



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK – YOUTH RESPONDING TO POVERTY

FRIDAY, MARCH 19, 2010



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 10-hour period on March 19, 2010, students will participate in a number of activities designed to raise awareness and build capacity for addressing poverty in our community. Activities include volunteering with local agencies, participating in a poverty simulation, and interacting with community members who have either experienced poverty and/or who are addressing the issue through their work. 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?

Friday, March 19, 2010 from 9:00am-7:00pm in Old Town, 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 in order to take action (and inspire others to act) in the future.
- Participating in a collection drive to benefit one of the participating organizations.
- 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 19th.** Students will be notified by Wednesday, February 24th 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 **Wednesday, February 24** OR **Tuesday, March 2** from 5:00pm-6:30pm and complete assigned readings (1-2 articles given at training) before March 19.
- Participate in a collection drive to benefit a local nonprofit agency.
- Participate in the entire project with care, respect, and enthusiasm (being on time and ready)!

WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

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



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STUDENT APPLICATION

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 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*.
If you have participated in the past, explain why you would like to participate again.

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 of Larimer County.

I understand that:

- I must attend one of the training/orientation sessions held on **Wednesday, February 24 OR Tuesday, March 2** from 5:00pm-6:30pm and complete assigned readings (1-2 articles given at training) before March 19
- 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 for the entire day (9 am – 7 pm). 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 immediately and will receive a full refund.
- I will be exposed to new, sometimes challenging, ideas and am ready to learn how I can contribute to addressing poverty in my community, now and in the future.

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:

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

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

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