Boise State International Insider



March 24, 2011

Festival a Huge Success!!

Thanks to the efforts of the ISA officers and many volunteers, the annual International Food, Song and Dance Festival held last Saturday night was one of the most successful in its 32 year history! More than 400 people from the university and the greater Boise community gathered to enjoy excellent food prepared by our international students and wonderful entertainment. We have many talented cooks and performers in our international student population!!

Our guests were also very generous . . . nearly \$600.00 was donated for Japan Tsunami Relief and over \$300.00 was given for the Trang Doan scholarship. Thank you to all who shared in this way.

Coming Events & Activities

Monday, March 28: Spring Break day trip to Sun Valley. Please see page 2 for more details on this and the Hot Springs trip. There is still space for more participants!

Thursday, March 31: Spring Break day trip to Gold Fork Hot Springs in Donnelly. (Please note: we changed the date) There is still space for more participants!

Thursday, April 7, 4:00 - 5:00pm: <u>CPT</u> (Internship) Workshop in the Student Diversity Center. See details on page 2 for all CPT and OPT Workshops. *Be sure to sign up!*

Friday, April 8, 9:30 - 11:30am: OPT Workshop in the Student Diversity Center.

Friday, April 8, noon - 1:00pm: <u>CPT</u> (Internship) Workshop in the Chief Joseph room.

Monday, April 11, noon - 2:00pm: OPT Workshop in the Student Diversity Center.

Tuesday, April 12, 3 - 5pm: OPT Workshop in the Student Diversity Center.

Friday, April 15, 3:30 - 5:30pm: FREE Immigration Information session presented by attorney Adam King. Farnsworth Room in the SUB.

Friday, April 15, 5:00 pm: INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINE! See this link for more details: http://iss.boisestate.edu/content/article.cfm?article_id=44

Saturday, April 16: Career Workshop for international students. More details to come.

INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN STUDENT GOVERNMENT? SEE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON PAGE 3!!

FREE Tax Service for International Students!!

All international students who worked in the US during 2010 will need to file US tax return forms. <u>The deadline for filing your tax return is April 15th.</u>

"The Coalition for Economic Improvement" offers FREE tax preparation services to international students at their VITA location at 2717 S Vista Ave, Boise. The best time to come is Saturday between 10am and 4pm. Bill and Christine specialize in tax preparation for international students and will be there to serve you.

SIGN UP FOR THE CPT and OPT Workshops

Two **Curricular Practical Training (CPT-Internship) Workshops** are planned: *Thursday, April 7th from 4:00 - 5:00pm <u>AND</u> Friday, April 8th from 12:00 - 1:00pm. CPT allows a student to work off-campus for a specified amount of time in a position related to his/her field of study. If an internship is in your future, you should attend one of these sessions. Please call ISS, 426-3652, to reserve your place. Workshops take place in the SDC.*

Three **Optional Practical Training (OPT) Workshops** will be held in April. *Friday, the 8*th from 9:30 - 11:30am, Monday, the 11th from 12:00 – 2:00pm <u>AND</u> Tuesday, the 12th from 3:00 - 5:00pm. OPT is a 12 month work permit for full or part-time employment for practical training directly related to your field of study. OPT can be done anywhere in the US.

Please plan to attend one of these sessions if you are interested in applying for this work permit. All OPT workshops will be held in the SDC. Please call ISS, 426-3652, to reserve your place.

Hi, All,

We still have some space on our day trips next week.

Monday, we go to Sun Valley, ID. We will ride the chair lift to the top of Mt Baldy to check out an AMAZING view! Thursday, we go to Gold Fork Hot Springs in Donnelly, ID. We will soak in the natural hot waters in a beautiful outdoor setting!

For each trip we will leave Boise around 10 AM and return around 6 PM.

The participation fee is \$10 per trip. Your fee includes transportation, lunch, and admission tickets. The \$10 fee is due when you sign up, otherwise we are unable to reserve your spot.

To sign up for one or both trips, come to ISS with your participation fee this week and put your name on the list.

I hope you will join me! Christy

TICKETS FOR FREE SALSA LESSONS!!!

Friday, March 25th, 9:00pm to 2:00am, Salsa Primavera will be holding lessons and performances at the Knitting Factory Concert House in Boise. You may pick up a FREE ticket to this event at the ISS office. Only 30 tickets available, so this is definitely first come, first get the free ticket!

LeaderShape is Happening!!

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Contact Damoni Wright 426-2877 or damoniwright@boisestate.edu if you have additional questions.

Idaho National Laboratory Internships

These INL opportunities are open to ALL students (not just US citizens)! Idaho National Laboratory has more than 250 summer internships, in computer science, science and engineering disciplines, as well as accounting, communication, environmental health and safety, and other fields. To be considered for a summer 2011 internship, applicants must apply on-line for internship listings at www.inl.gov/careers. Applicants will only be considered for postings they apply for and meet minimum requirements. Applications will close on May 15, but applicants are encouraged to apply as early as possible.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

- Enrolled student status at an accredited US college or university
- Ability to pass a background check
- Minimum of 2.5 cumulative GPA (Individual mentors may require a higher GPA)
- Collegiate applicants must have completed the freshman year of college (24 credits minimum)

- Foreign National students may be eligible for internships if attending an accredited US college or university and have a Curricular Practical Training Authorization.

When asked to upload your resume to your application, please upload one (1) file that includes the following: 1. Current Resume or Curriculum Vitae (CV)

- 2. Unofficial transcripts for all in-progress and completed degrees
- 3. Current class schedule including number of credits

Applications that do not include items 1-3 above in a single file may be ineligible. (NOTE: valid extensions include .doc, .docx,.html,.htm,.txt,.rtf, and .pdf) To reduce the potential for file load errors, please limit the title of your resume file to 45 characters or less, with no special characters. All applicants receive an e-mail notification showing the date application was submitted. If you do not receive this notification, your application was not submitted correctly.

We need International Students in Boise State Student Government

This is just a reminder to all students that ASBSU elections are coming up on April 13th & 14th.

If you are interested in running for a position, election packets are available in the SUB in the Student Involvement and Leadership Center (SILC). The deadline for packets to be turned in is 4:30pm on Friday, March 25, 2011,

so there is definitely still time to pick one up and to run in this year's elections.

If you have any questions, please feel free to check us out:

On Facebook at http://www.facebook.com/ASBSUelections On wikiASBSU at https://sites.google.com/site/wikiasbsu/asbsu-elections-spring-2011 Email bsuelections@gmail.com Stop by SILC Office (2nd floor of the SUB, above the Boise River Cafe) Call (208) 426-1223



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