

Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

February 4, 2011

International Student Services

It's February 4th. Have you checked in yet?

Today is the last day of International Student check-in.

It is the last day to save yourself a **\$50.00** late fee for missing check-in.

If you are a returning international student, you are required by US Immigration to "officially" inform the international advising staff that you have arrived at Boise State and are enrolled for the requisite number of credit hours.

We've made this process as easy as possible . . . just come to the ISS office (*in the Student Diversity Center in the SUB*) and let the volunteer know you are here for "Check-in". We will help you through the steps and you'll be on your way in less than 10 minutes.

If you don't check in with ISS, you will be considered to be out of status by immigration. Fixing that problem can cost you *MUCH* more than 10 minutes of your time!

If you miss the check-in sessions this week, you can still check in next week to maintain your status, but your Bronco account will be charged a \$50.00 late fee. Our office must register your arrival with SEVIS before February 17th. After that date, anyone who has not notified ISS of their arrival will be out of status.

Coming Events & Activities

Friday, February 4, 7:00pm: February Movie Night (*in the SDC*). FREE! Details on page 3.

Saturday, February 5, 1:00-5:00pm and 7:00-9:00pm: Chinese New Year event. Please see the article on page 2 for details.

Sunday, February 6, All Day: ISA day trip to McCall for Winter Carnival and "tubing". This announcement is for those who have reserved a seat and paid for the trip: Please be in the new Transit Center in the Student Union Building at 8:30am. The bus will leave *promptly* at 9:00am.

February 7, 8, and 11, various times: Optional Practical Training (OPT) workshops. See the detailed information on page 2 and sign up for one workshop.

Would you like to be an Orientation Leader?

The Orientation Leader position is an exciting employment opportunity for Boise State students who are passionate about giving back to their university community by welcoming new students and families to the university.

To apply, pick up an application in person from the New Student & Family Programs office! They will give you a **PASSWORD** that you can enter on their website to receive supplemental documents, recruitment calendars, and more. They will also be happy to talk with you more about the position and answer questions related to the application process in person.

They are located on the first floor of the Student Union Building, directly across from the intramural field entrance between the Boise River Cafe and SUB food court.

Applications are due in the New Student & Family Programs office by 4:00pm on Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

We have posted new scholarship information on our website. Take a look at <http://iss.boisestate.edu/>, under Student Information, you will find a Scholarships page.

Student Highlights

Have you received a scholarship? Are you involved in a special project? Did you take a great vacation? These are the kinds of things we want to feature in our Student Highlights box. **Let us know what's going on in your life so we can share your successes with your international family!!** Just send Christy or Merrilou an email telling us all about it.

Schedule for OPT Workshops:

If you plan to participate in Optional Practical Training (OPT) after Spring semester, or just want more information about this program, you **must** attend one of the following workshops:

- Monday, February 7th, noon - 2:00pm
- Tuesday, February 8th, 3:00 - 5:00pm
- Friday, February 11th, 9:00 - 11:00am

Workshops will be held in the Student Diversity Center in the SUB. Please call 426-3652 to reserve your spot. When you come, please bring your I-20, your passport with I-94 card, two passport-size photos and a check or money order (to USCIS) for \$380.00.

JOIN US SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2011, FOR A CHINESE NEW YEAR EVENT!

Co-hosted by the Idaho Chinese Cultural & Business Center, Boise State University and The Boise Chinese Association

This year's event, to be held in the Boise State University Special Events Center, is dedicated to commemorate Chinese history and promote Chinese culture in Idaho through our year of the rabbit celebration. Included in the celebration will be music and dance performances. There will also be lectures by Christopher Corbett, fourth award-winning writer of "The Poker Bride", Ruthanne Lum McCunn, author of "Thousand Pieces of Gold," which was made into a motion picture, and Arthur Hart, author of "Chinatown, Boise, Idaho 1870-1970."

Festivities will be presented in two parts:

From 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm, panel discussions and book signings, followed by a question and answer forum with our guest authors, moderated by Idaho State Representative Sue Chew. Also included is a showing of the short documentary film "Idaho Chinese – Personal Reflections", produced by ICCBC and Invest Idaho, LLC.

From 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm is our 2011 Idaho Chinese Year of Rabbit Celebration Performance including traditional Chinese dancing and singing, Chinese fashion show, KungFu, musical instruments and more. For detailed information about our event see <http://www.idahochinese.org/index.php/current-events>

This event is sponsored by the Idaho Department of Commerce and Invest Idaho, LLC.

What are you looking for?

Looking for a roommate? Have an apartment for rent? Trying to sell a bicycle, tuba or whatever? We're happy to "advertise" this kind of information in the Insider. Just email the details to Merrilou, being sure to include:

- Specific details of the item, service or housing
- Contact information (name, phone # and/or email address)
- Specific conditions required, i.e. cash only, male or female, specific date available

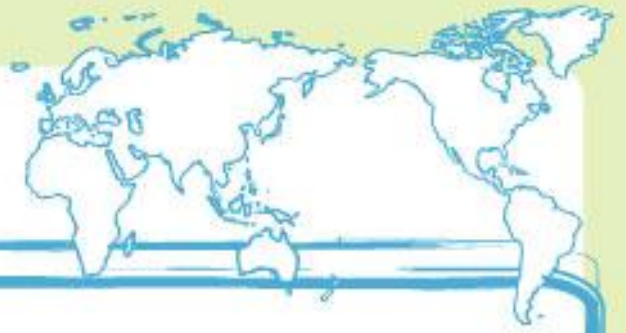
Your ad will appear in the first issue of the Insider following the date of submission. The newsletter is published each week during the semester.

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Events

WELCOME TO FEBRUARY MOVIE NIGHT.....



DATE: FRIDAY, 4TH FEB

TIME: 7:00PM

VENUE: STUDENT DIVERSITY CENTRE 2ND FLOOR SUB.

GENRE: CLASSICS

IT'S FREE!!! AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO BRING SNACKS TO SHARE....



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For assistance with accommodations please contact the International Student Services at 4263652 or visit our website: <http://international.boisestate.edu>