

Seneca County Partners for Children, Youth, and Families
Youth Development Team

alternative spring break 2010

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

**Application Due: Friday,
February 26, 2010**

Return your completed application by *Friday, February 26, 2010*
to the following places in your district:

DeSales High School: Principal's Office
Home-schools: United Way of Seneca County
Romulus High School: Nurse's Office, Babette Bennett
Seneca Falls High School: Surge Middle School Office, Mary Hryzak
South Seneca High School: Surge Middle School Office, Geri Corning
Waterloo High School: Guidance Office, Kathleen Bremer

What is Alternative Spring Break (ASB)?

During Spring Break 2010, Seneca County youth will trade swimming trunks for tool belts and team up with Seneca County Partners for Children, Youth and Families, United Way of Seneca County, and Habitat for Humanity to make a meaningful impact on Seneca County. From rebuilding a home, to planting trees, volunteers will roll up their sleeves to get things done.

ASB will take place Friday, April 23 – Saturday, April 24, 2010.



Application Process

1. Complete the application. This includes filling out the data sheet, completing the five short answer questions, and outlining any community service completed in the last six months.
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3. The applications will be collected by the one of the Youth Development Team committee members. Your school team leaders will review the applications and indicate their recommendations for team members.
4. Team leaders will forward their recommendations to the Youth Development Team for final review. The Youth Development Team will ultimately be responsible for making the final decisions regarding team members.
5. Notification of your team status will be sent out on or around April 7, 2010.

Important Dates:

1/4/10	Applications are released
2/26/10	Applications are due
4/7/10	Applicants are notified of their status
4/23-24/10	Spring Break Event

For questions or more information, please contact Jackie Case at the United Way of Seneca County, phone: 539-1135, email jdcase@rochester.rr.com.

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Alternative Spring Break Application

April 23-24 2010

Student Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Student School: _____ Student Email: _____

Grade _____ Gender _____ Special Needs Student ___ Y ___ N

Ethnicity: ___ African-American ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic/Latino ___ Pacific Islander ___ Other

Is this student a vegetarian or require other special dietary considerations: _____ Vegetarian _____ Other
If other, please indicate _____

Student's Home Address _____

Student's Home Phone _____

Student Lives With _____

Father/Guardian: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

e-mail _____

Mother/Guardian: _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Employer _____

Work Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

e-mail _____

Emergency Contact #1: _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

Emergency Contact #2: _____

Name _____

Relationship _____

Phone _____

Medical Information: Please note any allergies, medications or other medical concerns below. **ALL students must have their completed emergency information card on file in the school nurse's office.**

Please indicate any restrictions (e.g., orders of protection) regarding this student: _____

We acknowledge the benefits derived from voluntary attendance, and potential risks of participation in program activities and events; and we waive any claims on behalf of our child or ourselves against the Seneca County Partners for Children, Youth and Families, United Way of Seneca County; Romulus, Seneca Falls, South Seneca and/or Waterloo schools; employees and partner agencies thereof. We understand our child may be photographed occasionally and such photographs will be used solely for the purpose of marketing alternative spring break (e.g., newspaper articles, special projects). We understand participating students must have completed enrollment documents on file, and that regular attendance is expected. We understand our child is expected to act respectfully and responsibly and abide by school and program rules, policies and procedures. We give permission for emergency medical care to be obtained for our child/ren, and understand we will be contacted immediately at the above contact numbers should the situation arise. We give permission for confidential sharing of information about our child/ren with and between school officials and appropriate health agencies as necessary. We also understand that, as parents and guardians, our participation in the program is welcomed, encouraged and will help to ensure a successful experience for all.

Parent/Guardian Date

Student Date



Short Answer

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. These answers will be considered in the review of your application for Alternative Spring Break 2010.

1. Why are you interested in attending Alternative Spring Break 2010?
2. What do you feel you can contribute personally to Alternative Spring Break 2010?
3. Each team needs to raise at least \$15 per person. What are some ideas you have to help your team raise this money?
4. What do you consider to be your strengths? Your weaknesses?

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5. If you are selected to be a part of the Alternative Spring Break 2010 team, what impact do you hope to make on the community we serve?

Prior Community Service Activity

Please list any community service you have completed within the last six months:

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Things to Know

Structure: This year we are holding a local Alternative Spring Break that will take place over the course of two days. Times and locations are still to be determined, but the program will be held in Seneca County. Each school will have a student team leader(s) who attended ASB 2009. Exceptions will be made for schools that have not participated in the past. This event is also open to students that participated in ASB 2008 and 2009 but have since then graduated.

Application Process: Each student interested in attending Alternative Spring Break 2010 will need to complete and submit an application. The application consists of the student information sheet, five short answer questions and an outline of any community service the student has completed over the last six months. Please do not be discouraged if you have been unable to complete any community service. This does not necessarily exclude you from being considered for this event.

Application and Selection Timeline:

January 4, 2010 - Applications released for distribution

February 26, 2010 - Applications are due

April 7, 2010 - Team members are notified

Location: ASB 2010 will take place in Seneca County, a specific location has not been determined as of yet.

Travel and Sleeping Arrangements: There will be one overnight, location TBA. Transportation to and from the work site will be provided. Meals will also be provided.

Students selected to attend will need to:

- Be in grades 9-12 and live in one of the school districts in Seneca County OR attended ASB 2008 or 2009 and have since graduated from high school
- Assist their team in raising \$15/person
- Provide proof of an updated and current tetanus shot