



Intensive English Institute



IEI Volunteers

IEI Students went last week to the Wesley Foundation to help with their food pantry. The food pantry works like a free grocery store for families in need. Students sorted, organized, packaged, and carried food. There was a lot to do, but you know what they say: “Many hands make light work.” You can see in the pictures below that the volunteers had a great time working together to help others.



It was chilly last Saturday, but another big group of IEI students braved the cold to volunteer for an environmental project at Meadowbrook Park. Students stayed warm with hard work! They helped cut back honeysuckle, a non-native species of plant, as part of the prairie restoration process.



Upcoming IEI Events

Don't miss these great events coming up soon!

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

- **Engineering Open House (More than 200 exhibits!)**

Friday, March 13th - 3:00 PM, *meet in the IEI lobby to walk over with the interns*

This **free** event is held every year to showcase the latest in science and technology. Many exhibits are interactive, so this is a great place to learn, experiment, and play with science. (EOH is Fri, Mar 13 through Sat, Mar 14) You can see a preview of exhibits at <http://eoh.ec.uiuc.edu/>.



- **Chicago Trip!**

Saturday, March 14th - 8:00 AM-11:00 PM, *meet at the IEI, dress for cold weather!*

Sign up in the main office by Friday, March 6th. The cost is \$25.00. Remember to bring exact change. See the Chicago Trip handout for more details.

Look online for travel tips and great deals in Chicago!

1. You might want a **map of the city**. Try http://www.choosechicago.com/map_downtown.html
2. 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. **On March 14** they will dye the **Chicago River GREEN** in honor of St. Patrick's Day. The **St. Patrick's Day Parade** begins at 12 noon. See floats, Irish step dancers, bands, clowns, Clydesdale horses and more. The **Field Museum** currently has a special **pirate exhibit**. If you go **to Navy Pier**, check out the **2009 Flower and Garden Show**. The **Chicago Tourism Center** has "The Exquisite City: **City of Cardboard**", a fantasy city created by more than 70 artists. Finally, **Millennium Park** has an **outdoor ice skating rink**.
3. Looking for **DISCOUNTS**? Some websites offer **coupons**. Search the websites of the **most popular places** in Chicago in order to find coupons, hours, locations, special exhibits and special events. The **Museum of Science and Industry**: www.msichicago.org, **Field Museum**: www.fieldmuseum.org, The **Art Institute of Chicago**: www.artic.edu/aic, **Lincoln Park Zoo**: www.lpzoo.com, **Navy Pier**: www.navy pier.com, **Sears Tower**: www.theskydeck.com, **Millennium Park**: www.millenniumpark.org, and, of course, shopping: www.themagnificentmile.com.

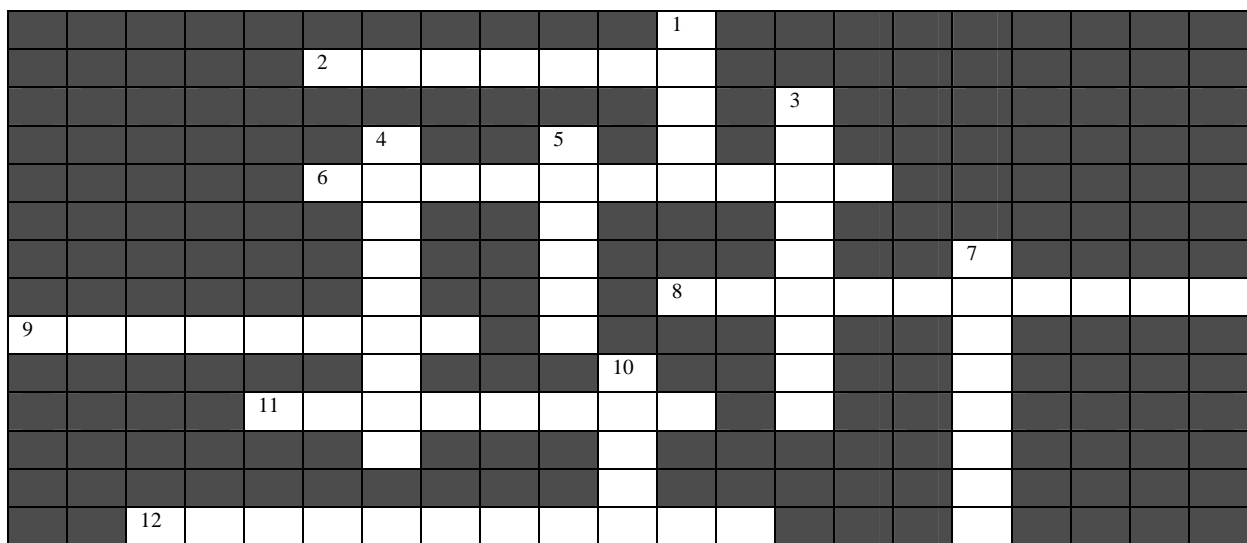
More Events On Campus



- Krannert Uncorked**
 Thursday, Mar 5, 5:00 PM, Krannert Center Lobby, FREE
 Sample wine, nibble on cheese and crackers, and enjoy the company of friends.
- Ghanian Coffee Hour**
 Thursday, Mar 5, 7:30 PM, Cosmo Club, 307 E. John Street, Champaign, FREE
 Warning: Hanging out at Cosmo Club may lead to improved English ability and new friendships. Possible side effects include a slight caffeine “buzz” or “sugar high”.
 NEXT: Mar 12 – Swedish Coffee Hour!
- 26th Annual YMCA International Dinner**
 Sunday, March 15, 6-8 PM, University YMCA, 1001 S Wright St, Champaign, \$8
 Sample foods from diverse cultures and socialize with other international and American students.
 Call Andrea Shields at 367-3079 on Friday, March 13th from 1:30 – 7:00 PM for reservations.

IEI Newsletter Crossword

Look for vocabulary answers in the text of the newsletter!



Down

- The color of the Chicago River on Sat, March 14
- The Chicago Tourism center has a whole city made of this brown material
- To do work to help others for no money
- The season after winter
- A person who stays awake late at night (2 words)
- To eat or drink too much

Across

- The opposite of religious or spiritual
- A place that distributes donated food (2 words)
- Without official authority
- There will be over 200 of these at the Engineering Open House
- A rhyme or saying to help you remember
- The ____ mile of great shopping in Chicago

“Unofficial” March 6

“Unofficial” refers to an unofficial St. Patrick’s Day. This event is not sponsored by the University. It is an occasion to wear green (the color of St. Patrick’s Day) and drink alcohol. Many people will participate in this all-day event, so many police officers will be on campus to help control binge drinking, underage drinking, drunk driving, disorderly behavior, fights, and disruption of classrooms. On March 6th, do not go out alone, and stay very aware of other walkers and drivers around you.

To learn more, go to:
<http://thequadblog.com/2009/01/unofficial-2009/>

UI student wearing green at 8am on Green St.



Daylight Saving Time March 8



Daylight Saving Time begins at 2:00 AM on Sunday, March 8th. You need to change your clock by adding one hour. Sometimes people get confused about whether they need to add or subtract an hour in November and March. This mnemonic helps: “Spring forward, fall back”. Spring also means ‘jump’. And fall also means ‘drop down’ or ‘descend’. So we spring forward by adding an hour in the spring, and we fall back by subtracting an hour in the fall. Unless you are a night owl, you should simply change your clocks on Saturday before you go to bed.

St. Patrick’s Day March 17

St. Patrick’s Day is a holiday in memory of Saint Patrick, a bishop in Ireland who died in 461 AD. In Ireland, St. Patrick’s Day is a national holiday, and because there is a lot of Irish heritage in the U.S., the holiday is popular here, too. It is a Catholic holy day, but many people celebrate it as a secular holiday. In the U.S. we say, “Everyone is Irish on St. Patrick’s Day!” People celebrate the day with parades, wearing green clothing, eating Irish food and drinking beer. Why is St. Patrick’s Day so popular? It is possibly because it takes place before the first day of spring. When people wear green clothing and shamrocks, they display the first green of spring!

