

# **Lead a 2008-09 Alternative Break Service Trip!**

Description & Application  
Due March 31 (or until all positions are filled)

**T**urning **R**esponsibility **I**nto **P**owerful **S**ervice is the purpose of the St. Norbert College TRIPS program. Co-sponsored by the Department of Leadership, Service & Involvement and Campus Ministry, TRIPS gives students an opportunity to put their values and convictions into action through service. We offer 5-8 alternative winter break, spring break and long weekend trips rooted in the ideal that service can change lives when offered by a community that is willing to reflect and learn together. Trip participants live simply (low-cost meals, transportation, and housing) and as part of a trip community (shared leadership and decision-making). These trips are designed to challenge students personally, intellectually, and spiritually.

## **Trip Leader Job Description**

### **General Qualifications**

- Must be responsible, reliable, flexible, and able to work well with others
- Good planning, communication, and organizational skills
- Able to effectively prioritize and manage multiple projects
- Able to work independently, take initiative, and be a strong team player
- Interest in and willingness to support TRIPS philosophy

### **General Responsibilities**

- Attend weekend fall training, September 12-13, 2008
- Attend 5-6 trip leader meetings (1-2 hours each)
- Interview and select trip participants
- Attend the following mandatory meetings (with all participants):
  - Orientation
  - Diversity Workshop
  - Send-off
  - Reflection Night (winter trips)
  - Celebration
- Organize 4-6 pre-trip meetings and 2-4 post-trip meetings (with all participants)
- Co-lead a group of 8-10 trip participants on a week long service trip
- Facilitate personal development (through reflections) of trip participants
- Plan re-orientation activity to share learning/experience with community
- Participate in 100 Men Who Cook fundraiser

### **Benefits**

- Free service trip
- Training and support to lead successful trips
- Logistical support (transportation, site set-up, accounting, etc.)
- Recognition
- Leadership experience to complete Leadership Certificate

**TRIPS Trip Leader Application**  
**(email application to amanda.mcGovern@snc.edu for consideration)**

**General Information**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
SNC ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_ T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_  
School Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Major \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

**Application Questions (may use additional sheet)**

1. How many SNC Service Trips have you been on? \_\_\_\_\_ Which Trips? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Why do you want to be a trip leader? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What experiences have you had or skills have you developed that qualify you for a trip leader position (e.g. diversity, service, leadership, reflection)? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. What other major commitments do you have next year beyond classes (i.e. job, committees, study abroad)? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Please rank in order, the top five choices of trips you would be interested in leading during a break:

\_\_\_\_ November Immersion and Non Violence

\_\_\_\_ January Men and homelessness      \_\_\_\_ January Urban Homelessness

\_\_\_\_ January Civil Rights                      \_\_\_\_ January L'Arche Community

\_\_\_\_ January AIDS/HIV and poverty      \_\_\_\_ January International Poverty

\_\_\_\_ January Urban Education

\_\_\_\_ March Habitat for Humanity              \_\_\_\_ March Environmental Issues

\_\_\_\_ March Rural Poverty                      \_\_\_\_ March Community Living

6. Do you have a preference for a co-leader? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Please indicate what time is best for an interview on the second advisement day, Apr 16, 12:00-5:00 pm: \_\_\_\_\_

8. List the names of two leadership/work references (at least one on-campus) and their phone number.

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