



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

# Intensive English Institute Newsletter



## Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!

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

- **ConvoPartner Meet and Greet**  
**Wednesday, October 1 - 7:00-8:30 PM, BASIC House**



Invite your convopartner to join you for coffee and conversation at BASIC House this Wednesday. Everyone, with or without a convopartner, is welcome to attend this event. There will be plenty of English speakers to talk to! BASIC House is located at 1008 S. Lincoln Avenue, Urbana.

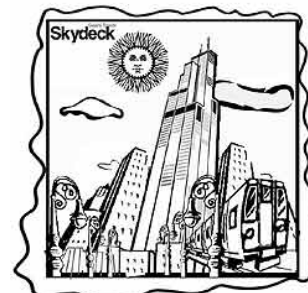
**pár**·ty: (noun) a social gathering of invited guests for conversation, refreshments, entertainment, etc: *I love to meet new people at parties.*

**mín**·gle: (intransitive verb) to join or take part with others: *We drank tea, ate cookies, and mingled with the convopartners.*

**nét**·work: (intransitive verb) to make associations with people who can be helpful to you personally or professionally: *I attended the Meet and Greet in order to network with University of Illinois students, and I met three great people who study in my field!*

- **Chicago Trip**  
**Saturday, October 4 - 8:00 AM-11:00 PM, meet at the IEI**

Chicago Trip sign up ended on Sept 25. There will be two full buses of IEI students! What a fun group! Whether you will be traveling with your IEI classmates this Saturday, or planning your own trip to the "Windy City", you can use the information below to help you plan your trip.



### Look online for travel tips and great deals!

1. Go to [www.cityofchicago.org](http://www.cityofchicago.org) to **print maps of the city**. Then click on 'special values coupons' to **find discounts** on museums, attractions, restaurants and shopping.
2. You can **download a Millenium Park or Chicago Blues Audio Tour** to your MP3 player at [www.downloadchicagotours.com](http://www.downloadchicagotours.com)
3. Visit <http://chicago.metromix.com> to **find calendars of local events**. You can find neighborhood festivals, read restaurant reviews, and learn about featured exhibits at museums. Or maybe you would like to **find an Oktoberfest party!** Chicagoans celebrate German culture and heritage each year with music, beer, and bratwurst. You don't need German ancestry to join in the fun!
4. Search the websites of the **most popular places** in Chicago in order to find hours, locations, special exhibits and special events. The Museum of Science and Industry: [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org), Field Museum: [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org), The Art Institute of Chicago: [www.artic.edu/aic](http://www.artic.edu/aic), Lincoln Park Zoo: [www.lpzoo.com](http://www.lpzoo.com), Navy Pier: [www.navy pier.com](http://www.navy pier.com), Sears Tower: [www.theskydeck.com](http://www.theskydeck.com), Millenium Park: [www.milleniumpark.org](http://www.milleniumpark.org), and, of course, shopping: [www.themagnificentmile.com](http://www.themagnificentmile.com)



### When you were a kid, did you play with Legos?

Join Architectural LEGO® Artist Adam Reed Tucker as he recreates Chicago's most famous skyscraper from 50,000 LEGO® Bricks. Visitors are invited to assist in its construction or simply watch the progression as it climbs upwards to 20 feet. **Saturday, Oct 4<sup>th</sup>. 10:00 AM-3:00 PM** at the Sears Tower Skydeck Pavilion entrance.

# Feel the 'NOIS!

Have you seen the “Feel the ‘Nois!” signs around campus? What do they mean? It’s a play on words. ‘Nois is short for **‘Illinois’**, as in the University of Illinois. But you should also see the word **‘noise’**, like the noise that everyone makes when they cheer for their football team! So what do these signs mean? They mean it’s Homecoming time!



## *Illinois Homecoming History*

A school’s **Homecoming** is a celebration to welcome back former students. Did you know that the University of Illinois claims to have created the first collegiate Homecoming—the annual alumni event centered around a football game?



**Is this the truth? The answer is YES AND NO.**

Alumni reunions were often held at the end of the school year, during commencement week. Student groups realized that this was no fun for the alumni because they couldn’t interact with current students. The seniors who were graduating were too busy with their own graduations, and all the other students had already gone home for the summer. So a Homecoming celebration was held at the beginning of the school year for the alumni, and a football game was the centerpiece of the celebration. A few colleges around the country held homecoming events like this, but then in 1910 a student group at the University of Illinois planned something more. The football game was still essential, but other events were also scheduled during homecoming week, like fraternity initiations and class reunions. These were events that let current students and returning alumni meet each other and interact more. The University of Illinois plan was also different from other schools’ homecoming celebrations because it was designed to be an annual event. They wanted, from the very beginning, to make it something that the University of Illinois would be well-known for each and every year. So yes, in a way, the University of Illinois was the first to begin the Homecoming tradition!



<http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/homecoming/history.html>

## Homecoming Kickoff

**Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 PM – 9:00 PM**  
**Corner of Wright and Green**

**Food, music and fun!**



## Homecoming 2008

Go to [www.admin.uiuc.edu/homecoming](http://www.admin.uiuc.edu/homecoming) to check out this year’s homecoming events. There will be lectures, tours, visits by famous Illinois alumni, many tailgate parties, and special activities for the alumni to participate in. For example, all alumni from the UI band are invited to play at the homecoming highlight: the **Illinois v. Minnesota football game at 11:00 AM on Saturday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>**.

Ticket for the game is \$15.00.

## Illinois v. Michigan SoccerFest 2008

**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 PM**  
**Track and Soccer Stadium**



This is a **FREE** event. There will be games, music, and complimentary (free) food and beverages. You also get free admission to the game!

*The Track and Soccer Stadium is located between Fourth Street and Maryland Drive on Kirby Avenue, Champaign.*

## Lunch on the Quad

**Tuesday, October 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**11:00 AM – 1:00 PM**



Cookout, entertainment, and the presentation of the Homecoming Court. This event costs \$5 or swipe of a residence hall card.

## Homecoming Parade and Pep Rally

**Friday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 PM – 8:00 PM**



The **parade** begins at **6pm**, starting at Sixth Street and Taft Drive in Champaign, traveling through Campustown and turning south on Mathews Avenue in Urbana to end on the Quad.

The **Pep Rally** will be on the Quad at **7pm**, and it will feature performances by various U of I organizations, appearances by the head football coach Ron Zook and the football team, and a fireworks finale!

