

Frequently Asked Questions about IMPACT

- **Why did Alternative Spring Break (ASB) change its name to IMPACT?**
 - ASB became IMPACT in 2011/2012 so that our name could be congruent with our goals and mission. First of all, we no longer only offer spring break trips; we now offer winter break trips as well. Secondly, the word IMPACT describes the ultimate goal of our programs: to make an impact on the communities we work with and to make an impact on ourselves. Overall, we adopted the name IMPACT because it best represents the mission of our organization.
- **How much does an IMPACT trip cost?**
 - 2017 - 2018 IMPACT Winter Break and Spring Break Trips cost \$155. Trips can be paid in full or in two installments. The first deposit is \$95; the second is \$60. Our new Fall Break trip costs \$35 and must be paid in full at time of payment. You can pay for your IMPACT at the Tate Cashier's Window or online. Note that you can only pay online if you pay in full.
 - If you do not meet your first payment deadline, you will be dropped from the trip.
 - Payment deadlines vary by date-added, and can be found at the Participants page on our website (impactuga.wordpress.com/participants/).
- **Is the payment refundable?**
 - No, all payments to IMPACT are NONREFUNDABLE.
- **What is the Trip Fee Assistance Program?**
 - The IMPACT Fee Assistance Program serves to offer a select number of UGA students the opportunity to attend an IMPACT Service Breaks experience by waiving the participation fee. Selection is based on merit as well as established financial need. Application review is a blind process to protect the privacy of the participant.
 - Instructions on how to apply for the Trip Fee Waiver can be found within the Participant Application.
- **Can I switch trips with a friend?**
 - No, we do not allow participants to switch or change trips. Once you are assigned a trip, you may choose to go on that trip or you may decide to drop, but you may not switch trips.
- **What if I decide not to go on a trip, can I give the spot to my friend?**
 - No, we have a waiting list completed by a randomized computer process, so we will use the waiting list to fill your spot should you decide not to go on a trip.
- **If I didn't get my first choice, can I go back on the wait list for my first choice?**
 - We cannot allow placed participants to switch trips nor be placed back on the waiting list. You may choose to go on your assigned trip or you may decide to drop; but if you decide not to go, you will **not** have an opportunity to be placed either on the waiting list or another trip.
- **Can I bring an air mattress?**
 - Most times, yes. You will have to talk to your site leaders about how much room is available and what the housing arrangements can accommodate. But please remember to pack light!

- **I am a vegetarian/vegan/have dietary restrictions or food sensitivities; is this going to be a problem?**
 - No, we are happy to work with any dietary restrictions on a trip-by-trip basis. Notify your site leaders of any restrictions or preferences ASAP.
- **Can my parents meet up with us on the trip?**
 - There may be opportunities for parents or friends of UGA to host a meal or participate in service with a trip. These opportunities depend on several factors including: schedule, service site volunteer needs, needs for meals, etc. However, **you cannot go to meet any family or friends while you are on the trip.**
 - If you know that your parents or family friend would like to donate a meal on the trip, please let your site leaders know ASAP.
- **Will I be allowed to visit my friend who lives in the city we are working in?**
 - Similar to how we say that parents are able to host/sponsor a meal or participate in a service activity with the group, the same guidelines apply to other family and friends. **You cannot go meet any family or friends while you are on the trip.**
 - All participants are expected to remain with the group for the duration of the trip and cannot meet up with people outside of the trip.
- **How exactly does the random selection process work?**
 - It is a computerized process that assigns a random order to the entries. Then, in the order of the randomized list, we match applicants with the highest ranked trip that has spots available.
- **Will there be time for school work on the trip?**
 - We encourage all participants and site leaders bring their full selves to the trip and focus on the experience. However, we understand that it might be helpful to do school work on the trip. Most of this will depend on your trip's schedule. Ask your site leaders if there will be any "down" time that you can use to do homework.
- **How much money should I bring?**
 - You will be asked to pay for fast food on days you travel to and from the trip's location. Ask your Site Leaders for an estimate of how much this might cost if you feel unsure.
 - Talk to your site leaders about how much money they think you will need on your trip. There should be very few things that you have to pay for yourself on your trip. For example, souvenirs are paid for on your own.
- **I have to drive separately or fly back early; is that okay?**
 - No; each trip will travel together to the trip site and from the trip site. Due to risk management we are unable to allow anyone to travel separately except in case of emergency or dismissal from the trip.
- **Am I still not allowed to drink or smoke even though I'm of legal age?**
 - Correct. The IMPACT program is a substance-, tobacco-, and alcohol-free experience regardless of age.
- **What is required to be a volunteer van driver on my trip?**
 - You must be at least 18 years old and have a good Motor Vehicle Report. There are different circumstances on a person's Motor Vehicle Reports that may not

allow someone to drive.

- You have to have a valid class C license. Class D will not suffice.
- You will be asked to do a video training (approximately 1 hour) and a behind the wheel training (approximately 20 minutes) prior to your trip's departure.
- If you're interested in volunteering to drive, please notify your site leaders ASAP.