



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

# Intensive English Institute Newsletter



## Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!

For more events, see <http://www.iei.uiuc.edu/calendar.htm>



- **Chicago Trip**  
Saturday, June 28<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 AM-11:00 PM  
*Bus will leave from the IEI*



- **\$1.00 Sushi Night**  
Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> - 5:00-8:00 PM - Ko Fusion Restaurant, Champaign  
*Meet in front of the IEI at 5:00 PM*



- **IEI Pool Party**  
Thursday, July 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:00-8:00 PM - Sholem Aquatic Center, Champaign  
*Meet in front of the IEI at 5:00 PM*



- **IEI Game Night**  
Tuesday, July 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:30 PM - Asian American Cultural Center  
*Located across the street from the IEI building*

## Adventures in Cultural Differences

When you started to prepare to study abroad in the United States, you probably tried to learn everything you could about living here. And yet, maybe you are realizing that there are many things that people forgot to tell you! In addition to some big differences that exist between your home and Champaign-Urbana, there are many little differences that you are now learning about. Since your arrival to the U.S., have you been shocked, scared, or amused by customs or behaviors of American people? IEI students were asked,

**“What cultural differences have you experienced so far in the U.S.?”**



**Carolina Contreras, 1A**

*In the U.S., when I ask people “Could you repeat that?”, they repeat themselves really loudly. They don't need to yell!*



**Hyemi Yang, 2AC**

*In the U.S., no one seems to carry an umbrella when the weather is rainy!*



**Adnan Fallatah, 3H**

*I was surprised to see people nearly-naked on the Quad. It seems strange to sunbathe on campus, instead of on a beach.*



**I-Pang Fu, 2AK**

*I am surprised by the distance between cities in the U.S. I went to visit a friend in Bloomington, Indiana, which is about 170 miles away.*



**Abdullah Al-Hazzani, 3S**

*In Saudi Arabia the tip is always included in the bill. So when I ate at Bombay Restaurant I didn't leave a tip. Later, my friend explained that the waitress earns her living from the tips. So I went back to give her some money.*



**Anita Mumm, IEI**

*When I lived in France, I thought the people at my bank were rude on the phone. Later I found out that I was using the wrong greetings when I talked to them. They were rude to me, because I was rude first!*

# Featured UIUC and Community Events



- **Afterglow: Geoff Poor and David Thies (Music)**  
Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> - 9:30PM - Krannert Center Lobby - Free



- **Krannert Uncorked (wine tasting) with Nathan Parks, contemporary piano**  
Thursday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:00 PM - Krannert Center Lobby - Free



- **Summer Concert – Exorna (Irish music)**  
Sunday, June 29<sup>th</sup> - 6:30-8:00 PM - Hessel Park, Champaign - Free  
*Hessel Park is located on Florida Avenue, west of Neil Street*



- **Champaign County Freedom Celebration Parade**  
Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - 1:05-3:30 PM  
*Parade Route begins at Lincoln and Nevada and ends at Florida and First Streets  
For a map, go to <http://www.july4th.net/other/map.htm>*



- **Champaign County Freedom Celebration Evening Show and Fireworks**  
Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 PM - Dodds Park, Champaign - Free  
*The Tons of Fun band will perform at 7:00 PM, and the fireworks show will begin at 9:00. For more information, go to <http://www.july4th.net/>*

**Please note: There is NO BUS SERVICE on Friday, July 4th**

## This fourth of July, can you sing along to the U.S. National Anthem?



*The Star Spangled Banner, by Francis Scott Key, 1814*

Oh, say can you see by the dawn's early light  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,  
Over the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,  
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there.  
Oh, say does that star-spangled banner yet wave  
Over the land of the free and the home of the brave?

### But what does the song mean??

The twelve lines of this poem are asking a single question: Can you see if the American flag is still flying?

*The Star Spangled Banner* was written by Francis Scott Key after a battle during the War of 1812 against the British. Francis Scott Key witnessed a “perilous fight” in which the British bombed an American military fort at night. Although it was dark outside, he could see the American flag flying over “the ramparts” of the fort by the light of “the rocket’s red glare” and “bombs bursting in air”. Here, the flag is called the “star spangled banner” and is described as having “broad stripes and bright stars”.

When the bombing was over, the sky was still dark, and Key didn’t know if the flag survived the battle, or if it had been destroyed by rockets or fire. He had to wait until “dawn’s early light” to see if the flag was still flying at the end of the battle. When morning came and Key saw the flag, he was inspired to write this poem about the “land of the free and the home of the brave”, which later became the United States National Anthem.

## 4<sup>th</sup> of JULY WORD SEARCH



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L A E J M O Y M A R I I G O F  
T B C J U L Y R E D A R A P D  
N O N C N Z B O B F V M C I O  
O O E T H E N L U L R P M N P  
I M D P C A C I R E M A O D L  
T I N U C U M A D L V I S M T  
U L E A W S S P Z Y T G K D I  
T Z P N N C X S A A S B R M O  
I K E T B A N D R I A Y O Z N  
T E D H O F A B F L G D W E G  
S O N E T O E F A L E N E R J  
N A I M I L P U M E A Z R S U  
O X N W E G A C R W U G I Q R  
C E E C W W H F U C S N F D O

**Warning:** *Playing this game may lead to improvement in your English language skills. Language games are really just ‘educational materials’ in disguise.*

**FIND:** America, Anthem, Band, Barbecue, Celebration, Champaign, Constitution, Fireworks, Flag, Freedom, Fun, Independence, July, Kaboom, Parade

Puzzle from [www.july4th.net](http://www.july4th.net)