am struggling to raise money and need scholarship help, it is my responsibility to be pro-active and approach Alex to learn about my options. My silence threatens my chances of receiving scholarship help.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that all money turned in to Campus Ministry is **non-refundable**. Money cannot be refunded due to illness or dropping out of the trip.

### PREPARATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if selected, I am **required** to attend the following preparatory meetings:
- Mark your calendars!!!**
- ☐ Choose ONE: Introductory meeting on either January 25th at 5pm or January 26th at 9pm. Both meetings will be held in the Undercroft (basement) of Christ the King Chapel.
- ☐ Sunday, February 5 from 8:30am-1pm (2 shifts) in Grupp: ASB Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in Grupp.
- ☐ February: Individual site meetings: determined by site leaders.
- ☐ Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am-2pm: All-participant Buffalo Plunge. Meet in the Undercroft.
- ☐ Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm-10:30pm in the Undercroft: All-participant meeting and mass blessing.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I understand that if I fail to participate in the preparation process leading up to this trip, I may be dismissed from my team by Campus Ministry and none of my fundraising money will be refunded.

### COVENANT OF PARTICIPATION

- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not seek to bring my ways, my food, my language or my mentality to the people I encounter, but rather seek to experience the richness of what is theirs.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will cultivate a positive outlook, realizing that cultural conditions may be more harsh and less comfortable than those I am used to at home.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will be open and honest with other community members and willing to share part of my life with them.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will take part in the team's activities, including meetings before we arrive, while we are there, and when we return.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will share my experiences, both good and bad, during regular reflection sessions.
- \_\_\_\_\_ I will not make decisions that affect the group or the program independently of the team leaders.

**Placing your name after this statement indicates that you have read, understood,  
and agreed to abide by all of the above.**

Name:

Date:

## About the trip:

Alternative Spring Break (ASB) trip is the longest running service-immersion program at Canisius. Campus Ministry has offered this unique alternative to a traditional spring break for 21 years. In the spring of 2011, 39 Canisius students and staff members traveled to sites in rural Appalachia located in Kentucky and West Virginia. Groups also traveled to the Benedictine Community in Erie, PA and to Harpers Ferry in Knoxville, MD.

This year, ASB participants will be traveling throughout Appalachia to spend one week doing a variety of service work including home repair and construction, tutoring, working with the elderly, and trail construction. Read the attached site description form to get a better idea of what individual sites will offer for service and accommodations.

ASB is based on four cornerstones: solidarity, simplicity, spirituality, and social justice. ASB participants will go through a variety of pre and post-trip meetings to learn more about the regions in which they will be working. On-site accommodations and food will be simple. Reflection and prayer will be part of the daily routine during the preparation process and trip.

## Criteria for acceptance:

- Commitment to the four trip cornerstones: solidarity, social justice, spirituality, and simplicity.
- Participation in all preparatory meetings as listed below.
- Students going on an international service-immersion trip and who are interested in attending ASB, will need to schedule a meeting with Lu Firestone and Sarah Signorino to discuss the practicality of participating in both trips.

## Trip cost:

- Each participant is responsible for securing a total of \$200 or \$300 (depending on site location).
- Participants will participate in a variety of fundraising activities such as letter writing, t-shirt sale, and pancake breakfast.

## Timeline:

- Applications are due by Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> in OM 207.
- Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>: Applicants are notified of their acceptance.
- Choose ONE: Introductory meeting on either Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm OR Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 9pm. Both meetings will be held in the Undercroft (basement) of Christ the King Chapel.
- Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup>: \$25 deposit is due by 5pm to Campus Ministry (OM 207).
- Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am-1pm in Grupp: ASB Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser.
- February: Individual site meeting: determined by site leader.
- Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup>: \$100 (\$125 total including deposit) is due by 5pm to Campus Ministry.
- Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>: 8:30am-2pm: Buffalo Plunge.
- Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>: All money is due by 5pm to Campus Ministry.
- Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Undercroft: All-participant meeting and mass blessing.
- Saturday/Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>/11<sup>th</sup>-Friday/Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>: Alternative Spring Break!

## Questions can be directed to:

- Campus Minister Sarah Signorino (OM 215), 716-888-2424 or [signoris@canisius.edu](mailto:signoris@canisius.edu)
- The Office of Campus Ministry (OM 207), 716-888-2420 or [campmin@canisius.edu](mailto:campmin@canisius.edu)
- ASB Graduate Intern Alex Snow, 716-888-2189 or [snowa@canisius.edu](mailto:snowa@canisius.edu)
- Any of the leadership team:
  - Ashley Stewart ([stewar18@canisius.edu](mailto:stewar18@canisius.edu))
  - Brian Zylinski ([zylinskb@my.canisius.edu](mailto:zylinskb@my.canisius.edu))
  - Dan Radwan ([radwand@my.canisius.edu](mailto:radwand@my.canisius.edu))
  - Jamiah Mootry ([mootryj@my.canisius.edu](mailto:mootryj@my.canisius.edu))

# Alternative Spring Break 2012 Site Descriptions

## **GLENMARY FARM**, *Vanceburg, KY*

(Web: <http://www.glenmary.org/farm/>)

Glenmary Farm is a retreat-like service immersion program which offers an opportunity to serve Lewis County Kentucky, a very poor county located about two hours from Cincinnati, Ohio. This is done by building houses for those of low income, working with the elderly, working with the mentally and physically handicapped, working at a local food pantry, and other odd jobs in the community. Glenmary Farm will expose local culture by going to a multitude of different cultural sites, such as a bluegrass/country concert, local speakers on the problems facing people in Appalachia, a local church service, and a picnic for local kids. Every day will finish with a reflection guided mostly by the volunteers.

## **NAZARETH FARM**, *Salem, WV*

(Web: <http://www.nazarethfarm.org/index.htm>)

Nazareth Farm offers a service-retreat experience centered around 4 cornerstones: Simplicity, Prayer, Service, and Community. During a week here, time will be spent learning home repair skills while serving the people of Doddridge County, West Virginia, take a hike up our beautiful mountain, grow in community with other students from across the country, grow spiritually, give time to serving the farm by working in the gardens or kitchen, and learn about Catholic social teaching.

## **NATIONAL PARKS SERVICE AT HARPER'S FERRY**, *Knoxville, MD*

(Web: <http://www.nps.gov/hafe/supportyourpark/community-service-projects.htm>)

Harpers Ferry is located by the Potomac and Shenandoah rivers in the states of West Virginia, Maryland and Virginia. The participants will be staying in a historic volunteer house and working for the National Parks Service in Harpers Ferry. While here, they will have the opportunity to learn more about the National Parks Service and the history behind Harpers Ferry. The service focuses on heavy labor for park upkeep and renovations. Projects will include landscape restoration, which would include, but not limited to; modern fence removal, historic fence construction, trail maintenance, brush clearing, trash/illegal dumping pick-ups, etc. This year Canisius will be working with Boston University's ASB participants at the site.

## **LANTZ FARM/COAL TOUR**, *New Martinsville, WV*

(Web: <http://www.wju.edu/ai/immersion.asp>)

The Coalfields Service Immersion provides opportunities for us to engage and interact with the community members in the coalfield regions of Appalachia. At Lantz Farm, participants will work with the community partners to provide services such as working with soup kitchens, senior centers, local schools and housing rehab programs. The Coalfield regions of Appalachia are rich in a culture and history unlike other regions.

Participants will be able to strive to understand and examine the causes and potential solutions to the problems facing these communities. By getting this experience they will be able to return to their own communities and educate others to help build stronger and healthier communities in Appalachia and all regions facing these same economic and humanitarian issues.

## **APPALACHIAN CATHOLIC WORKER**, *Spencer, WV*

(Web: <http://www.acwfarm.com/>)

The Appalachian Catholic Worker's service program has a threefold approach for us to experience Catholic social teaching first hand. Time will be divided equally among 1) service projects on the farm and within the local community 2) education on social and environmental justice issues relevant to Appalachia, and 3) daily discussion and reflections on your experiences. Projects require a lot of hands, but not a lot of skill, like chopping, hauling, stacking wood, raking gravel, painting, clearing trash and visiting with the elderly. Education will include a field trip to Coal Country to learn about mountaintop removal and the history of coal mining. Discussions and Reflections will combine social analysis, critical thinking and prayer to integrate what you've experienced in order to go home and continue serving those in need in your own area.