

# *Miner Challenge 2012*

Alternative Spring Break

March 24 – March 31



# About

- A spring break experience unlike any other on campus
- 5 days of service and fun
- Develop as a leader and change agent
- Connect with a community in a different way
- Work with volunteers from across the country to aid those in need

# Program Structure

- Two Teams
  - 2 Student Team Leaders
  - 2 Faculty/Staff advisors
  - 8 Student Team Members
- Program Involvement Occurs In Four Phases
  - Pre-trip
  - Alternative Spring Break
  - Post-trip
  - Alumni

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## Past Trips

- 2008 Boone, North Carolina
- 2009 Mobile, Alabama
- 2010 New Orleans, Louisiana
- 2011 Tennessee Area (Environmental)  
New Orleans (Homelessness)



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# Overview For 2012

## *Miner Challenge* 2012

- Schedule
  - Spring break 3/25/12 - 4/1/12
  
- Trip Locations
  - Chicago, IL.
  - Washington, D.C.
  
- Participant Costs
  - Chicago
    - \$200 + fundraising
  - Washington, D.C.
    - ~\$300 + fundraising

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# 2012 Trips

- Chicago, Illinois
  - HIV/AIDS and Hunger
    - [Catholic Agencies Mac Warehouse](#)
    - [Howard Brown Health Center](#)
    - [Deborah's Place](#)
    - [Just Harvest Soup Kitchen](#)
- Washington, D.C.
  - Hunger
    - [Capitol Area Foodbank](#)
    - [Martha's Table](#)

# What To Expect?

- **Pre Trip**
  - Fundraising
  - Meetings
    - Cover logistics of trip, work involved, what to expect/pack, etc.
    - Education on social issues and cultural awareness
    - Individual and team development activities
  - Pre-Trip Service Projects
- **During Trip**
  - Full participation
  - No alcohol or drug use (Substance Free)
  - Stay in city of service
  - Engage in service each day
  - Explore the city and engage in team activities in the evenings
- **Post Trip**
  - Post-trip meeting
  - Program Evaluation
  - Celebration Preparation
  - Celebration Event

# What We Expect?

- Abide by all Miner Challenge guidelines and expectations, university policies and procedures, policies of organizations your team serves or interacts with, and federal, state, and local laws.
- Exhibit flexibility, open-mindedness, and positivity throughout the entire Miner Challenge experience.
- Demonstrate a serious commitment to the time required to participate in Miner Challenge. Meetings need to be a priority in your schedule.
- Participate in all pre-break activities, including, but not limited to, team meetings, fundraising, pre-trip service, team socials.
- Gain an awareness of your trips social issue focus and trip location.
- Maintain communication with team leaders and the Program Administrator for Volunteerism and Involvement.
- Meet all financial commitments in full and on time.
- Complete and submit all required paperwork on time.
- Refrain from purposely putting yourself and/or peers in dangerous or illegal situations.
- Fulfill post-break commitments, including the Miner Challenge program evaluation, team reflections, preparation and participation in the Miner Challenge Celebration.
- Serve as a respectable representative of the Miner Challenge Program and the Missouri University of Science and Technology.

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## Financial Matters

- \$25 application fee due when you submit your application.
- Participation Cost Payment Schedule:
  - 11/5/11 25% of participation fee due as deposit
  - 12/9/11 50% of participation fee due
  - 01/27/12 75% of participation fee due
  - 02/25/12 100% of participation fee due
- Participation fee helps to cover the cost of the Lodging, meals, and transportation.

# Fundraising

- All team members contribute to fundraising efforts.
- Fundraising helps to cover the remaining cost of the Lodging, meals, and transportation.
- Fundraising Timeline for 2012:
  - 01/27/12 50% of fundraising goal met
  - 02/17/12 75% of fundraising goal met
  - 03/02/12 100% of fundraising goal met

## Reasons To Go

- Improve professional leadership skills
  - Communication
  - Teamwork
  - Fundraising
  - Cultural awareness
- Learn about pertinent social issues
- Make an impact
- Develop and strengthen friendships
- Visit new region of country, and explore a different culture

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## How to Apply

- **Download the application** at <http://minerchallenge.wordpress.com/accept-the-challenge/>
- **Complete and submit the application** along with the **\$25 application fee** (cash, check, credit card) to Student Life in 218 Havener Center
- Applications are due 10/14/10 by 4:30pm
- Late applications will incur a \$15 late fee

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# How To Stay Connected

- Sign up for listserv
- Like us on facebook by going to <https://www.facebook.com/MinerChallenge>
- Subscribe to the Miner Challenge website at <http://minerchallenge.wordpress.com/>
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# Questions

- Now
  - Please feel free to ask any question, speak out!
- Later
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