

Allerton Spring Break

FAQ:

What is Allerton Spring Break (ASB)?

Allerton Spring Break is an alternative spring break program in which students have the opportunity to experience Allerton Park while volunteering their time on projects that improve and preserve it.

Who is eligible to participate?

ASB is open to current University of Illinois and Parkland students.

What is the time commitment?

ASB participants volunteer for the entire week, starting Sunday afternoon and ending Friday afternoon. There is also a mandatory, pre-service meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9th from 6-8pm in the Illini Union.

How many volunteers participate in this program?

Allerton hosts anywhere from 10-20 volunteers for ASB, depending on our need for volunteers that year.

What are the costs associated with ASB?

There is no cost to participate in ASB. There is, however, a \$50 refundable application fee. The fee is only applied if an applicant, once accepted into the program, fails to withdraw from the program before the deadline or fails to remain for the entire program.

What will our days be like?

Participants will work under the direction of staff on a variety of volunteer projects, taking a 30-minute break for lunch. Students will also take ample time to experience and explore Allerton daily.

What types of projects will we do?

There will be a variety of projects throughout the week, all designed to preserve and improve the park. Some examples of previous projects include: painting, simple woodworking, invasive plant removal, trail maintenance, garden cleanup. Most projects will take place outdoors. It should be noted many of the projects are physically demanding.

Is food provided?

Yes. Food for three full meals will be offered daily, along with snacks (with the exception of Sunday and Friday when you are only with us for 1-2 meals). Breakfast is usually basic items like bagels, cereal, and fruit. You are welcome to bring personal snacks. A community refrigerator and microwave will be available in the common room.

What is housing like?

Participants are housed in one of several renovated buildings on Allerton property. You should expect to share a room with at least one other same-sex participant. All rooms have the usual furnishings of a hotel room.

What should I bring?

You really only need adequate clothing and personal care items, however, you will receive a suggested packing list after you are accepted into the program.

Is there transportation to Allerton?

There is limited transportation available. There will be one shuttle on Sunday afternoon from the Illini Union to Allerton and another on Friday afternoon from Allerton to the Union. There is space for 10 passengers, which will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.