

Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

February 24, 2011

International Student Services

An Invitation . . .

Hi, all -- ISS would like to invite you to join us for two separate day trips during Spring Break. The way the process works at Boise State, we need you to sign-up for these trips right away. If you are interested, even if you might change your mind later, please come to ISS to sign up. You will be asked to pay a participation fee of \$10 later. Please see the details below.

Monday, March 28, Sun Valley, ID. We will drive to scenic Sun Valley, a very popular ski resort town. We will tour the town and ride the chair lift to the top of Mount Baldy to enjoy an amazing view and some lunch at the top of the mountain. www.visitsunvalley.com/

Wednesday, March 30, Gold Fork Hot Springs, Donnelly, ID. We will enjoy a beautiful drive along the Payette River to the luxurious natural hot springs. www.goldforkhotsprings.com/ We will soak in the many pools for a couple of hours before eating a meal in a wild west restaurant called Vigilantes. For both trips we will leave Boise at approximately 10 am and return in the early evening. -- Christy

Coming Events & Activities

Thursday, February 24, 4:00pm: Simplot C Ballroom. Alta Gracia Virtual Worker Tour. Please see the article on this page for details.

Saturday, February 26, 7:00-10:00pm: ISA Bowling Night in the Boise State Game Center. See "ISA Bowling Night" on page 2 for details.

Monday, February 28, 7:00pm: Presentation of a film from the organization "Invisible Children" in the Special Events Center. See flyer on page 4 for more details.

Friday, March 4, 7:00pm: March Movie Night. See the flyer on page 5.

Student Highlights

Check out the article the [Adil Bentahar](#) wrote about ISS and ISA on Page 8 of The Arbiter (Feb. 21-23 issue). Pick up a copy or use this link to read it:

<http://arbiteronline.com/2011/02/19/boise-state-from-an-international-student%E2%80%99s-ey>

International student Nancy Acii will be speaking as part of the national tour of [Invisible Children](#), **Monday, February 28th**, at the Special Events Center in the Student Union Building at 7PM. The event will include the screening of the newest film from Invisible Children, a Ugandan "invisible child" now pursuing university studies, and an update on the current conditions in Uganda and the Democratic Republic of Congo. It will be a fun, informative and interesting evening for all to enjoy. Hope to see you Monday night, February 28th.

Interested in learning WHO makes the clothing you wear? Want to know what their working conditions are like? Let's educate ourselves about this!

What: Alta Gracia Virtual Worker Tour

When: TODAY!! February 24th, at 4PM in Simplot C Ballroom

Alta Gracia and the Boise State Women's Center are offering an experience that will teach viewers about free trade and fair working conditions in clothing factories. Alta Gracia is a brand of t-shirts, sweatshirts and hoodies on college campuses all over the country that offers students, their families, and alumni the opportunity to give the workers that sew their clothing a pathway out of poverty.

Audience members will get a chance to see first-hand what life in these factories is like. This is achieved through the use of a "Virtual Worker Tour" which is a group Skype video call that allows you to meet the women of the Villa Alta Gracia factory in the Dominican Republic.

The BSU bookstore is already selling clothing from Alta Gracia, and this is a great way to show support of these products. This event is free to all faculty, students, and staff, and all bookstore employees are encouraged to attend as well!

Important Tax Information

All international students who worked in the US during 2010 will need to file US tax return forms.

There are several ways to get assistance with this. We at Boise State are not authorized to give tax advice, but I know some other ways you can get the help you need.

1. The University of Texas has an awesome website that will walk you step by step through the process. Use the link <http://www.utexas.edu/international/taxes/>
2. Visit "The Coalition for Economic Improvement" VITA location at 2717 S Vista Ave, on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm - 8pm and Saturday 10-4. Ask to speak to someone that specializes in tax preparation for international students.
3. See the flyer on page 6. For \$50 you can get your taxes prepared by a local accountant, who is a former international student at Boise State who now owns her own accounting firm. \$50 is a great price!



ISA Bowling Night!!!

REMINDER!! The International Student Association and the Legacy Corps are hosting the BIG BOWLING NIGHT **this Saturday!!** We will go bowling and play pool from 7-10pm at the Games Center in the Student Union Building. Food and drinks will be provided. The event is FREE and for EVERYONE!

(You do not have to be an international student to join us!).

Those of you who joined ISA last fall for the same kind of event probably remember how fun that was! Last time about 70 people

showed up and we hope to meet more of you this time! So come join us, have fun, and meet new friends!



AVAILABLE NOW: Private Bedroom & Bath in Southeast Boise Home

This second-floor guest room in a private, peaceful, pet-free Southeast (ParkCenter area) Boise home is available for rent only to a quiet female renter. Accommodation features a queen bed and private bath with an enclosed garage space in a quiet neighborhood a block from the Boise River, less than 10 minutes from BSU and less than 15 minutes from downtown Boise. Rent of \$475.00/month will include the following:

- Garage space for one car or small SUV
- Laundry on site and utilities and WiFi Internet access included
- Security-alarm system in home

If interested, call 208.333.8700 or e-mail soleil99@cableone.net for details. You will provide a completed rental application, two previous rental or other references, and proof of BSU enrollment. First month's rent and last-month's security deposit required (six-month agreement).



International Assistant - Job Announcement

The International Student Services office is looking for an international student to join our team as an International Student Assistant for the Spring 2011 semester. *The time commitment is very specific, at 6 hours per week, 3:00 - 5:00pm, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday.* If you are not available during these time periods, there is no need to apply for this position. Pay starts at \$8.00 per hour.

Duties include assisting the ISS staff with communication with current and prospective Boise State international students, participation in the planning and implementation of activities and workshops for current international students, reception desk, and general office work.

Qualifications include: A minimum 2.5 GPA, strong communication and interpersonal skills, computer skills, close attention to detail, ability to quickly learn new information and ability to work in a flexible team-oriented environment. Previous campus involvement is preferable, but not required.

To apply for the position, please email, fax or deliver:

- ☐ a cover letter explaining your interest in the position
- ☐ a detailed resume
- ☐ 2 letters of recommendation

to Christy Babcock at International Student Services (cbabcoc@boisestate.edu, fax: 334-2015)
by Monday, February 28th, by 5 pm.

Late applications or incomplete applications will not be considered.

Interviews to be held March 1st-4th.



The **Boise State International Insider** is a weekly feature of International Student Services, in the Student Diversity Center.

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Invisible Children National Tour

Learn about the LRA war in East Africa.

Learn about child soldiers.

Learn about resiliency.

Learn about HOPE.

- Meet Acholi students, including Nancy Acii, now attending BSU.
- Meet Invisible Children Staff.
- Buy merchandise to benefit children victimized by the 25 yr.-long LRA war.
- Meet other interesting people like you.

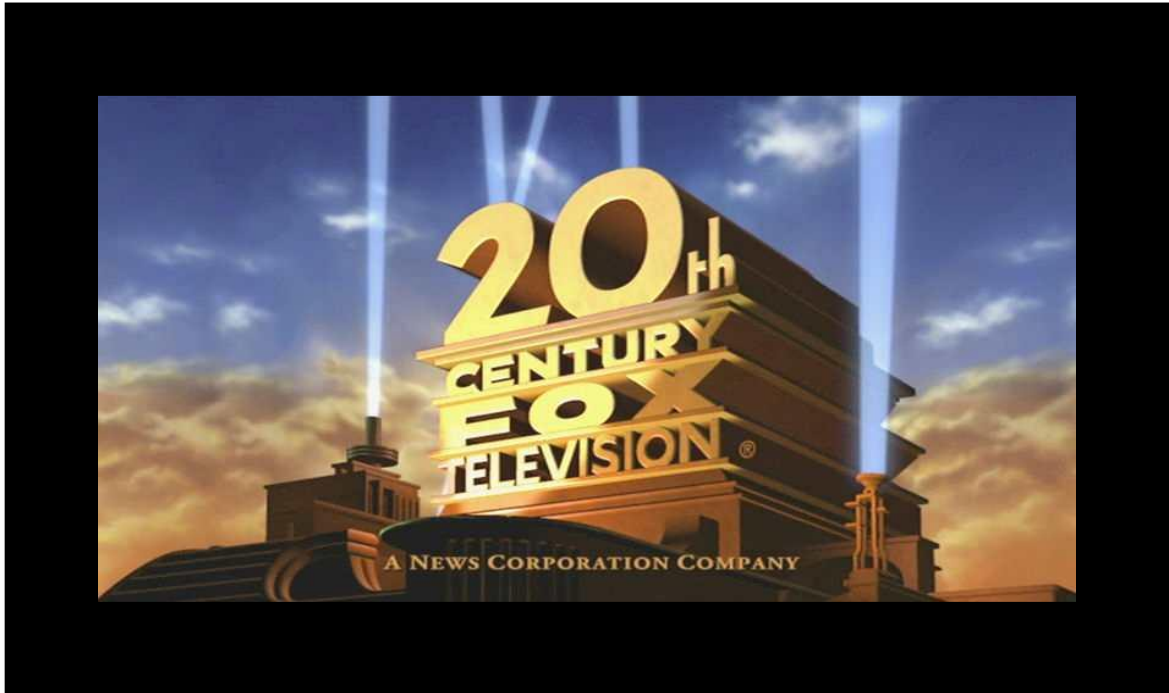
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Boise State University
Student Union Building
Special Events Center
7PM

For further information, contact Phil Kelly at pkelly@boisestate.edu

International Student Services Presents:

March Movie Night



Friday, March 4th 2011

7.00pm @ Student Diversity Center

Genre: Action/ Thriller

It's Free... Light snacks and Beverages will be served!!

In case of any questions Please call the International Student Services at 208-426-3652 or email at

Internationalinfo@boisestate.edu



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As a friend of Christy Babcock and a former international student at BSU, I would like to support current international students by offering a discount on tax preparation. Please call to set up an appointment. I look forward to working with you soon. ~Joey Schoettger



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