

Alternative Spring Break, 2008 Sites!

Atlanta, GA: The International Rescue Committee

Volunteers will work with refugee and immigrant populations in Atlanta. Potential projects include tutoring young students, helping set up new apartments, and general support at the IRC office.

Austin, TX: Workers Defense Project

Working to promote the rights of immigrants and refugees in the Austin community, volunteers will spend time at the Workers Defense Project, a human rights group that strives for racial and economic justice in the workplace, and Casa Marianella, a shelter for immigrants and refugees from Central America.

Chicago, IL: Vital Bridges

Addressing the needs of the HIV/AIDS –affected community in the Greater Chicago area, volunteers help with food packaging and distribution to those in need of meal assistance and generally assist the Vital Bridges organization.

Cumberland Island, GA: Cumberland Island National Seashore

Volunteers will learn about the unique ecosystem of Cumberland Island while participating in variety of environmental activities including seashore cleanup, trail maintenance, invasive species removal, and habitat restoration. (CAMPING)

Detroit, MI: Focus Hope

Volunteers will address poverty and racial inequality by helping in Detroit's most disadvantaged neighborhoods through community outreach, home deliveries, and youth mentoring.

Dupree, SD: Sioux YMCA

Volunteers will learn about the Native American community of the Cheyenne River Reservation while mentoring children and maintaining the YMCA's recreation facilities.

Ft. Smith, AR: Habitat for Humanity

Volunteers will work with Habitat for Humanity, an ecumenical Christian housing organization that works in partnership with people in need to build and renovate affordable housing.

Greenville, SC: Central Community Ministries

Working with Central Community Ministries and Hands On Greenville, volunteers will provide a variety of services through the "Paint the Town" campaign, including painting and repairing homes for low-income families, visiting local nursing homes, and working at a soup kitchen.

Hobe Sound, FL: Blowing Rock Preserve

Working in conjunction with the Nature Conservancy, volunteers will help protect a variety of natural habitats including beach dune, coastal strand, mangrove wetlands, tropical hammock, and oak hammock. (CAMPING)

Killeen, TX: Peaceable Kingdom Retreat for Children

Volunteers will work at this camp to provide children with various illnesses the opportunity to participate in the great outdoors and enjoy nature. Past volunteers have participated in building an acclamation station for the children at the retreat.

Louisburg, NC: Terrell Lane Middle School

Volunteers work with the staff at Terrell Lane to tutor middle school students in a variety of subjects, help coach after school sports, and create a mural for one of the school buildings.

Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, CAN: Nova Scotia Sea School

Volunteers work with the Sea School staff to help fix their facility and repair ships for the education program for several days. The other part of the trip will be spent helping clear on West Ironbound Island.

Macon, GA: Rebuilding Together

Volunteers will work with Rebuilding Together, an affordable housing program that builds homes for the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children.

Marathon, FL: The Nature Conservancy

Working with the Nature Conservancy and Curry Hammock State Park, volunteers will help remove invasive species and restoring native species in one of the most biologically diverse spots in the United States. (CAMPING)

Memphis, TN: Target House

Volunteers will work with Target House, which provides housing for patients and families with long term stays at St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. Work will include cleaning and organizing as well as recreational activities with the residents.

Montreal, Quebec, Canada: L'Eco Quartier

Volunteers will help the L'Eco Quartier in the neighborhood of Notre-Dame-De-Grace. There they will help educate neighbors on the local recycling program, support neighborhood clean up, and educate children on basic ecology.

Nashville, TN: United Cerebral Palsy of Middle Tennessee

Volunteers will work with UCP Nashville, an organization aiming to advance the citizenship and full independence of people with disabilities, to install wheelchair ramps on homes around the city.

Natchez, MS: Natchez Children's Home

Volunteers will help at the Natchez Children's Home, a center that provides a safe environment for abused and neglected children, by participating in activities such as cleaning, play therapy with the children, reading to children and being read to by children.

New Orleans, LA: Animal Rescue New Orleans

Volunteers will aid the Animal Rescue New Orleans (ARNO), an organization created and dedicated to the rescue and aid of abandoned and homeless animals in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Omaha, NE: Rebuilding Together

Volunteers will work with Rebuilding Together, an affordable housing program that builds homes for the elderly, people with disabilities, and families with children.

Palm Beach, FL: CROS Ministries Disaster Recovery Coalition

Volunteers will work with the Disaster Recovery Coalition of Palm Beach County on hurricane relief and affordable housing efforts in southern Florida.

Stone Mountain, GA: Friends of Disabled Adults and Children

Working with FODAC, volunteers will help build wheelchair ramps for people with disabilities, rebuild wheelchairs, and work on assisted living home modifications.

Tahlequah, OK: Cherokee Nation

Volunteers will partake in a cultural exchange with the Cherokee community of Tahlequah while participating in various projects, including helping with home and building repairs.

Tulsa, OK: OpenArms Youth Project

Volunteers will work with a center for GLBT youth to promote mentoring programs, HIV/AIDS awareness education, and help with repairs around the center.

Waukesha, WI: LifeStriders

Volunteers will help repair stables and riding centers at LifeStriders, an organization that uses equine-assisted therapy to promote life-enhancing, physical and psychological experiences and services to individuals with special needs.