



University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Intensive English Institute Newsletter



IEI Volunteers

How do we create change in the world? -- One small act of kindness at a time

IEI Students are volunteering in the Champaign-Urbana community in a variety of ways. This semester they have done an environmental project, played bingo with elderly people at the nursing home, and helped people with disabilities participate in the Special Olympics. Here is what some of your classmates say about their experiences:



Tariq Al-Turkistani, 3M, referees a volleyball game for a Special Olympics Event at the Activities and Recreation Center

"I learned from this event that no one is perfect. There I saw smart and open-hearted people. Even when they lost a game it was okay

with them. And I found that even if we think that we are too busy and the world is not always the best place, the action and reaction from the people around us makes life beautiful."



Ielyzaveta Shkoda, 4T, assists with Bingo at the Champaign County Nursing Home

"I feel welcome at the nursing home, and the people are always glad to see me. I enjoy playing Bingo, and am happy to see the excitement of the

winners. I have many opportunities to speak with the people. I tell the people about myself and listen to their interesting stories. It's a great chance to learn about American culture, and to tell others about Ukrainian culture."

Read this newsletter and watch your email to learn about volunteer events. If you would like to join the Wednesday Bingo group at the nursing home, email Marli, the IEI intern, at marlibar@gmail.com, or just meet at the north side of the Illini Union, circle drive at 6:20 PM. Look for a big red van.

Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!

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

- Monday, Oct 20th, 5:00 PM
Dallas and Company Bus Trip -- meet at the IEI
Dallas and Company is a costume shop in downtown Champaign. Take the bus with the IEI interns to go shopping for a Halloween costume. Don't miss the Haunted Room at Dallas and Co! www.dallasandco.com
- Wednesday, Oct 22nd, 5:00 PM
Convopartner Coffee Hour -- Asian American Cultural Center
Join other IEI students and convopartners to relax, have fun, and practice English.
- Saturday, Oct 25th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM
Volunteer at the Salvation Army Store – Meeting time/place to be determined
The Salvation Army is a store that collects donations, and then sells the items for a low price to people in need. You can help by working with other volunteers to organize donated items.



- Friday, Oct 31st, 8:00 PM
IEI-Cosmo Club Halloween Party -- located at 307 E. John Street, Champaign
Don't forget to wear a costume! Would you like to volunteer to decorate? Email Natalie at nmullen2@illinois.edu.

Featured UIUC Events:

Cosmo Coffee Hours

Thursdays, 7:30 PM, Cosmopolitan Club, 307 E. John Street, Champaign



Attend on October 23rd for a taste of **Brazil**, and on October 30th for treats from **Nigeria**.

Interval Concert at Krannert Center

Tuesday, October 28, 12:00 Noon, Free



The University of Illinois Men's Glee Club will give a concert of classical and popular music. Guest appearance by "The Other Guys", an a cappella group.



Friday, October 31st is Halloween! This newsletter has many great ideas for how adults can celebrate, but Halloween is really a holiday for children. If you have kids, look on the News-Gazette website, www.news-gazette.com/halloween/home, for events that are designed for school-age children.

What is 'Trick or Treating'?

It's something that children do on Halloween. They put on costumes and move from house to house saying "Trick or treat!" And their neighbors respond by giving them candy. In Urbana and Champaign, trick-or-treating hours are 6:00-8:00 PM on Halloween.



Top 5 Ways to Celebrate Halloween!

#5: Go through a Corn Maze and Take a Hay Ride

Visit Hardy's Reindeer Ranch in Rantoul, Illinois where you will find a 10 acre corn maze, hay rides, pedal race carts, and a reindeer tour. The corn maze can be done during the day or at night with flashlights, and it typically takes 1-3 hours to complete. For more information, visit www.reindeerranch.com

#4: Carve a Jack-O-Lantern

Curtis Orchard in Champaign is a fun place to buy a pumpkin. While you are there, you can pick your own apples, pick your own pumpkin, go through a corn maze, and eat in the café. This is a great place to take children. For hours and a list of attractions, visit www.curtisorchard.com



#3: Visit a Haunted House:



The Fear Factory Haunted House in Rantoul, Illinois is 30 rooms of surprise and fright! The cost is \$10 per person. This activity is not for young children. The Fear Factory is open on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings from now until Halloween. For more information and directions, visit www.fearfactoryhauntedhouse.com

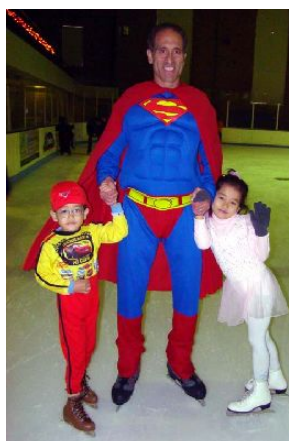
#2: Have fun at the Spooky Skate:

On Sunday, October 26th from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM the University Ice Arena will hold its annual Spooky Skate. Put on a costume, and bring your student ID for free entrance, and \$1.00 for skate rental.

And the #1 way to celebrate Halloween.....

Attend the IEI-Cosmo Club Halloween Party!

On Friday, October 31st at 8:00 PM IEI and the Cosmopolitan club will jointly host a Halloween Party. Costumes are optional, but highly recommended!



When he is not disguised as mild-mannered ESL teacher Peter Chiligris, Superman demonstrates his super ice-skating powers at the 2007 Spooky Skate!

Need a costume? IEI students will go together on Monday, Oct 20th to Dallas & Co, a specialty costume store. There are many other places in town where you can find a costume, too, including Target, Meijer, and Wal-Mart. Second-hand stores also have great costume ideas.

Do you believe in GHOSTS?

Visit one of these haunted sites on campus, and then decide!

- **English Building:** This building used to have a swimming pool when it was a women's dormitory. Students say that the building is haunted by the ghost of a woman who drowned while she was swimming alone. One story says that she committed suicide after a love affair ended badly. Witnesses report flickering lights, slamming doors, and some have even seen a ghost wandering the hallways.
- **Lincoln Hall:** Walk across Wright Street and look up to the windows on the third floor. Students report that a ghost often peers out of the windows from here. This occurs long after class has ended and no one is supposed to be in the building.
- **Psychology Building,** located near Chalmers and Sixth Streets: Many years ago a student almost jumped to his death from this building. He did not jump, but some say his ghost returned to this place after his natural death. Students report unexplained cold spots, a whispering voice that comes from empty rooms, and the sound of footsteps pacing in empty hallways.

www.prairieghosts.com/univ_il.html