



Alternative Spring Break (ASB) 2026

March 15th-21st, 2026

Dallas, Texas

Information & Application

Selection Criteria

Selection will be based on the ASB Trip Application and Reflection Statements and chosen anonymously by a selection committee of staff from Student Engagement & Belonging (SEB).

Applications Due

Friday, November 21st, 2025, at 5pm— Applications are due to the SEB office, RSC 216 or you may email them to Loren.Belew@wichita.edu. Applicants will be notified if they are chosen to go on the trip by Friday, December 5th, 2025.

What is Alternative Spring Break?

Alternative Spring Break will expose WSU students to complex social and cultural issues through community visits, direct service, group discussions, and common readings. The 2026 Alternative Spring Break trip will take place in Dallas Texas.

Alternative Spring Break Details

For the 2026 Alternative Spring Break will take place in Dallas, Texas. Participants will depart Wichita State University on Sunday, March 15th and will travel back on Friday, March 21st. We will be staying at Camp Carter in Dallas- Fort Worth and throughout the week we will be volunteering with different organizations each day with volunteer work with organizations that serve issues related to food and hunger, youth and mentoring, environment and sustainability and animal welfare. On the final day, we will have a tour day where students will be allowed to choose between spending the day at Six Flags or touring the museums in Dallas. At the conclusion of the day the group will travel back to Kansas and arrive back in Kansas around midnight on Saturday, March 22nd.

Cost

The cost of the trip is \$150 per student. The cost includes transportation to Texas, lodging, food, programming, and a final day/fun activity. Meals during travel to and from Kansas/Texas are not covered by the trip. The full payment of \$150 must be received by January 9th, 2026.

Participation

Trip participants are required to participate in a series of three meetings that will take place prior to the trip for 1 hour a week and one post trip seminar. If participants are unable to make

the meetings they must meet individually with the Civic Engagement Coordinator to get the information that they have missed. The meetings will explore the issues related to the service projects through readings and discussions and will also provide logistical information about the trip and will give students an opportunity to get to know other trip participants.

How to apply and other information:

- Fill out the attached application and complete the four application questions.
- Return them to the Student Engagement & Belonging office in Room 216 of the RSC by Friday, November 21st, 2025, at 5pm.
- You will be notified by Friday, December 5th if you are chosen for the trip.
- The \$150 trip fee and may be dropped off at the SEB Office in Room 216 of the RSC.
- Pre-trip meetings are required. If you are not available to attend a pre-trip meeting, you may schedule a meeting with the Civic Engagement Coordinator to review any trip details that may have been missed. Meetings will take place in Room 256 of the Rhatigan Student Center on the following dates:
 - Friday, February 27th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, March 6th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, March 13th from 4:00-5:00 p.m.
 - Friday, April 3rd from 4:00-5:00 p.m. (final trip and wrap-up meeting)
- For questions or additional information email Loren.Belew@wichita.edu or call 316-978-7016.

Alternative Spring Break 2024 Application

Name: _____
Campus or Local Address (list residence hall and room): _____
E-mail: _____
GPA: (Cumulative) _____
(High School cumulative. If first-year student) _____
Year in College (1,2,3,4, etc.): _____
Student ID: _____
Major: _____
Date of Birth: _____
Are you under 18: _____ no _____

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible. Please attach your typed answers or attach them in a separate document.

1. Tell us a little about yourself and why you would like to go on the Alternative Spring Break trip.
2. What do you hope to learn from participating in an Alternative Spring Break trip?
3. Why are you interested in participating in this experience? How will you apply this experience to your future career or academic goals?
4. What has been your favorite volunteer or community service experience that you have participated in in the past? If you have not had a chance to volunteer, what is something that you would look forward to on this trip?

If selected, I agree to:

- Participate in the pre and post trip seminar.
- If chosen to go on the trip, I will participate in all volunteer activities and reflection activities to the best of my ability.
- I acknowledge that if I use drugs or alcohol while on the trip, I will be sent back to WSU immediately – at my own expense.
- If selected, I acknowledge I must provide proof of insurance and other medical information as needed.

Applicant Signature

Date

Parent or Guardian Signature
(if applicant is under 18 years of age)

Date

Please direct all questions to Loren Belew
Coordinator of Civic Engagement
Student Engagement & Belonging
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