**Habitat Spring Break 2012 Trip Participant Application:**

**DUE**: **Friday, February 15th** by **5pm** via e-mail to kreineman@middlebury.edu.

**Trip Description**: Over Spring Break, a group of 10 to 12 Middlebury students will build with York Habitat for Humanity in Pennsylvania for a week. We will be leaving Sunday, March 24th, and traveling by one 15-passenger College van to York, Pennsylvania. During each workday (Monday-Friday) we will wake up early, and spend about 8 hours working on Habitat homes in the York area, doing everything from constructing walls to painting. In the evenings, we will hang out, play games, watch movies, experiment in the kitchen, and explore Amish country! We will drive back to Middlebury on Saturday, March 30th.

*\*You do not need construction experience or prior experience with Habitat to go! All you need is a willingness to work hard, learn, and be a positive part of a team!\**

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**Basic Information:**

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**Male/Female/Prefer not to identify: M F Cell Phone #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ MC Box #:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Email: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Do you have a Middlebury College 15-passenger van license?** Check One: ­­ \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

**If not, have you had your driver’s license for 3 years and are you willing to take a short class (3 hours), and take a short driving test (1 hour) to obtain one? (this is free)** \_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No

**Please respond to the following (we’ve tried to inspire you on a few):**

***1.*** *Why do you want to participate in this service trip? What are you hoping to gain personally from this experience (learning skills, facts, building community, making connections socially, academically etc.)?*

***Adam:***Past experiences with Habitat for Humanity have taught me that there are few things more fulfilling than seeing all the progress on the house from when you start to when you end. It is a wonderful, accomplished feeling, and you learn some construction skills to boot.

***2.*** *Please describe any previous volunteer experience you have, with Habitat (on-campus or elsewhere) or with any other relevant experience.*

***3.*** *Teamwork: What role do you generally fill in groups? What do you enjoy the least about group work?*

**Katharine**: Apparently the Habitat presidents decided that Adam will be the Mom and I’ll be the Dad in our group, so interpret that any way you like.

***4.*** *You have an unlimited budget to build your dream house. Draw (and send us a picture) or briefly explain one or two distinctive features that you couldn’t leave out.*

**Adam**: A crystal (or gold) shower room with 20(ish) faucets set to turn on in some synchronized fashion, and a giant climbing wall with a foam pit for padding.

***5.*** *Name two things about yourself that someone would not find out about you the first time you sat down for dinner together.*

**Katharine**: I love old James Bond movies and I sing songs from musicals in the shower.

**Adam**: I grew up wanting to be a marine biologist (until I took biology) and I love heavy metal.

**Please read the statements below and consider them carefully. By submitting this application, you hereby indicate your agreement to comply with these conditions. Thanks!**

* Commitment: By submitting this application, I agree to be a positive part of the Habitat Spring Break group.
* Our spring break trip is an alcohol and drug-free service trip. We adhere to this strict policy to foster a comfortable and safe atmosphere for all trip participants. As such, students may not possess and/or consume alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs while participating in this trip.
* Cost: The trip cost will be about $125. This includes food for the week and the volunteer fee for York Habitat for Humanity. The cost should not prevent you from participating in the trip. If there are any circumstances that prevent you from paying the full trip cost, please contact Katharine at ***kreineman@middlebury.edu*** to discuss financial aid options. Your need will remain confidential among the two trip leaders. Please do not include payment with your application; payments will be collected after the group is chosen. ***Application decisions will be e-mailed by February 18.***

**Would you be interested in fundraising for the trip?** Check One: ­­ \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_ No

All group members would participate if this is a popular idea!

**Any questions should be directed to your friendly trip leaders, Katharine Reineman ’15 and Adam Schiff ’15.**

Katharine: kreineman@middlebury.edu Adam: aschiff@middlebury.edu