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HAVE A SAFE AND ENJOYABLE SPRING BREAK!

MINNEAPOLIS TRIP

April 14-15, 2012

Offered by the UNI International Services Office

Cosponsored by the Culture and Intensive English Program

Dear UNI International Students,

You are invited to become one of 50 international students who will visit the 'City of Lakes': Minneapolis, Minnesota. We will get on the bus and leave Cedar Falls early in the morning on Saturday, April 14 and arrive back in Cedar Falls on Sunday night, April 15.

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.

We will be riding in a private motorcoach (bus) that has been chartered for our use. The bus will have comfortable upholstered seats, plenty of storage space, and an onboard lavatory. We will make a breakfast stop on our way to Minneapolis on Saturday morning at a location that will offer several options for you to purchase food and beverages. You are also permitted to bring your own food and drink onto the bus. We will stop during the return trip to permit people to purchase dinner.

We will be staying at the Hotel Minneapolis located in downtown Minneapolis at 214 Fourth Street South. (www.thehotelminneapolis.com) We will stay in modern hotel rooms that contain two queen size beds, so four people will stay in each room. If you are interested in sharing a room with only one other person (2 people per room), the trip fee will be \$115 per person, and a single room may be possible for a trip fee of \$167.

In Minneapolis we will have a flexible schedule that will permit individuals to enjoy the city independently and choose which attractions to visit and where to eat. Students who sign up must have sufficient English skills to read and communicate independently when shopping, dining, inquiring about museum entry fees, using the transit system, etc. On Saturday, April 14, we will make a group visit to the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (<http://www.artsmia.org/>). We will spend Sunday, April 15 at the Mall of America

(www.mallofamerica.com) Those of you who sign up for the trip will receive a more detailed itinerary.

IMPORTANT: Reservations for the trip can be made starting on Monday, March 12 at 9:00 am. You must come to ISO in person and bring cash or a check with you to pay when you sign up. If paying with cash, please bring exact change. You will be able to sign up and pay only for yourself. The sign up sheet will be separated into four-person rooms, so you will choose a room and roommates at the time of sign up. Rooms will be same-gender unless groups of four people of mixed genders agree to share rooms in advance.

VERY IMPORTANT: Please see below some rules about the sign-up process:

1. To be fair to everyone, spaces on the trip will be assigned in an accurate and systematic manner using the sign-up sheet and a waiting list if necessary. Someone not on the waiting list or lower on the waiting list will not be offered a place on the trip before someone who is on the waiting list or is higher on the list. This means that substitutions will not be allowed. You may not give your place to another student. If you cannot go on the trip, please inform us as soon as possible and we will assign the vacant place to the next person on the waiting list. However, if you cancel your trip after April 6 and there are no people on the waiting list to take your spot, you will have to find a same-gender substitute for yourself; otherwise you will not get a refund.

2. At departure time, seats will be given to those who are on the trip list. In the event that someone on the list does not report to the bus, we will offer the vacant spot to the highest person of the same gender on the waiting list who is present and ready to board the bus. Only when all reserved students and waitlisted students have seats and hotel room places will we consider taking other students.

Refunds will not be given to anyone who misses the bus on Saturday morning!

If you have any questions or concerns, please write to international.services@uni.edu.

COMEDY AT THE LAMPOST THEATRE TONIGHT

On Friday night at 7, come laugh yourself silly with UNI's comedy improv

troupe, Half-Masted. Tickle your funny bone...and also tickle your nose with a raspberry Italian soda!

-The Lampost Crew
Lampost Theatre Company
204 W. Seerley Blvd.
Cedar Falls, IA 50613
[319.277.8034](tel:319.277.8034)
www.lampost.com

APPLY TO BECOME A STUDENT ADMISSIONS AMBASSADOR

The Student Admissions Ambassadors are a select group of 50 (volunteer) students on the UNI campus who represent the university to prospective students and alumni by giving campus tours, serving on panels, and hosting a variety of other events and activities. Students are chosen for membership in SAA based on their GPA, leadership qualities, ability to articulate the student experience and their overall passion and enthusiasm for the University of Northern Iowa. They truly serve as ambassadors of the university in every capacity.

Interested students are required to submit an application and two references. Both the application form and the reference forms can be found at the following link:<http://www.uni.edu/admissions/saa/membership>. All application materials are due by 5pm on Monday, April 9th.

Please feel free to contact me if you have additional questions. Also, feel free to pass this along to any other campus colleagues who might be interested.
Thanks, Paul Sapp
paul.sapp@uni.edu

SEEKING HENNA ARTISTS

The Hearst Center for the Arts is looking for someone who can demonstrate the art of decorating skin with temporary henna designs to help with an upcoming event on Friday, April 6 from 7-11 p.m. This would be a volunteer opportunity, but there may be some food and other benefits for those who can share their talents. If you can help, please contact Hanna Mayhew at hmayhew101@gmail.com.

MAUCKER UNION FOOD SERVICE SEEKING INPUT FROM JAPANESE STUDENTS

Carolyn Young, Food Service Manager in Maucker Union (Prexy's) is interested in getting recipes or food ideas from Japanese students. If you are from Japan and you can help, please write to her at carolyn.young@uni.edu. Your suggestions could someday be featured at Prexy's!

ROOMMATE WANTED

Needed now: Two ladies need a 3rd person in a 3 bedroom house 2 blocks from campus. Washer/dryer, dishwasher, central air conditioning in a very nice house. \$350/month including cable, internet. Call [319-415-5807](tel:319-415-5807) if interested.