English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups/Discussion Groups
Summer 2023

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes and groups are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. In the summer, the times and dates vary, so please check the schedule carefully. Also, please email teacher/group leader to register for each class and to get more information. For more information on these classes, or about inexpensive private English tutoring, please email Vivienne Mackie, vivienne.mackie@gmail.com
You can also find us on Facebook at International Hospitality Committee. We’d love for you to join us.

**DAY: Monday Sewing Practice Sessions**
TIME: 2:00-3:20 pm This group meets every first and third Monday in Orchard Downs.
Bring your project and materials.
STARTING: Monday June 5th 2023
ENDING: August 21st, 2023
PLACE: 2044-A South Orchard Street, Urbana (in Orchard Downs)
(For the address see the note below)
LEADER: Ms. Christina Myers
EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com
You must email the leader for more information and to register. This is for anyone interested in sewing. Several sewing machines are available for use.

**Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group**
DAY: Every Thursday (online)
TIME: 10:00-11:00 am
DATES: starting May 18th, 2023 until August 31st, 2023
LEVEL: Any level is fine.
CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

**DAY: Friday Friendship Group (in-person)**
Mahjong, Hwatu, and Friendship
Play Chinese Mahjong and Korean Hwatu to promote friendship through games (we will provide instructions). There will be no rewards, simply just a game.
This group meets every first and third Friday
PLACE: 2044-A South Orchard Street, Urbana (directions same as given before)
STARTING: May 19th, 2023
ENDING: August 18th
TIME: 2:30-4:00pm
NOTE: Please email the leader to find out more information and to make reservation.
LEVEL: Any level is fine
LEADER: Ms. Christina Myers
EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com

**LET'S HAVE A PICNIC!!**
Let’s get together and have a casual picnic together on campus. Bring your own snack and something to drink, and a blanket to sit on if you want. We can chat and talk about what we’ve been doing in the summer. Children are welcome too---they can play on the grass.
DAYS: Wednesday June 21 (first day of summer), and Wednesday July 26.
RAIN DATE: If it rains on Wednesday, then we meet on Thursday 22, or Thursday 22.
TIME: 1pm
PLACE: meet at the campanile (bell tower) on campus (it’s a big grassy field with a bell tower in the middle, on Gregory Street, opposite the main library and the Morrow Plots)
LEADER: Margo Togni
EMAIL: margotogni@msn.com

Other opportunities to practice your English conversation and to meet other people

1. ETC COFFEE HOUSE
1203 W. Green Street, Urbana, Wesley Foundation, corner of Green and Goodwin
CONTACT: Julie Dowler
Tel: 217-344-1120
Please contact Julie to check on summer hours.
Fridays 4-6pm
An opportunity for international discussions and casual refreshments with native speakers of English.

2. Join your local LIBRARY---check out books and audio books, ask a librarian questions about books, CDs, movies and more. To join, you need ID and proof of residence (such as an account in your name with your local address)

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER.
Thanks,
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