

Alternative Spring Break 2012 – Pre and Post Surveys

Brief description of program:

The mission of Alternative Breaks Program is to engage the University of Utah community in service and experiential learning while promoting holistic wellness and lifelong service by dispatching teams of college students to distant communities over school breaks. This travel service programs allows students to grapple with complex social issues, and further integrate into campus life and engagement.

Who was asked to complete survey:

All students who participated in an ASB 2013 trip, and staff partners who participated in an ASB trip.

Respondents:

Pre: 126

Post: 104

Administration Type: paper with data entry into Campus Labs

Summary of Key Findings:

Overall the alternative break program proved to have a successful year with positive evaluations on the site leader and staff partner's ability to include and plan a volunteer trip out of state, their ability to facilitate conversations and agency experiences while on the trip, and further students continue (as historically found in post-trip surveys) to be more likely to engage in volunteer/community service upon return home.

Actions Taken:

Site leader reviews assisted in future training and student development of specific site leaders based on reviews. Further development of the program and review of results given at Advisory Board Meetings

Which Student Affairs goals does this program / project align with?

1. Develop students as a whole through the cultivation and enrichment of the body, mind and spirit
3. Promote diversity on campus.
5. Partner with faculty, staff, and external constituencies to foster student development and enhance the greater community
6. Utilize a coordinated assessment, evaluation, and research approach to promote data driven decision-making