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MINNEAPOLIS TRIP -- 3 SPACES AVAILABLE

April 14-15, 2012

We have 3 places remaining on the Minneapolis trip next weekend. The first three people to come to International Services and pay their \$80 trip fees can join us!

Students need not worry about losing study time: There will be plenty of time to study while driving to and from Minneapolis, about 3 1/2 hours each way. In addition, you can study in the comfort of your modern hotel room on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. You can even study while taking a break from shopping at the Mall of America!

The cost of the trip is \$80 per person and includes transportation and accommodation. Participants are responsible for food expenses, sightseeing, recreational and other expenses. Please sign up at the International Services front desk.

We will be traveling in two vans to save fuel and time. International Services and CIEP staff will drive.

We will still be staying at the Hotel Minneapolis located in downtown Minneapolis at 214 Fourth Street South. (www.thehotelminneapolis.com)

Trip Itinerary

Saturday, 7:00 a.m. depart from 23rd Street in front of University Book & Supply

Stop for breakfast/coffee/rest room break in Albert Lea or Owatonna, Minnesota

11:30 a.m. (approximate) arrive at Midtown Global Market (<http://www.midtownglobalmarket.org/>) for shopping and lunch.

1:00 p.m. depart for Minneapolis Institute of Arts (free admission)

3:30 p.m. depart for downtown Minneapolis, option to visit Mill City Museum

(<http://www.millcitymuseum.org/>; admission fee) or have free time.

5:00 p.m. check-in to hotel, free time for exploring, shopping, dinner, clubbing, etc.; stay overnight

Sunday, 10:30 a.m. depart hotel, travel to Mall of America & IKEA.

5:00 p.m. finish shopping, depart for home.

stop for fast dinner/stretch break in Albert Lea at giant truck stop.

The Minnesota Twins professional baseball team will play at home game at 12:10 p.m. on Saturday, April 14. We will make arrangements to get you to Target Field (<http://minnesota.twins.mlb.com/min/ballpark/index.jsp>) if you choose to buy yourself a ticket for this game against the Texas Rangers.

The Minnesota Timberwolves professional basketball team (NBA) have a home game against the Oklahoma City Thunder scheduled for 8:00 p.m. at the Target Center. You could buy your own ticket for this event too. The Target Center is located within easy walking distance of our hotel! (http://www.nba.com/timberwolves/index_main.html)

We hope to enjoy the April 14-15 weekend with you!

TRANSLATORS WANTED

The UNI Culture and Intensive English Program (CIEP) needs students who can review translations in Korean, Japanese and Portuguese. This would be paid, on-campus employment. If you are interested, please write to ciep@uni.edu.

APPLY NOW FOR FALL 2012 WRC STUDENT JOBS

Hi, Everyone

Springtime greetings! I want to let you know that Wellness and Recreation Services is now accepting applications for fall student employment. Keep this in mind as you interact with students and encourage

those with interest to apply by stopping by the WRS office (WRC 101) for an application.

Because the WRC is a popular place, we receive hundreds, if not a thousand, of applications. You might visit with interested students and advise them regarding ways to make their application and their qualities stand out. We recently received an application from a student who also attached a letter of application (which further described her interests and skills) and her course schedule (to facilitate our work scheduling) and she followed up with an email to check on status of her application. Impressive! She is now a WRS student employee; her initiative drew our attention to her skills and attributes.

The diversity of our WRS student employees has grown this year, bringing with it so many positive outcomes: more interaction among diverse students, improved customer service, a more welcoming presence for the WRC, and more. Thanks for your assistance.

Kathy Green, Director, University Health Services

AFRICAN CULTURE NIGHT: YOU ARE INVITED

All students are invited to African Culture Night on April 13. It will be in the CME at 5pm where you could have a taste of African Food from all over Africa, and at 8pm performances and event will be held in the Common ballroom. This year we are doing it differently in 2 different locations. we are going to have food, performances, music, and many other activities. I was also hoping if you could invite everybody to this event. Please see the attached files for more information.

LOOKING AHEAD TO SUMMER

The International Services Office would like to remind you of a few things as we approach the end of the Spring 2012 semester: First, for those of you who live in UNI residence halls or apartments, please make sure that you follow the instructions for checking out of your rooms or apartments by the set deadlines. Your hall office or the UNI apartments office can answer any questions that you might have. For hall residents, there may be penalties for damaged rooms, dirty rooms, or penalties for not following the proper checkout procedures. If you need to stay longer than your specified check-out date (to catch a Sunday or Monday flight home, for example) then you must make arrangements IN ADVANCE at your hall office and be prepared to pay a modest fee per extra night.

Our second reminder is about transportation to the airport of your choice. All international students are responsible for their own transportation to departure airports. Be sure to make arrangements with friends, host families, or taxi services to get to the airport on time to prepare for your flight. Please see our transportation page at <http://www.uni.edu/internationalservices/localtransportation.shtml> for taxi company contact information. If you need help traveling to the Cedar Rapids/Eastern Iowa Airport, the Cedar Rapids Airport Shuttle Service may be able to help you if you make reservations in advance: www.crshuttle.com

SUMMER HEALTH INSURANCE REMINDER--VERY IMPORTANT!!

If you will be leaving the U.S. for the summer, please make sure you contact Connie Potter by e-mail (connie.potter@uni.edu) and ask her to cancel your health insurance, otherwise you will be billed for June and July insurance premiums. If you remain here, you will need to continue your health insurance for the summer. If you are graduating, you will be automatically dropped unless you make arrangements to continue coverage while on OPT or Academic Training.