Alternative Fall Break 2018 in Moab

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Happy volunteers on an early fall morning in Dead Horse Point State Park.

You know you have a great bunch of students when they voluntarily choose to wake up at 5am every morning during their school break! Trips leaders Bryce Johnston and Allison Allred planned a trip jam-packed with service and learning on the topics of environmental conservation and permaculture.

Soon after arriving to Moab, the USU Alternative Breaks team visited the permaculture garden at the USU Moab Campus building, then learned about the garden from Jeremy, who, as an intern, help with its installation. After weeding and transplanting a tree, the team toured Dr. Ros Brain McCann's home, a straw-bale construction house with sustainable features.

Bright and early the next morning the group drove to Dead Horse Point State Park, where they assisted the park manager by hauling rocks to create sign posts. Later they met up with Sarah, the founder of Moab Solutions, a nonprofit based on the principle that a healthy environment means healthy people. They attacked a trail clogged with invasive weeds for a few hours until Sarah pronounced them finished.

The next Alternative Breaks trips will be taught as USU 2160, and will involve traveling to learn about Environmental Conservation and Politics in Portland, Hunger and Homelessness in San Francisco, and Immigration in Tucson, AZ. Find more information on the Alternative Breaks page.