

Alternative Spring Break: Guatemala
Exploring the Stories of San Juan
Trip Information

Where: San Juan la Laguna, Guatemala; we will fly from Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport

When: Friday, March 3 – Saturday, March 11, 2017 (Oglethorpe Spring Break '17)

Price: ASB Guatemala is currently priced at **\$1,300**. This includes all airfare, lodging, meals, supplies, and tools. It does not include spending money for souvenirs and extra meals. Payment plans are available by request upon being accepted as a participant.

What it entails:

- **Service:** ASB Guatemala is primarily an international service trip with a focus on immersion into the community and culture of San Juan la Laguna. Be prepared to engage with the community by performing various types of service with different age groups and locations, and to put the needs of the community first. This may include teaching at schools, working in gardens, etc.
- **Spanish:** Although Spanish fluency is not a requirement to participate on this trip, all participants will take two hours of Spanish lessons every morning to help boost communication ability, as we will communicate almost exclusively in Spanish during the whole trip. For those who are more advanced, they will be learning more about the Mayan and Aztec culture along with visiting sacred sites and museums.
- **Prep Work:** We will host pre-trip preparation meetings, during which we will discuss assigned readings and other educational materials to prepare us for the travel, culture, and working together as a group. Attendance and participation at these meetings is **MANDATORY**.
- **Immersion:** Although group members will spend a lot of time together, we will also stay in groups of two with Guatemalan families in the San Juan la Laguna community. We will eat two meals a day with these families and spend a significant amount of time with them. You will be expected to be kind, respectful, and courteous to the families who are hosting us for this time, and to engage with the community while we are there.

Applications are now available in the A_LAB and on alab.oglethorpe.edu.

Applications are due no later than Friday, 4 p.m. on November 11, 2016!

Information Meetings: *Wednesday, October 19, 2016 and Thursday, October 20 2016 at 6:00pm*
Meet in the A_LAB

Applications Due: Friday, November 11, 2016 (11/11/2016)

First Payment Due \$100: Friday, December 9, 2016 (12/09/2016)

ASB Guatemala: Friday, March 3, 2017 – Saturday, March 11, 2017 (3/4/2017 - 3/11/2017)

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