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Alternative Break Informational Video

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STUDENT ACTIVITIES
COMMUNITY OUTREACH



USG Funding
Supports Alt Breaks

Community Outreach and Alternative Breaks

“Community Outreach’s (CO) mission is to enrich learning at the University of Connecticut through preparing students to be active community members by engaging them in service activities that enhance the quality of life for both others and themselves”

Each program is student-led, with faculty/staff support.

Alternative Breaks is a subsection of CO that works on service-learning experiences supporting alongside the community to prepare participants to be lifelong community collaborators and have a positive impact. We run eleven alternative breaks with a wide range of topics and locations.

About the Program

Dates: March 14-20, 2027 (Spring Break)

Trip Size: 12 Total including 1 Student Program Director, 1 Student Team Leader, and 1 Staff Learning Partner, . The Student Program Director is primarily responsible for planning and leading the trip.

Pre-Program Meetings: Six 1 to 1.5-hour meetings held between Nov. to Mar.

Program Goals: The goals of this program is to learn about Cherokee Life and engage in activities to support the community contributing to our longstanding relationship with the Cherokee Nation. Through meaningful interactions, we aim to gain insights into the profound significance of Cherokee Nation culture, awareness, and history while working on projects for the local community.

IMPORTANT NOTE

This program is **NOT** a vacation. It is a program focused on service and education.

Financial Information

Storrs Undergrad Cost: \$400

Additional financial support for Storrs Undergrads may be available after acceptance to the program

We appreciate USG Storrs for reducing participant cost for Storrs students

What is covered: Transportation (Flight+Driving costs), Food, and Housing

What is NOT covered: Any personal purchases (sleeping bags required).

*Regional Campus students should reach out to carl.soares@uconn.edu for costs

About our Community Partner

Name: Cherokee Nation

Location: Oklahoma

Examples of Service from Last Year:

- Indirect and direct service; engaging with the community through building, staining decks, and cleaning with and for community members



Other Things to Note

Travel: Fly and then rent 2 vans for local travel

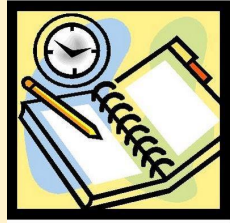
Sleeping Arrangements: Community center with sleeping bags on the floor or cots

Food: We will be preparing our own breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Work Safety: we will likely take part in manual labor; safety training will be provided prior to our departure

NOTE much of this is based on last year's program, details are subject to change

Example Daily Schedule



- 7:30 am: Wake up
- 8:00-9:00 am: Breakfast/Pack Lunch
- 9:00-9:30 am: Travel to Service Site
- 9:30am-12:00pm: Service
- 12:00-1:00 pm: Lunch Break
- 1:00-4:00 pm: Service
- 4:00-4:30 pm: Travel back
- 4:30-7:30 pm: Cook dinner/shower/eat
- 7:30-8:30 pm: Reflection
- 8:30-10:00 pm: Free Time
- 10:00pm: Lights out

Eight Components of Alt Breaks

1. Strong Engagement
2. Full Immersion
3. Positive Impact
4. Orientation
5. Education
6. Training
7. Reflection
8. Reorientation



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Thank You!

Have any questions about this program, or need to request accommodations? Reach out to Natasha at

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