



Boise State International Insider

News for International Students

December 1, 2011

International Student Services

Coming Events & Activities

December 2nd, 3:00 to 5:00pm: [OPT Workshop](#) in the Student Diversity Center. *(please see details below)*

December 3rd, 6:00pm: Pre-finals Pot-luck Dinner. In the Student Diversity Center. *(please see pg 2)*

December 10th, 2:00 to 5:00pm: Holidays Around the World. In the Jordan Ballroom *(please see flier on page 3)*

December 16th, 10:00am: Winter Commencement ceremony. Congratulations, graduates!!

December 16th, noon: [University Residence Halls will close for Winter Break.](#) *(please see article below)*

Plan to stay in the Residence Halls over Winter Break? Better make arrangements!!

University Housing Residence Halls close on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 12 noon for Winter Break (including Suites, Yale Court and Doubletree). Facilities will re-open at 12 noon on Saturday, January 14, 2012. Students wishing to remain on campus for any time beyond December 16 at noon AND/OR arrive on campus prior to January 14 must complete the [Winter Break/Fall Late Stay/Spring Early Arrival Housing Application](#). *(hold down Control and left click on blue text to follow link)*

Only December graduates, Intersession attendees and those students who wish to be here for other University sponsored purposes will be considered. Documentation from a University official and/or department will be required and must indicate a University obligation during the full range of dates that housing is being requested.

[All Break Applications must be received by Friday, December 9, 2011, by 5pm to be considered](#)

Optional Practical Training (OPT) is a one-year work permit that allows international students to work in their field of study after graduation. [If you are graduating this semester and are interested in applying for OPT, you must attend an OPT Workshop.](#) This is the last opportunity to attend a workshop for this semester.

Friday, December 2, 3:00 to 5:00pm

When attending the workshop, you must bring your I-20, visa, passport and I-94 card, plus 2 passport-size photos (head positioned directly facing the camera) and a Money Order for \$380.00 payable to CIS. [Please email Christy or Merrilou to sign up for this workshop,](#) which will be held in the Student Diversity Center.

Immigration Info

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

- ① [Remember, you must have your I-20 signed before you leave.](#) Bring your I-20 to the ISS office at least 72 hours before you travel to give us time to complete the process. It is important that you are registered for Spring 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 Spring semester and a Visa Support letter from ISS.
- 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.

International Student Services and World Cup of Tea Friendship Program



Pre-Finals "Soothe Your Soul Plenty" Pot-Luck

**Evening mealtime mantra
(Before the finals onslaught):**

"A good traveler has no fixed plans and is not intent upon arriving." Lao Tzu

Attire: Thoughtful, friendly, relaxed, pluralistic, campus-cozy, library lizard.

**Saturday, December 3, 2011, 6 PM
Student Diversity Center**

**What to bring? Bring that yummy, memorable entrée that you know expresses you...
We can hardly wait to find out what food you are!**

Everyone is invited! See you there!

Orientation Leader Job Position Info Sessions!

New Student and Family Programs is hosting a series of informal info sessions for undergraduate students wishing to apply to be an Orientation Leader in 2012. These sessions are **not required** for the job application, but will be a good way for prospective applicants to understand the hiring timeline and job requirements. All sessions will last approximately 30 minutes, and will be **hosted in the New Student and Family Programs office**, 1st Floor of the Student Union Building. The session dates and times are listed below:

Monday December 5th

10:40am-11:10am
12:40pm-1:10pm
1:40pm-2:10pm
4:40pm-5:10pm

Tuesday December 6th

10:40am-11:10am
12:05pm-12:35pm
5:00pm-5:30pm
5:30pm-6:00pm

Wednesday December 7th

1:40pm-2:10pm
3:40pm-4:10pm
4:40pm-5:10pm

*Any questions can be directed to the Coordinator of Orientation and First Year Outreach,
NateWiley@boisestate.edu or by phone at 208-426-1679*



Two Events Hosted by the German Club:

Frühstück

When: Dec 5, 2011, 8am-9am

Where: Modern Language and Literatures Building, Back Conversation Lab Room

What: Frühstück!! Come and have Breakfast with the German Club at 8am on Monday December 5th.

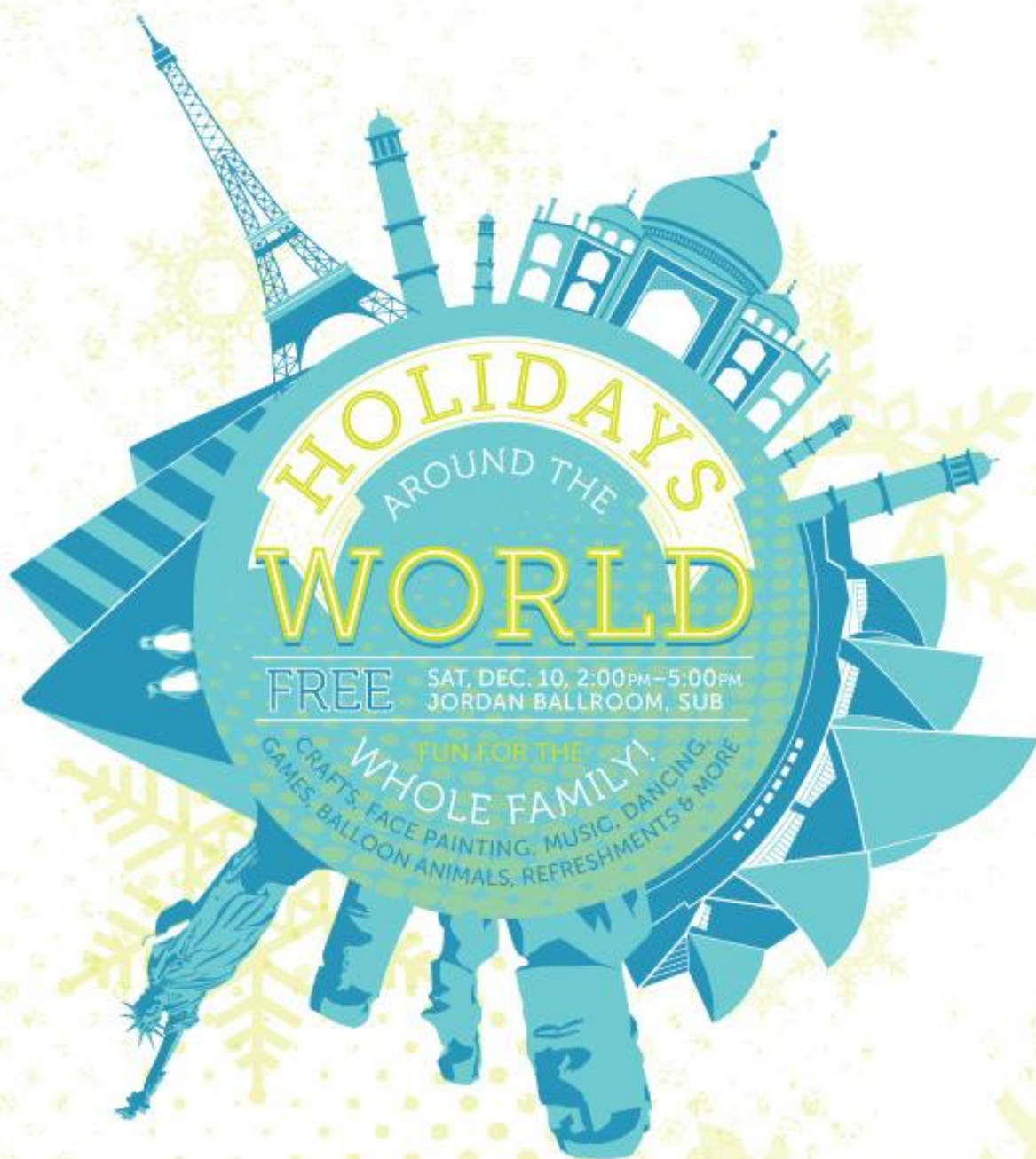
This is a free event, just come and enjoy Breakfast with us! Eggs, Sausage, Pastries, Juice, Coffee, and Tea! RSVP: <https://orgsync.com/43835/events/310246/show>

Nikolaus Tag

When: Dec 6, 2011, 6pm-8pm

Where: Jordan Ballroom, 2nd Floor of the SUB

What: It is Christmas time again! And with Christmas comes the German Clubs celebration of the holidays with our annual Nikolaus Tag! We are celebrating a traditional German Christmas with food, music, and fun. This is a free event, so please bring your friends and family and come and enjoy this German Christmas party. After all, it only comes around once a year! ***PLEASE RSVP WITH THE AMOUNT OF PEOPLE YOU ARE BRINGING*** RSVP: <https://orgsync.com/43835/events/307657/show>



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