

As a participant on an AWOL Alternative Break Program, I understand that:

1. I am required to **attend all pre-departure group meetings**. I understand that 5 meetings will be held prior to departure (exact dates and times to be announced once determined by your site leaders). Meetings are approximately 1 hour each week and will involve team building and educational activities. If I know in advance that I will not be able to attend a scheduled meeting, accommodations may be made with my site leaders, but they will be reviewed on a case by case basis.
2. I am expected to **leave from and return to Vermillion with my AWOL group**, regardless of the location of my site. If divergence from the AWOL group schedule is necessary, I will complete the required steps prior to making plans, including submitting a Divergent Travel Request to my site leaders, and having it approved by the AWOL advisor.
3. I am required to **attend all group service, educational, and social activities** during the alternative break.
4. I am required to **attend AWOL group-related activities following the trip** (re-orientation event).
5. I am expected to **adhere to all guidelines** presented to me by the host organizations.
6. I am expected to **actively participate in daily reflective sessions** with other group members.
7. I am expected to **be respectful and an open-minded participant** in response to other individual's thoughts, beliefs, cultures, traditions, lifestyles, background and opinions.
8. I am expected to **adhere to all Code of Conduct Rules and Regulations** established by the South Dakota Board of Regents found in the University of South Dakota Student Handbook.
9. I am required to **abide by and support a substance-free experience** as part of the Alternative Break program. I will not use alcohol and illegal substances anytime during the alternative break or any other AWOL functions.
10. I understand disciplinary action may be taken for any violations of the stipulations in this participation agreement; and that this may include removal from the AWOL program and/or action by Students Rights and Responsibilities.

I have read the above stipulations of AWOL Program participation, and understand my responsibilities. As an AWOL participant, I commit myself to abide by all of the policies described above.