Position Summary

The Alternative Breaks Resident Scholar is an individual who assists, supports, and empowers the Student Site Leaders during the duration of planning and implementation of an immersive volunteer experience during winter, spring, and May breaks from school or over the course of a weekend.

The position is crucial in helping build community and develop partnerships between departments at Georgia Southern University. In addition, the individual in this role must promote the purpose of the Alternative Break program. Responsibilities include but are not limited to the following: Assisting in student leadership development, being fully present and available for the Site Leaders and participants while on the Alternative Break, assisting with group facilitation and interaction, managing University funds and finances throughout the break, supporting and promoting the physical and emotional wellbeing of participants and Site Leaders during the break experience, attending all trainings, and attending program events when able.

Benefits to Resident Scholars

- Mentorship experience
- Meet, network, and connect with other Georgia Southern University staff and faculty interested in student development
- Professional development opportunity and resume builder
- Recruiting tool for your program/center/college
- Participation, travel and cost of the break are free to Resident Scholars
- Hands-on learning and volunteer experience around a complex social issue you are interested in.

Position Duties, Commitments & Expectations

Weekend Breaks

**Time commitment:** ~2 weeks of prep time and the Weekend Break experience itself.

- Approval from your supervisor to participate and completion of the Resident Scholar Agreement
- Complete and return all needed Alternative Breaks paperwork (and volunteer site paperwork when applicable) by stated deadlines. Including, but not limited to: University Van Training, scanned copy of Driver’s License, Participant Information Sheet, University Waiver, Resident Scholar Agreement
- Schedule meeting with student Site Leader and Alternative Breaks & Community Partnerships Coordinator at least once prior to break departure
• Schedule post-break meeting with Alternative Breaks & Community Partnerships Coordinator within 3 weeks post-break experience
• Attend pre-break meeting(s) arranged by Site Leader. Meetings are approximately 1 hour long and the time is determined by staff and student schedules.
• Assist and mentor Site Leader in pre-break planning activities, contacting agencies, addressing conflict, planning logistics, etc.
• Track and manage all finances and University funds attributed to your specific Alternative Break
• Follow and implement policies and guidelines set by the Alternative Breaks program
• Facilitate program assessments at the conclusion of the Alternative Break experience

Week-long Breaks

Time commitment: ~7 weeks of prep time and the Alternative Break experience itself.
• Approval from your supervisor to participate and completion of the Resident Scholar Agreement
• Complete and return all needed Alternative Breaks paperwork (and volunteer site paperwork when applicable) by stated deadlines. Including, but not limited to: University Van Training, scanned copy of Driver’s License, Cash Advance forms, Participant Information Sheet, University Waiver, Resident Scholar Agreement
• Attend AB pre-break meetings arranged by Co-Site Leaders (attendance at least at one is required). Four pre-break meetings are held during the semester leading up to the break. Meetings are approximately 1 hour long and the time is determined by staff and student schedules
• Meet with your student Co-Site Leaders at least once during pre-break meeting period. Bi-weekly meetings leading up to the break is recommended in order to build a strong working/mentoring relationship
• Attend AB Site Reveal and Site Review events
• Assist and mentor Co-Site Leaders in pre-break planning activities/meetings, contacting agencies, addressing conflict, planning logistics, etc.
• Track and manage all finances and University funds attributed to your specific Alternative Break
• Follow and implement policies and guidelines set by the Alternative Breaks program
• Facilitate program assessments at the conclusion of the Alternative Break experience
• Schedule post-break meeting with Alternative Breaks & Community Partnerships Coordinator within 3 weeks after completion of the Alternative Break experience
Important Program Dates

Spring Break

**Resident Scholar Training**
Training time to be coordinated once Resident Scholar placed.

**Site Reveal**
Tuesday, February 12th, 7-8:30pm

**AB Team Pre-Break Meetings**
Weekly team meetings starting February 18th – 15th
(*Scheduled at Site Reveal with team*)

**Post-Break meeting with Alternative Breaks Coordinator**
Scheduled according to individual availability

**Break Travel Dates:** March 17th – 22nd

**Site Review**
Tuesday, April 9th, 7:00-8:30pm

May Break

**Resident Scholar Training**
Training time to be coordinated once Resident Scholar placed.

**Site Reveal**
Tuesday, April 2nd, 7-8:30pm

**AB Team Pre-Break Meetings**
Weekly team meetings April 8th – May 3rd
(*Scheduled at Site Reveal with team*)

**Post-Break meeting with Alternative Breaks Coordinator**
Scheduled according to individual availability

**Break Travel Dates:** May 12th – 17th

**No Site Review Event for May Breaks**

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