



Students make big plans for spring break

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It is never too early to start thinking about where you want to go and what you want to do for spring break. Spring fever has already hit students at Elon, and they are highly anticipating and preparing for this long-awaited break.

Elon students will be heading all across the nation, some all across the world, to find their perfect spring break retreat.

The options for spring break are endless, even if your budget is not. All you need to have for a successful trip are friends and creativity.

Freshman Cara Loose is going to rent a cabin on a lake near her hometown with 13 of her friends from high school.

"I searched for forever on the Internet to find a place where someone would actually let college kids stay, and now we're all just putting our money together and deciding who is going to bring what," Loose said.

Junior Mary Allen Mann is planning a week-long trip to the beach with her closest friends.

"Me and six of my friends are driving down to Jacksonville, Fla. to stay in a condo for the whole break. It's going to be a nice break from school, I can't wait," Mann said.

With the increasing number of people at the gym and at the tanning beds recently, it is obvious that many students will be heading south of the border for a dose of relaxation.

Saya Tomita, an international student from Japan, said, "I am going to Honduras with my roommate, who is from Honduras, and I am preparing by trying to get back into my bikini, but it's not working out too well with the long lines at the gym!"

Many other popular sunny destinations this year are: Florida, Hilton Head, S.C., the Caribbean, and Cancun, Mexico.

Others are taking this break as a chance to see the sights and shop in some of the nation's big cities.

"I am saving up my money to go sight-seeing and shopping in D.C. and New York City with my friends from my hall," said freshman Sara Rixey.

Some students are choosing to give back to the community during the break. This year Elon Volunteers! is offering a spring break service trip in Atlanta to work with Hands on Atlanta.

"Throughout the week, we will be working with many different agencies including projects that deal with nature, elderly, youth, homelessness, etc," said Elon Volunteers! participant Jeanette Drake.

Although many already have something planned for every day of their break, it is not too late to organize a vacation. Last minute online deals are an easy way to quickly put together a trip.

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Top Spring break locations:

- Cancun, Mexico
- Bahamas
- Paris, France
- Daytona Beach, Fla.
- Miami, Fla.
- Phoenix, Ariz.
- Costa Rica
- New York City, N.Y.

Source: www.studentspringbreak.com

Destination Spring Break: Where are you going?



Name: Carrie Goodemote
Class: Junior
Destination: Daytona Beach, Fla.

"I'm going to Daytona Beach with my roommates and some friends. It took us a while to decide and Daytona just seemed like a great choice."



Name: Emily Shore
Class: Junior
Destination: Jacksonville, Fla.

"Last year I went on a service trip to the Dominican Republic. This break I decided to have a relaxing vacation in Florida with my closest friends."



Name: Tina Mayer
Class: Sophomore
Destination: Texas and Virginia Beach, Va.

"First I'm going to spend some time in Texas with my family, then I'll be spending the rest of the break in Virginia with my boyfriend."