

Student Organizations & Leadership Development wishes you a happy weekend!

## News You Can Use, with a flair for Civic Engagement...

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### HOW TO of the week:

"How to: Fingerspell the Alphabet in American Sign Language" from Wikipedia's wikiHow, accessed July 25, 2008.

<http://www.wikihow.com/Fingerspell-the-Alphabet-in-American-Sign-Language>

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### Did you know... LEAD IU courses are open to all IU students!

EDUC-U 495 courses are designed for all students, regardless of class standing. First year students can specifically take advantage of our *Succeeding at IU* course, with all other classes available for all students, including freshmen.

- **Succeeding at IU:** 1 credit, S. Veldkamp, First 8 weeks, Thursdays, 2-4 pm
- **Your Role as a Leader in Society:** 2 credits, C. Smyth, Full Semester, Wednesday s, 1:15-3 pm
- **Diversity Issues:** 2 credits, D. Stone, Full Semester, Thursdays, 1:15-3 pm
- **Introduction to Civic Engagement:** 1 credit, C. Rose, Second 8 weeks, Tuesdays, 1:15-3 pm
- **Fast Track to Leadership:** 1 credit, S. Veldkamp, Second 8 weeks, Thursdays, 2-4 pm
- **Leadership Ethics:** 2 credits, J. Shinn, Second 8 weeks, Tuesdays, 2-4:45 pm
- **Leadership Essentials:** 2 credits, S. Nagy, Second 8 weeks, Tuesdays, 3-5:45 pm

Please visit <http://leadiu.indiana.edu> for more information.

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### Volunteer Opportunity of the Week :

#### **Flooding assessment, cleanup and rebuilding**

The Morgan County Volunteer Center, formed to work with residents affected by the recent flooding, needs a variety of volunteer assistance. Those with construction experience are needed to go into flood-affected homes and assess the needs of the homeowner. Other on-site needs range from general cleanup to skilled labor (drywall, insulation, duct work, etc.). Volunteers are also needed at the Volunteer Center itself, open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., to answer phones and do light data entry. Please contact: Mike Kraft at (765) 352-1454 or [mike.kraft@uwci.org](mailto:mike.kraft@uwci.org).

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### There is a \*new\* Student Activities website!

<http://sao.indiana.edu>

Please take a minute to browse the Student Activities – the Office for Student Organizations and Leadership Development's new and improved website.

It provides resources for student organizations, civic engagement, LEAD IU, and advisors. You will also find information about registering a student organization and upcoming programs.

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## **Interested in careers working with young people?**

The Next Generation Thematic Living Community is for YOU! New at IU in 2008-2009 the Next Generation Community will provide students exploring careers working with young people a chance to live together, be offered paid internships, lots of personal development experiences and career guidance in this new growing field of youth development. Check out these two web site to learn more

<http://www.rps.indiana.edu/llpnextgen.cfm?aud=fut> – IU Next Generation Link

<http://www.renewal.typepad.com/journeyiub/> - IU Journey Site

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## **Announcement about mailboxes**

Student Activities – the Office for Student Organizations & Leadership Development (SAO) will NO LONGER BE KEEPING MAILBOXES FOR INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS!

Due to this change, we have a multitude of mail and/or packages waiting here in our office for a wide variety of student organizations. We'd appreciate if you or a member of your organization could come in and pick these items up ASAP. Once you arrive, please ask the help desk staff for any mail you are expecting! Our summer hours are Monday-Friday 9am-5pm (except closed from 12 -1 pm for lunch). We are located on the 3rd floor of the Student Activities Tower found in the Indiana Memorial Union 900 E. 7th St. Rm. 371.

Please either call 812-855-4311 or email [sao@indiana.edu](mailto:sao@indiana.edu) with questions.

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## **9/9/08: The date for the 2008 Student Involvement Fair!**

When? 11 am – 2 pm

Where? The Indiana Memorial Union (IMU) parking lot's last 2 rows, near Woodburn and Ballantine Halls

Why? Recruit new members! Network with other student groups, offices, and learn how to volunteer for local community non-profit agencies! Free food!

***The Student Involvement Fair will be even bigger and better than last year.***

How can this be, you might ask? Well...

- The **Volunteer Opportunities Fair** will be incorporated into the Student Involvement Fair. We are excited about this addition, as it will provide more opportunities for student involvement!
- **More tables + more space** = More chances to get involved and recruit new members.
- Did we mention **FREE FOOD**?

### ***Registration is limited to:***

1. Registered IU Student Organizations
2. IU offices and departments that support student involvement
3. Local non-profit agencies that work with IU students

Student Organizations: In order to register for the 2008 IU Student Involvement Fair, your group must *register or re-register with Student Activities by 8/31/08* (please visit <http://sao.indiana.edu> for student organization registration information).

IU Offices and Local Non-profit Agencies: In order to register for the 2008 IU Student Involvement Fair, please visit the registration website and complete the registration by 8/31/08. Please email [SAO@indiana.edu](mailto:SAO@indiana.edu) for questions regarding registration.

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## **Calling all bikers, from novice to nuts!**

Join Mother Hubbard's Cupboard for our first annual Hub Ride for the Hungry. This community bike ride offers 50, 25, and 14 mile rides, plus a great kid friendly 4 mile family ride!

The event takes place on Saturday, August 2nd, 7:30am-2:00pm, at Karst Farm Park on the west side of Bloomington. Sag support, bike mechanics, lunch and music will be provided. Registration is \$15/\$25/\$35 depending on the ride and age. Send in your registration by this Saturday, July 19th and receive a free Hub Ride t-shirt! All proceeds support your community food pantry. For more information check out <http://mhcfoodpantry.org/indexhubride.html> or call us at 355-6843.

About the rides.....

50 and 25 mile ride: The challenging terrain of this route is a wonderful mix of gently rolling country roads and breathtaking hills (literally). A great southern Indiana ride that includes the famed Three Sisters hill climb.

14 mile ride: There are some hills, scenic vistas and shade on this route that is perfect for those wanting to get a good ride in, but don't want to climb the more serious hills on the longer routes.

4 mile ride: Bring the kids and pedal past the Monroe Co. Fair Grounds, the Bloomington Airport and Karst Farm Park. A relatively flat, fun ride for bikers of all ages and ability!

Many thanks to our sponsors who are making this event possible:

Bloomington Brewing Company, Revolution Bike and Bean, Bloomingfoods, Scholars Inn Bakehouse, Bloomington Bagel Company, Bikesmiths, Bicycle Garage, Bloomington Bike Project, Baked!, and WFHB.

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## **Attention Student Organizations: The 2008 Student Organization Orientation!!**

**9/15/08 at 6:30 pm in the Indiana Memorial Union**

Benefits of being a student organization include:

- Free use of classroom and IMU space
- Access to web and email accounts
- Drop-in advising with the Student Organizations Coordinator
- Organizational resources in civic engagement, collaboration, diversity, & leadership

**\*\*A representative from your organization must attend in order for your organization to be eligible to receive IUSA funds for the 2008-2009 school year.**

*(If you cannot attend, individual make-up sessions will be offered). Contact [sao@indiana.edu](mailto:sao@indiana.edu) to set this up.*

The Student Organization Orientation serves as an introduction to resources available to student organizations on campus. The Orientation will feature sessions on leadership, civic engagement, collaboration, and building inclusive organizations; how Student Activities can assist student organizations; the benefits of being a registered student organization; ways to fund events; and more. This event is ideal for the executive board of student organizations. At least TWO members of your organization should plan on attending this session. Mini-orientation sessions are held following the initial fall orientation.

For more information: please email [sao@indiana.edu](mailto:sao@indiana.edu) or call 812-855-4311.

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## **NOLArize!**

**NOLArize! aims to:**

Create NOLArize! campus communities, including faculty, staff, students, and administration around the U.S. working to maintain awareness of the situation in New Orleans on a cultural, social, and political level, shedding light on issues of inequity and social injustice plaguing communities nationwide.

Help NOLA (New Orleans, Louisiana)- RISE again, focusing primarily on empowering the youth, while actively spotlighting the needs of the greater community.

[www.nolarize.com](http://www.nolarize.com) so please check it out and spread the word!

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## **Each One Feed One Community Food Drive-- Volunteers Needed!**

Monroe County United Ministries is in need of volunteers for the third annual Each One Feed One Community Food Drive August 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>.

Volunteer opportunities on Saturday and Sunday include:

1. Volunteers are needed to collect donations at grocery stores in Bloomington and Ellettsville. Shifts are 10:00-1:00 and 1:00-4:00.
2. Volunteers are needed to transport donations from stores to MCUM throughout each day. Shifts are 9:00-1:30 and 1:30-6:00 (requires heavy lifting throughout shift).
3. Volunteers are also needed to sort donations for use in MCUM's Emergency Food Pantry. Shifts are 12:00-3:00 and 3:00-6:00

Children 15 and younger are welcome, but must be accompanied by an adult. To volunteer or request information, contact Meri Reinhold: [mcum@bloomington.in.us](mailto:mcum@bloomington.in.us) or 339-3429.

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## **Highlight your work and join a community of students devising innovative solutions to the world's most pressing problems. Win recognition and a cash award for your efforts!**

Make a Commitment to Action through CGI U

CGI U, a new project of Clinton Global Initiative (CGI), challenges college students and universities to tackle global problems with practical, innovative solutions. At the inaugural meeting of CGI U in March 2008, more than 600 students joined former President Bill Clinton in New Orleans to discuss challenges facing today's world. Each of these participating students made a Commitment to Action, pledging to tackle a specific local or global issue with practical, innovative solutions.

Later this year, CGI U will distribute a total of \$150,000 in funding to support selected commitments made both at the inaugural meeting and through CGIU.org.

To apply for these cash awards for your student service or activism project, make a Commitment to Action of your own in one of the four CGI U focus areas: Energy & Climate Change, Global Health, Human Rights & Peace and Poverty Alleviation. Then complete the award application (to be posted on [cgiu.org](http://cgiu.org)) by July 28th, 2008.

To learn more about CGI U and the Outstanding Commitments Awards please visit [www.cgiu.org](http://www.cgiu.org). Below are examples of CGI U Commitments to Action that exemplify the CGI U's four focus areas.

What is a Commitment to Action? A Commitment to Action is a new, specific, and measurable action taken by a student, a student group, or a university that tackles a local or global challenge with practical, innovative solutions.

### **Energy & Climate Change**

To raise awareness of the need to reduce electricity use in the University of Rochester community, Seth Stein and the student group Students for Green Research and Sustainability have committed to installing a wireless energy metering system in all residential and academic buildings on campus. The energy output of each floor will be fed live through a website to show students and faculty how their activities are impact energy-use, with the hope of inspiring the campus to conserve electricity, and in the process, save money.

### **Global Health**

The summer before his junior year at Swarthmore College, Yongjun Heo traveled to the Venezuelan Amazon to assist a doctor treating patients in the local Pemon population. Recognizing that systemic problems were at the root of many of the health conditions that affect the Pemon people, Yongjun returned to Swarthmore to found Penom Health, a student group dedicated to implementing simple and cost-effective projects to improve the health of the community. The members of Penom Health are spending the summer of 2008 working with Venezuelan medical students and the Pemon community to implement an incentives-based waste management program and provide medical care. The organization's activities will

continue during the 2009-2010 school year, when Yongjun and his classmates plan to return to Venezuela after their graduation.

#### Human Rights & Peace

In many conflict areas, there is a critical lack of specialists trained to treat survivors of trauma. To address this shortage, Ryan Madigan, a student at the Graduate School of Applied Professional Psychology at Rutgers University, has committed to work with his school's administration to provide training and scholarship funding to students from areas of conflict interested in providing trauma interventions throughout their home regions. In addition to providing full funding for students' tuition and living expenses, Ryan will work to develop a trauma-focused curriculum in pre-existing academic areas in his school. The curriculum will be coupled with a practical training experience focused on applying trauma and crisis interventions at both the individual and community levels.

#### Poverty Alleviation

As part of a class project, students from the Social Workers for Cultural Awareness at the University of Alabama held an Ex-Offenders Forum to discuss the problems faced by formerly incarcerated individuals attempting to reintegrate into communities within the greater Tuscaloosa area. Inspired by the success of the forum, SWACA has committed to address the challenges faced by ex-offenders through the creation of a multi-faceted reentry program. Working with stakeholders from all sectors of the community, these students will assist the ex-offenders as they attempt to secure stable employment and develop networks of support in their community.

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### **Bias Motivated Incident Teams**

If you or anyone you know sees or experiences harassment or discrimination based on gender, gender identity, national origin, race, religion, or sexual orientation – there is help at Indiana University. Simply email [trust@indiana.edu](mailto:trust@indiana.edu) or call 812-855-4463. Report forms are available at: Office of Student Ethics and Anti-Harassment Programs (705 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.), Dean of Students Office (Franklin Hall 200), and Office for Women's Affairs (Memorial Hall 123E).

**Racial Incidents Team**

**Sexual Orientation Team**

**Gender Identity Incidents Team**

**Religious Bias Incidents Team**

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