

# **ISV Kickoff Meeting Minutes**

## **September 14<sup>th</sup> 2005**

### **I) Introduction**

Co-Presidents: Annie Hernandez and Patrick Schuette

### **II) ISV on an international scale vs. on a local scale**

ISV on an international scale:

There is a parent ISV club that offers trips to college students around the globe stressing goals of outdoor recreation and volunteerism. We are here to answer any questions you might have about how to get involved in going abroad. However, our group specifically focuses on goals and volunteer activities at a local level.

ISV on a local scale (our club):

ISV (the parent organization) is trying to initiate volunteerism on a greater scale. To accomplish this they are trying to establish campus chapters on campuses. UW-Madison is one of the first campus chapters that has branched off from the ISV parent organization and is the model organization for all other ISV campus clubs. We offer opportunities weekly to participate in community development, and conservation development volunteer activities around Madison and the nearby area. Also, we offer a variety of recreational activities such as skiing and camping trips.

### **III) About Our Club**

#### **Our goals:**

- Volunteering in and around Madison to help create a better community
- Focusing on community development and conservation
- Education: reaching out to campus communities, and informing high school, middle school, and elementary school students about the importance of volunteerism and about the cultural experiences we've had
- Outdoor recreational activities and social events.

#### **Long Term goals:**

- Scholarships for ISV trips for low-income students so that they can have experiences volunteering abroad.
- Making members aware of options for volunteering abroad

#### **Our Expectations for you:**

There are NO specific membership requirements. There are neither dues nor obligations. We understand everyone is busy. We would like it if you

could come to as many meetings, volunteer, and social events as possible but we understand that we all have other commitments in addition to ISV. We are happy to have you participate in whatever works for you, but, realize the more you put into this organization the more you will get out of it! ☺

## **IV) Upcoming Events**

We want you all to get involved right away! We have a number of volunteering events already set up so if you can come and help out at any or all of them let us know!

**Volunteer Events** (Please contact either of our volunteer coordinators Catherine Moore at [cmoore1@wisc.edu](mailto:cmoore1@wisc.edu) or Lindsay Schaffner at [lrschaffner@wisc.edu](mailto:lrschaffner@wisc.edu) for more information.)

### **Troy Gardens –**

At this project, we will be engaging in prairie restoration in a Community Garden on the east side of Madison. We will be removing weeds and planting native vegetation. They offer volunteer opportunities on Fridays and Saturdays. We will commit to at least one of these events in September or October, so please stay tuned!

### **Badger Army Ammunition Plant – Saturday October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

This project will be happening on Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:30-12:00. We will be participating in gardening activities to help clean up the local area. We will be taking down volunteers for this event in early October, so keep an eye peeled!

### **Wexford Ridge – EVERY FRIDAY!**

This volunteer opportunity is offered every Friday from 3:30 until 5:30 PM unless we tell you otherwise. It is a very popular event and there are only 10 spots available each week. If you want to get on the mailing list, please contact us! This activity includes interactions with children at an after school facility. We participate in playing sports with the children, watching talent shows, and doing arts and crafts.

**Social Events** (For more information on these, please contact our Social Co-Chairs Mara Youman [dbyouman@wisc.edu](mailto:dbyouman@wisc.edu) or Molly Sedarski [dalfines@aol.com](mailto:dalfines@aol.com))

-Some past events include skiing, bowling, and enjoying a Badger Away game as a group. We have plans underway for a camping trip, movie night, and skiing (when winter comes☺) We'll keep you guys informed!

### **Other Events & Notes**

-Right now, the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina looms as an incredible crisis that demands the attention of everyone who can help in any way, shape or form. We at ISV (UW-Madison) are currently looking hard into any ways we can help out, be it through raising funds to donate to an organization providing aid down on the Gulf Coast, such as the Red Cross, or some other means. We do not

currently have something lined up or planned, but currently we hope to do something in cooperation with other groups. We will keep you all posted on this! If any of you have ideas or opportunities, we're all ears.

-Some of you have expressed concern regarding driving to various events this semester due to rising gas prices. For all of our events that require members to drive this semester, we will be reimbursing everyone who drove for the cost of gas based on how often they drove and how far they drove for us.

-We're always welcome to new ideas and suggestions for volunteer opportunities, social activities, and events! Please share with us if you have an idea that you think would be really fun!

## **V) Wrap Up**

At future meetings we will be introducing more upcoming events and activities that we hope to participate in. Expect to hear more from us in the near future!

Also, check out our website at <http://isv.rso.wisc.edu> and please drop by our next meeting on September 28<sup>th</sup>. This meeting will be held in the Memorial Union, but the meeting room has not been determined yet. Please check the TITU (Today in the Union) signs the day of the event for specific room location! **We look forward to seeing you all again soon!**