UNH - Alternative Break Challenge

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What is ABC?

UNH-Alternative Break Challenge is a student organization that offers UNH students an alternative option to traditional spring breaks.

Students are given the opportunity to travel to various locations throughout the country to work on community service projects.
Focus

We place an emphasis on group community, interaction, and reflection.

UNH-ABC also offers students an opportunity to develop citizenship, responsibility, leadership skills and connection to other communities.

While students are serving in areas desperately in need of assistance, they learn more about themselves and how they can personally address these issues in their own communities.
Where we go..

ABC's trips are arranged through Habitat for Humanity, National Park Service, and misc non-for-profit organizations.

On these trips, volunteers work on homes in various stages of completion, helping out with erecting frames, dry-walling, roofing, and various other projects.

Habitat for Humanity volunteers work side-by-side with the families, who will eventually live in these homes. Other trips work with children in inner-city care centers, within U.S. Forest Service areas, pet shelters, and more!
ABC is Made of…

The Executive Board
(4 members, Must have previous ABC experience)

Leaders
(2 per Trip, Must have previous ABC experience)

Participants
(Unlimited)
The Making of ABC

► First, Execs hold information session to recruit leaders and participants.

- Q&A session
- Policies explained
- Destinations
Next, Execs are in contact with site coordinators of various different community service programs.

We compose a budget, reserve facilities/vans, and figure out paperwork.
Applications

- From here we are able to begin accepting applications for both leaders and participants.
- We hold interviews for leaders and they pick which trip they wish to lead with another co-leader.
Trip Pick Night!

► The Execs hold trip pick night where both participants and leaders are present.

► Leaders basically advertise/describe their trips. They discuss:
  - What they are doing.
  - Where they might go.
  - Facts/Attractions about the areas.
The Week Before…

► Before spring break week, vans are picked up and we hold leader training meeting.

► Basically setup everything for the trips to be prepared to leave the Friday prior to spring break!
Trips Leave!

► The Friday prior to spring break trips are out!
► Each trip is composed of:
  ▪ 2 Leaders
  ▪ 7 Participants
    (9 Total)
This Years Trips:

Inner-City Daycare
Kansas City, Missouri
East St. Louis, Illinois

Misc. Service
Richmond, Virginia
Waveland, Mississippi

Habitat for Humanity
Lexington, Kentucky
North Fort Myers, Florida
Grand Rapids, Minnesota
Birmingham, Alabama
Statesville, North Carolina

Trail Maintenance
Cumberland Island, Georgia
Dahlonega, Georgia
This Year Alone

Designed to Inspire…

- ABC sent out **17** trips.
- Participants completed **5,840** hours of service.
- If one person worked non-stop for **270** days, they would complete the amount of service we do in **ONE** week.
- Since our inception in 1994, ABC has helped build **130+** homes.
- This year we traveled **48,339** miles. That is **1.9** times around the Earth!
- This year alone we will helped build **12** homes, enriched the lives of over **500** children, and recovered over **50** miles of trail.

“Be the change you wish to see in the world.”

- Gandhi