

ISV UW-Madison Meeting 9/28/05

I. *Welcome!!!*

-A welcome to everyone in attendance along with brief introductions.

-What's up with that International thing? We're the campus club chapter of an international organization based out in California named International Student Volunteers.

-What we do is work in the Madison area with all interested students to help build a better community and to have fun with recreational stuff in the area.

II. *Announcements*

-So far this semester, we have 32 volunteer hours from volunteering at Wexford Ridge and the Waisman Center!

-We will also be giving out "member of the month" awards throughout the year from here on.

-This award is given to an outstanding member who has shown active interest and participation in ISV (UW), dedicated time to volunteering, and has been a model member for our club during that month.

-A small gift is given to the receiver of this award as a token of our appreciation for the time and effort that person put into ISV for that month.

III. *Volunteer Opportunities*

i. Wexford Ridge (Every Friday, 3:00 PM – 6ish)

-Every Friday at 3:00 PM, we head over to Wexford Ridge Community Center out by West Towne Mall to help out in an after-school program with neighborhood children between the ages of 6 and 11. We play games with them and help out with the people who organize and run the program, then finish up and head back at 5:30.

-If you are at all interest in participating in this program, please email Patrick Schuette (ptschuette@wisc.edu) so that you can have your name added to the mailing list in order to receive weekly notifications for this event.

ii. Eagle Heights (Every 3rd Tuesday starting Oct. 18th)

-The Eagle Heights Community Center (up north near Picnic Point) holds community meetings once a month from 6:00 until 8:00 PM. During that time, the people attending the meeting needs people to watch over the children and play with them. The children are a little younger than Wexford and all help is

welcome. If you want to help out with this, please email Catherine Moore at cmoore1@wisc.edu!

iii. Other Upcoming Events

-We've got some really neat things planned for the coming months, including the return of the Wil-Mar Pie Bake! For those of you who were not with us at this time last year, just before Thanksgiving, the Wil-Mar Community Center has a pie sale to raise funds. They need volunteers to help bake the pies at a local bakery and we will be helping them with that.

-We also have some events in the works involving groups such as the Troy Gardens community gardens and Habitat for Humanity.

Stay tuned! If you want to learn more about the stuff we have coming up, please email either of our volunteer coordinators, Lindsay Schaffner (lrschaffner@wisc.edu) or Catherine Moore (cmoore1@wisc.edu). They should be able to get you the info you want!

IV. *Special Guest!*

Community Service Consultant for CSS (Cole Slichter Sullivan) Sarah Dushek

-Sarah is a peer advisor at the Morgridge Center in the Red Gym, which is a great resource for students to learn about volunteering opportunities in and around the Madison community.

- It's located on the first floor of the Red Gym to the right hand side right after you walk in.

-Along with setting you up with volunteer opportunities during the semester, the Morgridge Center can help give you information about alternative winter and spring breaks to engage in volunteering in communities outside of Madison.

V. *Social Events*

i. One Night Camping Trip!

-We have an upcoming one night camping trip on Saturday, October 15 about two hours outside of Madison.

-We will be leaving from the Memorial Union at 11 AM on Saturday, then head on over there. Once we're there, we'll settle in and then go off and do some fun stuff around the campground like hiking and playing some games.

-We will provide everything (tents, food, transportation, etc) except for sleeping bags and/or bedding. If you sign on to do this, please bring that along!

-Expect to leave the campground at around noon or so on Sunday the 16th.

-The cost for the camping trip will be \$10 a person, which will cover all of our expenses.

-There is space left for those interested, if you are wondering, but that space is limited. That said, we could most definitely use another car and will reimburse drivers for the cost of gas at the end of the semester.

-If you **know** you can make it, or if you have questions, please email either of our Social Co-Chairs, Molly Sedarski (dalfines@aol.com) or Mara Youman (dbyouman@wisc.edu) and let them know you're interested! Also, please indicate if you have any dietary needs (vegetarian, etc) so that we can plan accordingly!

-One final thing, just to clear up any misconceptions: this campground is a clean one. We will be respecting the campground's wishes to the fullest.

VI. *Wrap-up!*

Thanks to everyone who came out! Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, October 12th in the Memorial Union. We'll be sending out an email notification for it beforehand, so keep an eye peeled!