ALTERNATIVE SERVICE BREAK TRIPS (INTERNATIONAL)

STATE, NATIONAL & GLOBAL AGENCIES

- **Cross-Cultural Solutions (CCS)** - [www.crossculturalsolutions.org/college-and-university-groups](http://www.crossculturalsolutions.org/college-and-university-groups)
  Cross-Cultural Solutions’ mission is to operate volunteer programs around the world in partnership with sustainable community initiatives, bringing people together to work side-by-side while sharing perspectives and fostering cultural understanding. We are an international nonprofit organization with no political or religious affiliations.

- **International Volunteer HQ** - [www.volunteerhq.org](http://www.volunteerhq.org)
  We’re focused on providing affordable volunteer travel experiences that are responsible, safe and high quality. Our programs heighten global awareness and cultural understanding through the experiences and lessons that volunteers take back to their own countries and cultures.

- **International Service Learning (ISL)** - [www.islonline.org](http://www.islonline.org)
  For over twenty-two years, International Service Learning (ISL) has been leading groups of volunteers to twelve different countries providing essential community and medical services for those in need. ISL is a community of driven, empathetic, and ambitious individuals that seek to make volunteering in a new country an accessible opportunity for everyone.

- **International Student Volunteer (ISV)** - [www.isvolunteers.org/volunteer-projects](http://www.isvolunteers.org/volunteer-projects)
  ISV’s mission is to support sustainable development initiatives around the world through life-changing volunteer and responsible adventure travel programs designed to positively change our world and to educate, inspire and result in more active global citizens.

- **Project Abroad** - [www.projects-abroad.org](http://www.projects-abroad.org)
  Projects Abroad is one of the largest volunteer abroad organizations in the world. Founded in 1992, we send 10,000 people abroad each year on a variety of service projects and internships overseas. All participants receive unparalleled in-country support from our full-time, professional staff to ensure that the experience is safe, worthwhile and fun.

- **United Planet** - [www.unitedplanet.org](http://www.unitedplanet.org)
  United Planet offers volunteer opportunities in 35 countries, immersing you in local culture as you do your part to create a global community. United Planet has short term volunteer abroad program, which ranges from 1 – 12 week programs, and long term volunteer abroad program, which is sixth month or one year long. United Planet also offers group volunteer abroad program and intern abroad program.

- **Village Volunteers** - [https://villagevolunteers.org/](https://villagevolunteers.org/)
  Village Volunteers (VV) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that works in partnership with rural village and capacity-building programs to support the development of sustainable solutions to community challenges.
• **AIESEC Illinois** - [www.facebook.com/aiesecillinois](http://www.facebook.com/aiesecillinois)
  AIESEC is one of the world’s largest providers of high-caliber youth talent and volunteers. AIESEC offers volunteer abroad experiences that range from 6 weeks to 18 months. While they are generally non-paid opportunities, you often receive stipends and basic support services like food and accommodations.

• **buildOn Community Team** - [https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/buildOnCT](https://illinois.collegiatelink.net/organization/buildOnCT)
  buildOn’s focus is to raise funds and allow college students to travel, and help build a school in one of the seven developing countries that the organization is tied to. Secondly, the club will participate in local community building/service.

• **Dr. Interns** - [https://illinois.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/drinternsuiuc](https://illinois.campuslabs.com/engage/organization/drinternsuiuc)
  Interns work side-by-side with doctors in developing countries to save lives and improve healthcare conditions.

• **Engineers Without Border** - [https://ewbusaiuc.wordpress.com/](https://ewbusaiuc.wordpress.com/)
  Engineers Without Borders is an international organization which strives to develop bottom-up sustainable growth at the community level in the developing world. Engineers Without Borders promotes community-driven engineering projects fostered by local partners for a sustainable global future. We foster leadership and personal growth within our student members through the transformative experiences embedded in our projects.

• **Global Business Brigades** - [www.facebook.com/uiucgbb](http://www.facebook.com/uiucgbb)
  This week-long trip consists of service, education, and cultural immersion days. The objective is to provide financial planning, loan knowledge and management, and small business consulting services to the communities we work with.

• **Global Medical Training** - [http://kramtf.wixsite.com/gmt-illinois](http://kramtf.wixsite.com/gmt-illinois)
  Global Medical Training is an International Humanitarian Organization that provides free medical and dental services to medically deprived communities in Central American countries.

• **University of Illinois - Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC)** - [http://illinoisfimrc.weebly.com](http://illinoisfimrc.weebly.com)
  The UIUC chapter of the Foundation for the International Medical Relief of Children (FIMRC) was established in 2007 with the goal of improving healthcare for children worldwide. Since then, hundreds of chapter members have traveled abroad to FIMRC clinics in countries such as Nicaragua, Uganda, Costa Rica, and India on medical missions trips to work alongside doctors treating patients, put together health education programs children in the local community, and learn more about the critical issues affecting healthcare for children in other countries.

• **University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign - Illinois Abroad and Global Exchange** - [www.studyabroad.illinois.edu](http://www.studyabroad.illinois.edu)
  The University of Illinois offers a large array of study abroad programs sponsored or organized by the Study Abroad Office, individual colleges, or individual departments. The benefits range from the personal to the professional to, of course, the academic. Students find personally enriching experiences in the friends they make, the families they live with, and through the volunteer work some programs provide. When searching programs, you will be able to tell what campus unit sponsors the program by its title and what type of service or volunteer work that will be completed in the program description.

• **University YMCA – University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign** - [https://universityymca.org/](https://universityymca.org/)
  The University YMCA is exploring an international service trip to Sierra Leone in the near future. The Sierra Leone YMCA, the University YMCA, YMCA World Service, and the Illinois Alliance of YMCA’s are currently in the process of establishing a partnership that focuses on the development of a mutually-beneficial international service-learning exchange program that aligns with the Y’s mission of fostering cause-driven leadership. The exploration of this partnership stems from the University YMCA’s partnership with the University of Illinois Global Health Initiative in Sierra Leone, initiated with the aim of developing more cause-driven leadership opportunities to youth throughout Sierra Leone and in Illinois.