

Spring Break Energy Immersion Trip

Appalachia: March 14-24, 2019



LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Understand the processes of energy extraction in Appalachia
- Understand the sociopolitical, environmental, and economic impacts of fossil fuel extraction and the possibilities of integrating renewable energy
- Explore locally-based efforts for community development and economic empowerment
- Get to know and value a tight knit community of students who share this trip experience. Understand their backgrounds, points of views, experiences, and feelings
- Develop skills in collaborating across difference, including building empathy, active listening, communication, and emotional intelligence

IDEAL APPLICANTS WILL:

- Be willing, ready, and excited to learn about energy systems from multiple perspectives and through various social, technological, and environmental lenses
- Be able to articulate how this trip will help achieve their professional and/or academic goals
- Be flexible, and able to put the group's needs before their own wants, AND be able to communicate when their needs aren't being met
- Be emotionally present and open-minded to hearing different points of view and having dialogue across difference
- Represent Dartmouth College with professionalism, intellectual curiosity and empathy in communities we engage with on the trip



EXPECTATIONS:

- Previous experience with energy systems, sustainability, or justice work is not required
- We seek applicants from diverse backgrounds with a range of extracurricular and academic interests
- We require participants to commit to attending the program in its entirety. This includes attending nine, 60-minute educations throughout the Winter 2018 Academic Term to prepare for the trip

COSTS & HOW TO APPLY:

- A \$550 participation fee covers all expenses including: meals, travel, and programming.
- All students can apply for financial aid to offset cost of trip.
- Applications are due by **Dec. 30, 2018**.
- Apply online: bit.ly/ApplyAppalachia2019



We are endlessly grateful to the dozens of people who gave us so much of their time during this trip. Everyone offered their own threads to a complex narrative of land, energy, infrastructure, and culture's inextricable nature in Central Appalachia. This narrative overlays a mosaic of green hills and scarred mountain tops, abundant river networks and train tracks through cities and small towns, and myriad hopes and doubts for the future of the region.

-Elena Bird '18, 2018 Trip Alum

MAP AND ITINERARY

(Subject to change)

March 14: Depart Hanover, NH arrive in Allentown, PA (halfway point to break up driving)

March 15: Allentown, PA, to Montgomery, WV

March 16-20: Programming in Montgomery with Morris Creek Watershed Association: tour natural gas collection sites, coal fired power plant, mountain top removal site, acid mine drainage in local streams. Meet local organizers, community members, and government officials.

March 21: Fayetteville, WV: meet with community leaders from New River Gorge RDA, and Fayette County Urban Renewal Agency.

March 22: Whitesburg, KY: Meet with Appalshop and Appalachian Citizens' Law Center

March 23: Morgantown, WV: University of West Virginia, UWV Land Use and Sustainable Development Law Clinic

March 24: Morgantown, WV to Hanover, NH



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