Huskie Alternative Break (HAB) Participants

Start of Block: Introduction

Q3 Thank you for your interest in Huskies Alternative Breaks! Northern Illinois University's Huskie Alternative Breaks (HAB) are week long service-learning experiences designed to heighten participants’ awareness of critical social issues, enhance their individual growth, and prepare them for social action. Each experience integrates service via direct community projects, reflection, and educational activities that focus on topics such as poverty, food insecurity, environmental restoration, education, and healthcare. Trips are offered throughout the year in regional destinations. The program has dedicated itself to giving its participants a blend of direct volunteer service and exposure to the community, all while creating new and lasting friendships.

Please review HAB website for full participation eligibility requirements and to learn more trip details and about the program's guiding principles.

Q20 Which Huskie Alternative Break trip are you applying for? Please note, you need to choose one of the options. Each trip has different cost and location, refer to our website for the details.

- Immigration (1)
- Environment (2)
- Civic Engagement (3)
- I don't have a preference. Please assign me to the trip that has available seats. (4)
Q5 Personal Information:

- Full Name: (1) ________________________________________________
- Z-ID Number: (2) ________________________________________________
- Date of Birth: (3) ________________________________________
- Cell Phone: (4) ________________________________________________

Q7 Permanent Address:

- Address: (1) ________________________________________________
- City: (2) ________________________________________________
- State: (3) ________________________________________________
- Zip Code: (4) ________________________________________________
- Hometown: (5) ________________________________________________

Q9 Primary E-mail Address:

________________________________________________________

Q11 Major/Minor:

- Major: (1) ________________________________________________
- Minor: (2) ________________________________________________
Q13 I am a:

- Freshman (1)
- Sophomore (2)
- Junior (3)
- Senior (4)
- Graduate Student (5)

Q15 Are you comfortable driving a 6-passenger van for 4 hour increments at a time?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Q17 T-Shirt Size:

- XS (1)
- S (2)
- M (3)
- L (4)
- XL (5)
- XXL (6)
- XXXL (7)

End of Block: Introduction

Start of Block: Block 1
Q19 Please answer the following questions. There are no correct answers; we just want to get to know you!

Q23 What do you hope to gain by participating in a Huskie Alternative Breaks trip? (250 words maximum)

Q21 What extra-curricular activities are you currently involved in? What is your role in the activity? (250 words maximum)

Q25 Please describe any previous volunteer experience. (Note that a lack of previous experience will not count against you). (250 words maximum)

Q27 On a scale of 1 (not important at all) to 5 (extremely important), tell us how important fund-raising projects are to your participation?

- Extremely important (1)
- Very important (2)
- Moderately important (3)
- Slightly important (4)
- Not at all important (5)

Q29 If needed provide more detail related to the previous question here:
Q33 Tell us about why you are passionate about or interested in exploring the social issue you chose in questions #1 (immigration, environment, or civic engagement). When did you first become interested in this social issue and why? Have you already taken steps to address this social issue (if yes, how)? How would the work you do during an alternative break enrich your academic experience? (500 words maximum)

Q35 Please attach your most current resume. If you need help creating or updating your resume, please visit Career Services in the Campus Life Building, Room 220.

End of Block: Resume

Start of Block: Statement of Agreement

Q36 COMMITMENT: Being a Huskie Alternative Breaks participant requires time, energy, and commitment. By signing this document, I am agreeing to invest that time, energy and commitment if selected to be an HAB participant.

All HAB applicants agree to pay $35 commitment trip deposit upon acceptance into the program.

As an HAB participant, I agree to:

- Regard the Site Leaders, Staff Advisor, Program Coordinator as the final decision makers
- Respect community partners and the people they work with (on and off campus)
- Respect my surroundings when I am in a new community
- Keep what is said during reflection confidential
- Follow HAB Policies (read below thoroughly)

HAB POLICIES

HAB participants are required to follow all NIU policies before, during, and after their trip. (For more information about NIU Policies, please refer to the NIU website or review the [NIU Student Code of Conduct](#).) By signing this document, I certify that I am a Northern Illinois University student and in good standing with the University.

Illegal drug & alcohol policy. I understand that HAB is an illegal drug- and alcohol-free experience (for more information about why this is an expectation, please contact the program coordinator). By signing this document, I am agreeing to follow and uphold HAB and NIU policies to the best of my ability. If I am found to be abusing drugs or consuming alcohol, I understand that I may be dismissed immediately from the trip and responsible for my transportation back home. Disciplinary action during the trip is left to the discretion of the Staff Advisor. Disciplinary action post-trip will be left to HAB and possibly the NIU Student Conduct.

Payment dates & refund policy. I understand that all payments made after their respected due dates are also non-refundable. By signing this document, I am agreeing to forfeit my deposit and any money paid after the due dates should I need to drop out of HAB for any reason. Furthermore, I agree to meet the respected due dates to the best of my availability. Should I find it difficult to make payments, I agree to contact the program coordinator and program advisor with notice so that they may provide me with feasible options. I
understand that if I am not meeting due dates and I do not reach out to the coordinator and advisor, I run the risk of losing my secured spot on the trip. **Technology policy.** I understand that using an electronic device such as a phone or tablet during reflection is distracting and disrespectful. By signing this document, I agree to withhold from using any such device during reflection. In the event that I must have my phone for an important reason (e.g., expecting call from parents), I agree to notify my Site Leaders and excuse myself should I need to take or make a call. By signing this form I authorize the NIU Office of Community Standards & Student Conduct to disclose to the NIU Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning a summary of my Student Conduct file from education records pertaining to me and maintained by Northern Illinois University. I understand that education records pertaining to me and maintained by Northern Illinois University may be protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). The purpose of this disclosure is to determine my eligibility to serve as a participant in an authorized NIU HAB alternative break trip. The Office of Student Engagement and Experiential Learning reserves the right to check all officers’ Academic and Student Conduct standing in accordance with FERPA. **SITE PLACEMENT** I understand that in applying for the Huskie Alternative Breaks program, my placement is contingent on logistical elements (space available, travel arrangements, etc.) as they arise. I understand that my destination team placement may change as the result of an unforeseen circumstance therefore changing my destination. **SURVEYS and EVALUATIONS** All HAB participants will occasionally be asked to participate in several surveys and evaluations. The results will be kept confidential and will only be used for program feedback and improvement. By signing this statement, I am agreeing to participate in all HAB surveys and evaluations, and to give honest feedback. I have read all the above statements and considered them seriously. I fully understand all the above statements, and agree to comply with them.