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Welcome Activities for New International Students International Ministries at Penn State (IMPS)

August 2009 Special Events

Orientation Week

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Free Lunch! On **Thursday, Aug. 13**, we are offering a free lunch at the Wesley Student Center (across College Avenue from the HUB) for any new international students (and families). It will be available any time from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Join us!

Sunday, August 16- Plan to attend our big **Welcome Picnic** in and around Findlay Commons (see reverse), sponsored by IMPS and local churches. Games of many kinds are from 4-6 pm, the free dinner (including Chinese food and pizza) is at **6 pm** with time afterward to play more and just relax and talk. A great opportunity to meet an American family! **FREE!**



Other August events (contact Bill Saxton at wjs9@psu.edu or 865-1935 to register)

Monday, August 17- Visit Penn's Cave, America's only all-water cavern, involving a guided one-hour underground boat tour of the cavern in nearby Centre Hall. Leave from the HUB at 4 pm; return by 7 pm. Cost: \$15 for transportation and boat ride. Limited to 30 people.

Thursday, August 20, 2 – 5 pm- Paint Ball! Meet at the HUB at 2 pm. This game is played outdoors in a wooded area near campus. Each person will be given an air-powered paintball gun, and a hard plastic protective mask and goggles. Wear comfortable shoes for running around outside, and clothes which you don't mind getting dirty! Also wear long sleeves and long pants to protect you from paintballs and from the scratches of bushes and shrubs. Cost: \$20.

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Friday, August 21- Walk/Hike to the top of Mt. Nittany and lunch at Spring Creek Park! Meet at the HUB at 10 am for the short ride to the nearby town of Lemont at the base of Mt. Nittany. A steady uphill walk of about 30 minutes provides a panoramic view of Penn State. From there we will go to nearby Spring Creek Park to have lunch and relax, then return to campus by 2 pm. For the hike you should wear comfortable walking shoes and bring along a bottle of water. Limited to 30 people. Cost: \$3 for transportation and lunch.



Saturday, August 22 - Need furniture or household items? Get them at our **"Garage Giveaway"** at Calvary Baptist Church, 1250 University Drive, (see reverse) starting at 9 am. Free stuff and free delivery too!

Saturday, August 29 - Visit the Grange Fair in nearby Centre Hall, typical of many annual fairs in rural America, with shows of farm animals and equipment, and interesting exhibits and entertainers. Leave from the HUB at 1 pm; return to campus at 6 pm. Cost \$10 for transportation, parking, and admission. Also plan to bring some additional money for any food, souvenirs, or amusement rides there that may interest you. Limited to 30 people.

Fall Semester Activities

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IMPS is a program of activities and services for the PSU international community associated with the International Christian Fellowship student organization. See our website at www.impsu.org for information about our Fall Semester programs, including the weekly ICF dinner and program, a Thanksgiving Vacation trip to Boston, opportunities to experience the craziness of American football at Penn State, and supportive services such as providing English Language Practice Partners and helping with local moving.