



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK – YOUTH RESPONDING TO POVERTY

SPRING BREAK 2009



WHAT IS ASB?

Alternative Spring Break – Youth Responding to Poverty (ASB) is designed to educate Poudre School District and Thompson School District junior and senior high students about the issues of poverty and homelessness in our community and to encourage them to take action in their communities through volunteerism and advocacy. During a 12-hour period on March 16, 2009, students will volunteer with community organizations who work to address these issues, participate in a poverty simulation and build awareness around these issues by creating a visual representation in Old Town Square and talking to City Council and community members. Students will also attend a training session before the event and participate in a collection drive where they can involve friends, neighbors, and family members.

WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

During Poudre School District's & Thompson School District's Spring Break:
Monday, March 16, 2009 from 9:00am-9:00pm in Fort Collins.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

All Larimer County 7th-12th grade students interested in learning about homelessness and poverty issues are invited to apply. All activities will be coordinated and supervised by United Way 2-1-1 staff.

WHAT WILL I BE DOING TO HELP THE COMMUNITY?

Participants will be:

- Volunteering with organizations that help people who are homeless, in danger of becoming homeless, or living in poverty.
- Building awareness about poverty and homelessness issues in the community.
- Becoming educated on the problems of poverty and homelessness so that they can act (and inspire others to act) in the future.
- Participating in a collection drive to benefit one of the organizations we will be working with.
- Having lots of fun and meeting students from different schools!

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE?

All interested participants must fill out an application and return it to United Way 2-1-1 along with a **\$20 application fee**. ****Only 25 students will be accepted. Applications are due to the United Way 2-1-1 office by Friday, February 13th.** Students will be notified by Wednesday, February 18th if they have been selected to participate.

Once selected for the project, participants will be expected to:

- Attend one of the training/orientation sessions held on **Thursday, February 26 OR Tuesday, March 3** and one celebration/wrap-up meeting on **Tuesday, March 24** (all meetings will be held from 5:00pm-6:30pm).
- Participate in a collection drive to benefit a local nonprofit agency.
- Participate in the entire project with care, respect, and enthusiasm!

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

If you have any questions, or would like more information, contact Julie Phillips at United Way 2-1-1 at (970) 407-7054 or jphillips@uwaylc.org.



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STUDENT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2009

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE: _____ **ZIP:** _____

HOME PHONE #: _____ **CELL PHONE #:** _____

E-MAIL: _____

SCHOOL: _____ **GRADE:** _____

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN(S) NAME: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT (IF NOT YOUR PARENT/GUARDIAN): _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE #: _____

Tell us why you want to be involved in *Alternative Spring Break – Youth Responding to Poverty*.

Tell us about one volunteer or service-learning experience that you have had and what the best part of that experience was. (If you haven't volunteered before, talk about why you want to start helping the community.)

Participants and parent/guardian must read and sign for application to be considered:

I, _____ (student's name), am making a commitment to participate in *Alternative Spring Break – Youth Responding to Poverty*, a volunteer project organized by United Way 2-1-1.

I understand that:

- I will be required to attend one of the training/orientation sessions held on **Thursday, February 26 OR Tuesday, March 3** and one celebration event on **Tuesday, March 24**.
- I will be involved in a collective drive to benefit a local nonprofit organization.
- In order for my application to be complete I must include a \$20 application fee*. This fee will be returned to me if I am not selected.
- If I am selected to participate in the project, I will be expected to be there. Even though it would be great if every interested student could participate, space for this project is limited. If my schedule changes and I am no longer able to participate I will notify United Way 2-1-1 immediately.
- I am doing something great to help my community.

Student's Signature

Date

I have read the information included in this application and project information sheet. I support my child's desire to participate in *Alternative Spring Break – Youth Responding to Poverty* and understand that my child will be under adult supervision at all times. I also understand that my child must submit a **\$20 application fee** that will be returned if my child is not selected to participate.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Mail or deliver applications and \$20 to:

*Checks should be made payable to:
United Way of Larimer County*

**United Way of Larimer County
Attn: Julie Phillips
424 Pine Street, Suite 102
Fort Collins, CO 80524**

**If you are unable to pay part or all of the application fee due to financial hardship please contact Julie.*