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English Conversation Classes/Friendship Groups
Fall 2021

As we all know, the COVID-19 pandemic has been affecting all parts of our lives, including classes and groups. We are happy that in the fall of 2021 we are able to offer some groups in person again. We will also have a couple that are still online, and one that will be a hybrid of online and in-person. Please note: we have to follow the guidelines of the University of Illinois, so whenever a group or class is indoors, all members need to wear a mask. Thanks for your understanding about this.

These are informal groups of international men and women who meet to gain practical experience speaking English. Classes are FREE, but regular attendance is encouraged. In general, classes start on September 7, 2021 and end December 10, 2021, but classes vary so please check carefully. No classes the week of Thanksgiving break 22-26 November, 2021. Please email teacher 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.

A: At Orchard Downs
2044-A South Orchard Street, Urbana
(Please enter the classroom from the grass courtyard side, not the Orchard Street side)
The following classes/groups are at this address and they will be in-person:

**DAY: Tuesday English Class**
TIME: 10:00-11:30am
DATES: September 14-November 2, 2021
LEVEL: Low intermediate--Intermediate
TEACHER: Ms. Christa Knust
EMAIL: christaknust@gmail.com

**DAY: Tuesday English Discussion Group**
TIME: 5:30-7:00pm
DATES: September 14-December 7, 2021
LEVEL: Any level is fine. Children are welcome too.
LEADERS: Ms. Esther Han, and Ms. Helen Din
EMAIL: helenldin@gmail.com and esther.heeae@gmail.com

**DAY: Wednesday Friendship Group**
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
DATES: September 15-December 8, 2021
LEVEL: Any level is fine. Children are welcome too.
LEADERS: Ms. Angelica Sanchez, and Ms. Betty Zhen
EMAIL: anlsanchez@ucdavis.edu and Chenbettyh@gmail.com

**DAY: Thursday English Class**
TIME: 6:00-7:30pm
DATES: September 9-December 9
LEVEL: Intermediate
TEACHER: Ms. Rocio Fisher
EMAIL: rociofisher.k12@gmail.com

**DAY: Saturday Friendship Group**
TIME: 1-2:30pm This group meets every 2nd and 4th Saturday in Orchard Downs, at 2044A S. Orchard Street (but not during Thanksgiving break)
DATES: starting August 28, 2021
LEVEL: Any level is fine
CONTACT: Christina Myers
EMAIL: ckmyers2@gmail.com
Please note this is for anyone interested in meeting to talk, have Q & A, meet a few other people, have a walk in a park sometimes.
Ms. Christina Myers would like people to bring proof of Covid vaccination too.

B: Wednesday English Class Online
**DAY: Wednesday**
TIME: 10-11:30am
DATES: October 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17 and December 1, 8
LEVEL: Intermediate
TEACHER: Ms. Vivienne Mackie. Please contact her for the Zoom link.
EMAIL: vivienne.mackie@gmail.com
C: Thursday Friendship Group—an Online Group—but also meeting in-person once a month.
DAY: Every Thursday (online)
TIME: 10:00-11:00am
DATES: August 19-December 9, 2021
LEVEL: Any level is fine.
CONTACTS: Please contact Ms. Saiko Rosenberger to get the Zoom link
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

Friendship Group Lunch Meeting (in-person)
DAY: the second Friday of every month (once a month)
TIME: noon
DATES: Starting September 10, 2021
PLACE: The Krannert Center Lobby, on campus (500 S. Goodwin Ave). There are tables near the Intermezzo Café. You can buy food there, or you can bring your own lunch.
LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat and perhaps share some of your food/recipes.
CONTACT: Ms. Saiko Rosenberger
EMAIL: srsnbrgr@illinois.edu

D: A Hybrid Friendship Group
Tuesday Friendship Group
DAY: Tuesdays
TIME: 4pm
DATES: Starting September 7, 2021
PLACE: The Illini Union, in the basement dining area near Qdoba; and anywhere you are comfortable on your computer/tablet/phone
LEVEL: Any level is fine. This is an informal group and a chance to meet some people and to chat, even if we can't always meet in person right now. Please email Mr. Todd Epps for details about how and where to connect.
CONTACT: Mr. Todd Epps
EMAIL: tgepps@gmail.com

E: Thursday Friendship Group (in-person)
Thursday Friendship Group at Krannert
PLACE: Intermezzo Cafe
Address: Krannert Center for Performing Arts, 500 S. Goodwin Ave., Urbana
DATES: September 23, October 21, November 18, December 16 (Thursdays)
TIME: 5 - 6pm
CONTACT: Christina Myers
EMAIL: Ckmyers2@gmail.com
A Mask is required.

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

1. International Spouses Book Club
A group has formed an informal book club that will be meeting regularly. The group still needs to plan a list of titles and when they will meet, so contact the group leader in the meantime.
PLEASE CONTACT: Adriana Rom.
EMAIL: adriana3400@gmail.com
FACEBOOK: Ask to join The Online Book Club (a private group of IHC)

2. ETC COFFEE HOUSE
1203 W. Green Street, Urbana, Wesley Foundation
CONTACT: Julie Dowler
EMAIL: jdowler@wesleyui.org
Tel: 217-344-1120
Fridays 4-6pm, starting August 27th in-person
An opportunity for international discussions and casual refreshments with native speakers of English.

3. 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 (like an account in your name with your local address)

4. Kranner Uncorked
Stay tuned to see if this event will return in the Fall. In the lobby of the Krannert Center for Performing Arts, Goodwin St, Urbana (on campus)
Free wine tasting most weeks and free music 2-3 times a month, when it takes place. We are not sure yet for the fall.
Thursdays 5-7pm

GOOD LUCK, AND HAVE A GREAT FALL.

Thanks,

Vivienne Mackie, vivienne.mackie@gmail.com