International Food, Song & Dance Festival

Presented by the International Student Association, the International Food, Song & Dance Festival celebrates Boise State’s international element. International students on campus come together and organize an inspiring event that features cultures, customs and cuisine from all around the world.

When: Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 6:00pm
Where: Jordan Ballroom, located in the Student Union Building. (Free parking in the Lincoln Garage)
Menu: This year’s delectable dishes include a Spanish tortilla de patata, Georgian Cheese Bread, Ant Hill Cake, Russian salad, Japanese Chicken, among others.

Entertainment: You will be delighted by our musical guests, who will sing, dance and entertain in a variety of ways, including an international fashion show!

Tickets: Individual seats available through Select-a-Seat
General admission - $16.00
Children 6 – 18 and Students with ID - $12.00
Children 5 and under - free
(Individual tickets, if still available, will cost $5.00 more if purchased at the door)

You may purchase a table for 8 people for $120.00 by calling International Student Services at 426-3652

Coming Events & Activities

Friday, March 4, 7:00pm: March Movie Night. In the Student Diversity Center. Theme: Action Thriller. Snacks provided.
Monday, March 28: Spring Break day trip to Sun Valley. More info to come later on.
Wednesday, March 30: Spring Break day trip to Gold Fork Hot Springs in Donnelly.
March 30 - April 2: ISA Spring Break trip to Seattle. SIGN UP NOW! See details below.

Spring Break Trip to Seattle

Wednesday, March 30 - Saturday, April 2, 2011

Join ISA on a Spring Break trip to Seattle. 4 days and 3 nights in the Emerald City for only $80! In Seattle we can visit Pike Place Market, the Space Needle, Boo Han Oriental Market/Ranch 99 Market/Central Market [International foods], the original Starbucks coffee house, and many other great places!

The $80 cost includes van transportation, hotel lodging and breakfast each day. You buy your other meals and activities. Check out the hotel at:

http://www.hiusa.org/seattle

In order to reserve your spot on the trip, sign up and make your payment at ISS by noon on Friday, March 11. Payment must be by cash, money order or check made out to ISA.
Important!!
Class Registration for the Fall 2011 Semester will start soon. Make an appointment to meet with an academic adviser as soon as possible to develop the best plan for your academic program. Academic Advising office, 208-426-4049

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!

We Need Your Help!
We are planning a presentation for a workshop and could really use your insights. As international students, particularly those for whom English is a second language, you probably heard some strange expressions from your new American friends. Expressions like, "Wake up and smell the coffee!" or "Are we on the same page?" or "Let’s cut to the chase."

We’d like you to think back to your early days in the US (or maybe last week) and tell us about some of the American expressions or idioms that caused you confusion. It would be great to hear the expression itself and also what you thought when you heard it. We want to help primary English speakers understand how confusing these expressions can be.

Please email your observations to Merrilou. Thank you!

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CULTURAL CROSSROADS

SATURDAY, March 19
6 P.M. AT THE SUB JORDAN BALLROOM

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