



# Boise State International Insider

## News for International Students

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International Student Services

### Coming Events & Activities

**Every Wednesday, 3:30 - 5:00pm** – Coffee & Conversation in the Student Diversity Center.

**Every Thursday, 6:00 to 7:00pm** - T.E.A. Time (Thursday English Afternoons). Join us in the Writing Center (LA200) to practice your English skills.

**Every Friday, noon to 2:00pm** - Wisdom Café in the Student Diversity Center. *(See below for details)*

### Student Spotlight

by Cindy Chiu

**Sangho Shin** is an exchange student from South Korea majoring in Psychology and Business Administration. He has been eager to study abroad in the United States, and he enjoys the time he has spent in Boise so far.

"I love the nature environment in Boise. I can breathe fresh air and visit the many places to enjoy outdoor sports. The campus life in here is fantastic, there are a lot of activities that student can participate in for free. And ISS held a lot of conference and give opportunity to mingle." Sangho said.

When he first came here everything seemed weird to him. "Even though I was in the US army for two years, I've never been United States before. Foods, Costume and their life style is different. These differences impact me as a positive way. I learned the cultural things." Sangho reported.

Sangho describes Korea as the origin of well-known companies such as Samsung, LG and Hyundai, which are now global companies. Korea is a peninsula country located in Asia. Except northern part of the Korea, the rest of edge is surrounded by the sea.

He really misses Korean food, and he is upset that no Korean restaurants are available near the Boise State campus. He sometimes cooks Korean foods at home but different ingredients from his home country make different flavor.



### Immigration Info

Are you planning to travel outside the U.S. during the summer?

- ① **Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave.** Bring your I-20 to the ISS office at least 48 hours before you travel to give us time to complete the process. It is important that you are registered for Fall classes before bringing your I-20 to ISS.
- ② **Check the status of your visa.** If it has expired, or will expire while you are outside of the US, you must plan to have it renewed before you return. Documents you will need for this process are an unofficial transcript, a copy of your class registration for the Fall semester and a Visa Support letter from ISS. If you need a visa support letter, please submit a letter request form using this link: <https://secureforms.boisestate.edu/iss/letter-request-form/>
- ③ **Check the status of your passport.** If your passport will expire while you are away, be sure to follow the regulations of your home country to renew your passport before you return. If you are remaining in the US, you still must have a valid passport. You may contact the consulate for your country in the US to find out the renewal process.

**Waleed Mubarki** of Saudi Arabia produced this video about international students at Boise State for his Communications class. Thank you, Waleed!

[http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player\\_embedded&v=XHBmAwnBx6U#](http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=XHBmAwnBx6U#)

**Please join ISS in welcoming Stefanie Stauber to our staff. Stefanie has been hired as the Sponsored-Student Support Coordinator. Stefanie is truly "international". She was born in Switzerland, raised in Venezuela for a number of years, and later moved to the US. She speaks English, Spanish, Swiss-German, Italian, and even some French. Stefanie will join ISS later this month. Her primary role will be to support our SACM-sponsored students and serve as a liaison between Boise State and SACM. Please drop by this summer to say hello to Stefanie and to welcome her to the ISS family.**

## University Housing Updates

Hello Students! Below are a few final reminders before this spring semester officially ends. Please read through these and let us know if you have any questions. Good luck with finals and we hope you have a wonderful summer!

### Hall Closing:

All residents need to check out of their room within 24 hours of their last scheduled examination, but no later than 12 noon on Friday, May 11 (whichever comes first). Please plan your travel arrangements appropriately and see your Resident Director if you have any questions about your specific situation.

### Check-Out Procedures:

In order to expedite the check-out process, we encourage all students to contact their RA to establish individualized check-out times as an initial option for checking-out for the year. You may also go to the front desk that services your building to check you out of your room/suite. In order to ensure you have completed all required tasks prior to leaving for the summer, please take a few minutes to watch our fun [End Of Year Move-Out Video!](#)

### Recycle & Donate:

University Housing's annual recycling program that allows you to donate items that you no longer want or don't have room to transport home for the summer is in full swing! Bins are located at the service desks of Chaffee, Towers, University Suites, Keiser, Driscoll and Morrison Halls. Acceptable items for donation include unopened non-perishable food items, clothing, and any other clean stuff in good condition. Make sure you place your items in the appropriate containers as labeled. Place any large items next to the appropriate donation station. *Please consider donating rather than throwing out useable items in the trash.* All other co-mingled recycled items (cardboard, paper, plastics, etc.) should be taken to the appropriate stations within your community and University Housing will process those items for you. Additionally, any bicycles that are left behind after closing will be also be donated, so please remember to take yours with you when you leave.

### Safety and Security:

We understand that when the weather warms up, some students prefer to have windows and doors left open to increase ventilation and enjoy some of the warm spring breeze. University Housing would like to remind you to take basic precautions for your safety. Close and lock your windows and doors when you are not in the room and at night. Please remember to **not** prop the outside doors and when you begin to pack up your car to head home, roll up your windows, lock the doors and store items of high value out of sight. Stay safe!

### Summer Housing:

Students who will be enrolled in summer school at Boise State University are eligible to apply for summer housing located in University Suites. The application is available [online](#) now.

**As always, if you have any questions don't hesitate to call the main housing office 447-1001, email [bsuhousing@boisestate.edu](mailto:bsuhousing@boisestate.edu), or check out our website <http://housing.boisestate.edu>.**

# **World Cup of Tea Friendship 2012 Summer Fun Community Schedule**

## **~Coffee and Conversation~**

Every Wednesday, 3:30 PM – 5:00 PM (except July 4<sup>th</sup>)

(After every Coffee and Conversation, join us for a walk downtown for **Alive After Five**, Grove Plaza, Downtown Boise—live music, delicious food vendors, cool drinks, dancing, dancing in the fountain and gobs of people watching. From there, who knows...supper, liquid libations...so much is possible when you head downtown. For more information on **Alive After Five**:

[http://www.downtownboise.org/index.cfm/events/dba\\_events/alive\\_after\\_five](http://www.downtownboise.org/index.cfm/events/dba_events/alive_after_five))

## **~Whole Earth Volleyball~**

Join us for Boise's only global bi-weekly volleyball experience. Dates: May 17, 31; June 7, 21; July 5, 19; August 2, 16. Times: 6 PM – 8 PM. Our whole earth game mantra: "The ball is round. There are no rules. Everything else is pure theory!" Location to be announced.

## **~Summer Wisdom Café~**

Join us in the Wisdom Café as we explore universal principles that transcend time and culture (noon until 1:30 pm, Student Diversity Center, SUB). The Wisdom Café serves up "piping hot" a weekly opportunity for students worldwide to extract value and fresh insight from major wisdom traditions (what Huston Smith calls "the distilled wisdom of the human race") through questioning and dialogue. All students and all points of view are welcome.

## **~Bikes to Table Rock~**

Once every month, we will leave the SUB on bikes, pedal the greenbelt to the old Idaho Penitentiary, and take an evening walk up Table Rock to watch the sun set from the Summit. Bring water and a head lamp. We can stop by Warm Springs Market for a liquid cool down on the way back to campus. Dates: June 15, July 13, August 17 (dates may be subject to change based on weather conditions). Times are depended on environment and will be announced.

## **~Boise River Float Trips~**

Join us for group float trips down the Boise River. We'll bike to Ann Morrison Park, pick up the shuttle to Barber Park (\$1.00), and float our way back down to Boise State. More information on floating the Boise River can be found at:

<http://www.cityofboise.org/departments/parks/page17909.aspx>. Types of floats and float pricing can be found at:

<http://www.cityofboise.org/Departments/Parks/News/2007/page18882.aspx>.

Dates to be announced.



**BOISE STATE**  
UNIVERSITY  
International Student Association

# End-of-the-Semester Dinner and Games with International Students

Date: **Saturday, May 12, 2012**

Time: **5:00-7:00 p.m.**

Place: **The Biblical Studies Center  
& Cornerstone Books  
(1025 Belmont St, Boise, ID 83704)**

Free pizza & beverages provided

*If you don't know where it is, you can meet us at Moxie Java cafe in the Student Union Building (SUB) at 4:45 p.m., then we'll walk to the center.*

5th Annual Cultural Event

## IDAHO JAPAN DAY 2012

**Friday, May 18**

**5 - 8 PM**

### THE BASQUE CENTER

611 W Grove St, Boise, Idaho

Admission: Free with one raffle ticket purchase  
(\$2 each, Kids 11 and under free)

**Taiko  
Origami  
Bonsai  
& More!**

**BENTO** (Japanese food)  
hot & cold drinks

**1:30 - 4 PM**

### SAGE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL DOWNTOWN

601 S. 9th St, Boise, Idaho

**Free Japanese  
film screening**

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