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RWANDA SERVICE-LEARNING TRIP PARTNERSHIP WITH INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION EXCHANGE – PARTICIPANT APPLICATION

The Rwanda Service-Learning Trip seeks to foster student leadership and social responsibility. The trip is intended to foster reciprocal learning, benefiting students, community partners and participants from the Kagugu School. Teams of volunteers will experience educational service-learning with the intention of gaining a broader understanding of the complexities of the social issues that face our world.

Accepted participants must participate in all spring 2009 semester's trip training seminars, develop and execute fundraising strategies to support the cost of the trip, and be part of the trip planning group. The trip will take place in June of 2009, for a duration of three weeks.

Important Dates:

Applications Due: Monday, November 10

Friday, November 14 meet with Stephen Paletta, founder of International Education Exchange Program and winner of Oprah's Big Give

Monday-Wednesday, November 17-19 – interviews (Sign up when you drop off application)

Monday, November 24 team chosen

Monday, December 1, 7:00 PM First team meeting

INSTRUCTIONS: Type your answers to Part II of the application on a separate sheet of paper and attach to this form. Return your application to the Assistant Director, Community Programs, Amy Kuo Somchanhmvong in the Public Service Center - 200 Barnes Hall. After you return your application, you will be contacted to schedule an interview.

PART I - APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Local Address: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Phone number: _____ College: _____ Class year _____



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Have you ever participated in international service-learning trip before?

Yes No If yes, which one(s)? Give details on separate sheet

Ethnicity (optional):

- American Indian/ Alaskan Native Asian/ Pacific Islander Black/ African American
 Caucasian/ not of Hispanic origin Mexican-American/ Chicano Puerto Rican
 Other Hispanic, please specify _____
 Other, Not Hispanic origin _____

PART II - SHORT ANSWERS

- 1) List your significant extracurricular activities and volunteer experiences.
(Feel free to attach a resume)
- 2) Please tell us about your motivations for applying to be a part of this trip. What do you hope to bring to the program? What do you hope to gain from your experience?
- 3) Have you been on an Alternative Breaks or other service-learning trip before? If so, how has your past experience influenced your desire to become involved in this program?
- 4) Select one of your past group experiences and write about what made that group work well, and what challenges you faced as a group.
- 5) You will be expected to attend training seminars and trip-planning meeting for the trip, in addition to various tasks you are assigned related to organizing your trip. Are you willing to accept this time commitment?

Thank you for your interest in the Rwanda, IEE Service-Learning trip! If you have any more specific questions regarding the program or the application, please e-mail Amy Kuo Somchanhmavong, Assistant Director, Community Programs at ayk3@cornell.edu or 607-254-8072