Appalachia Spring Service Engagement Trip (ASSET) 2015

After graduating from college, do you want to be an asset for your community, in eastern Kentucky, throughout The Commonwealth, or where you come from?

Eastern Kentucky University’s Appalachia Spring Service Engagement Trip (ASSET), offered by Student Life is your opportunity to learn what civic leaders, community organizations, and entrepreneurs are doing to invest in their community. You can learn how they used their strengths and the resources they had available as assets. In addition, you will have the opportunity to provide direct service in these communities in eastern Kentucky, working hand in hand with some of the good initiatives being pursued in the community. Projects can including working with local food programs and natural areas.

Each day will be rooted in a theme identified by civic leaders including: Strategies for Appalachian Transition by MACED and by Shaping Our Appalachian Region (SOAR) as a future direction of eastern Kentucky.

The program is based on the three Ps (Places, People, and Programs), President Michael T. Benson has outlined for EKU:

- **Places**: Students will have the opportunity to visit many different communities in eastern Kentucky over the course of five days, learning about each places unique culture and opportunities.
- **People**: Students will learn from civic leaders, community organizations, and entrepreneurs how they have used their individual talents and strengths for the public good.
- **Programs**: Students will have the opportunity to provide direct service in these communities in eastern Kentucky, working hand in hand with some of the initiatives being pursued in the communities, including: youth engagement, natural areas, arts and heritage, regional food, and adventure tourism.

**Lodging**: Varies Each Night, between lodges, local centers, or camping out in local parks.

**Travel**: 12 passenger van

**Dates**: March 29 – April 4, 2015

**Cost**: $150

**For Questions and concerns, contact Will Keaton, Assistant Director of Student Life-Service (William.keaton@eku.edu or 859-622-3855) or visit the Office of Student Life.**
Tentative Itinerary

Sunday March 29 - "Outdoor/Adventure Tourism"
Red River Gorge - Trail Maintenance
Sack lunch on trail
Work until about 3:00
Shower/cleanup
Dinner at Miguel’s Pizza, Slade
Speaker - Tourism
Reflections
Sleep at Miguel’s in tents

Monday March 30 - "Food and Local Food Economies"
Breakfast
Pack up tents
Speaker – Local Food/Agriculture
Depart for Hazard
Sack lunch
Volunteering at Hazard food pantry
Late afternoon - Treehouse Cafe, Hazard
Drive to Manchester
Speaker – Local Communities
Reflections

Tuesday March 31 - "Coal, Water and Mountaintop Removal"
Breakfast and depart
Drive to Whitesburg
Wiley’s Last Resort
Tour of Wiley’s / Mountaintop Removal Mine Site
Sack lunch
Water Testing / Service Project at Wiley’s
Dinner at Wiley’s
Speaker – Natural Resources
Reflections around Wiley’s campfire
Sleep in Wiley’s Log Cabins

Wednesday April 1 - "Local Economies"
Breakfast at Wiley’s
Tour downtown Whitesburg and visit various locally-owned businesses,
Sack lunch
Appalshop Theater
Visit WMMT FM (Appalshop radio station)
Dinner at Summit City Lounge in Whitesburg
Music - Open Mike night at Summit City is Wednesday night
Reflections around Wiley’s campfire
Sleep at Wiley’s

Thursday April 2 - "Local Economies Part 2"
Breakfast at Wiley’s
Hiking at Bad Branch Falls
Sack Lunch at waterfall
Oven Fork Mercantile store
Creech Apple Orchard
Adventure Tourism - Harlan ATV Trails
Speaker from Harlan County
Reflections
Camping at ATV Trailhead in Putney

Friday April 3 - "Appalachian Culture, Music and Heritage"
Breakfast
Kentucky Coal Museum, Lynch
Lunch at Lamphouse Cafe
Portal 31 Exhibit - Take the underground mine tour
Visit Schoolhouse Inn Benham
See Mosaic Exhibit at SKCTC - Cumberland
Drive to Campbells Branch Community center (near Lily Cornett Woods)
Dinner, music and dancing at community center
Stay at EKU’s Lily Cornett building
Reflections

Saturday April 4
Breakfast and depart for Richmond
Reflections - Review week

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How do I sign-up for a trip?

Appalachia Spring Service Engagement Trip (ASSET) requires a high level of commitment, and professionalism as you represent EKU in our local community.

Therefore ASSET requires students to apply for the limited slots of the trip to participate in it. Applications for the trip will be rolling with new members being admitted to the trip until slots have been filled.

The first round of applications will be reviewed first on February 5th, 2015. To be included in the first round, please submit your application by 12:00 PM (noon) on February 5th, 2015. Further applications will be reviewed each Thursday following, until the trip has been filled.

To find the application, go to our OrgSync Application: https://orgsync.com/55054/forms/130894

If you have any questions please contact:

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