

News from Seville

International Business and Culture Program

January 21-27, 2008



La Alhambra - Granada

General Information

CIEE - Sports

Basketball: Irene will meet you up at Puerta de Derecho on Tuesday the 22th at 6:15pm to take you to IFNI sport center to play there. We will reach the place by bus.

Volleyball: Alfonso will meet you up at Puerta de Derecho on Tuesday the 22th at 6:15pm to take you to IFNI sport center to play there. We will reach the place by bus.

Soccer: Esteban will meet you up at bus stop number 43, at the Plaza de la Magdalena, on Wednesday the 23th at 7:15pm for coming together to play soccer at Charco de la Pava. We will reach the place where play by bus

CIEE - Cineclub

This week the movie will be *Volver*, from Pedro Almodovar. For this movie, Penélope Cruz was nominated to the Oscar award. Thursday at 9pm at the CIEE Study Center.

Youth Hostels in Spain

The Red Español de Albergues Jueveniles (REAJ) has more than 200 youth hostels distributed all over Spain. REAJ and its facilities have a recognized prestige in the world of youth hostelling and it has hostels in the main tourist destinations and in the most important Spanish cities. Staying in a youth hostel can save you a whole lot of money (some low as 18€/night)! The cost of the youth hostelling card is 5€. For more information, check out their website: www.raj.com

Join the University of Sevilla Choir

Are you a member of your university choir back home? Would you like to continue singing and meet Spanish students at the same time? The university choir is currently accepting singers for all voices. Rehearsals take place every Monday and Thursday from 8:30pm-10:00pm in the University of Sevilla (Tabacalera), Facultad de Filología, Aula 103. No need to contact the director, just show up for rehearsals. The choir is currently preparing Beethoven's 9th which they will sing in the Cathedral in the beginning of March. For any additional questions, contact Alayna Brown at abrown@ciee.org.

Cultural visits

VERY IMPORTANT

We remind you it's very important to read the News from Seville to check the deadlines for the trips. The sheet where you have to sign up if you want to go to a trip is located on the second floor of the Study Center.

Visit to The Real Alcázar

Wednesday the 23th. Sign up before Tuesday the 22th at 2pm if you want to visit this amazing Muslim palace. It's the oldest palace of Europe that nowadays is the official residence of the Kings of Spain when they visit Seville. In it you'll find the charming of its gardens. Our guide will meet you up at the Puerta del León, the main Alcázar door, on Wednesday the 23th at 3pm. It's very important you to bring your CIEE student card for a free entry.

Volunteer in Seville's Public Schools

Get a different perspective on life in Seville and sign up to volunteer as an English assistant. Work 4 hours a week in a public elementary or high school, helping the pupils and professors learn to speak English and understand American culture. Come

to the informational meeting on Friday, January 25th at 12h, in the Palacio in Aula Huelva. If you can't come to either of the meetings, contact Sara Herald at sherald@ciee.org for more information.

Moving Dates

If you think that you want to move to a different homestay, contact Nancy nmerchant@ciee.org or María mmontesdeoca@ciee.org in the Student Services Department in the Study Center. The next moving date is Friday, February 1st. Be sure to speak with them before this date.

Do you have your SDUPO Sports Card?

You now know what you need to do to get involved in sports activities at the UPO...we hope everyone takes advantage of all the great activities that the SDUPO department is offering this semester...it's a great way to make connections with Spanish students!

If you decide to join the gym, hang on to the "carta de pago" (receipt) and give it to Alayna. CIEE will reimburse you the registration fee.

Intercambios

Does everyone have a CIEE Intercambio? Would you like another? Haven't heard back from your intercambio? There are many Spanish students eager to meet an American student. Talk to Nancy in the Study Center for a CIEE Intercambio or one of the student interns in the Center for Foreign Students Office. Remember that Spanish students have exams right now, so if you don't hear back from your intercambio, don't despair! Try again in a week or so.

UPO Hiking Trips

If you weren't able to participate in this past weekend's hiking trip, there will be a couple more this semester. There will also be hikes with CIEE. Upcoming UPO hikes are:

-Saturday, February 16th (also have a CIEE-IBCP daytrip to Aracena this day...your choice).

-Saturday, March 29th

-Saturday, May 17th

The last day to sign up in the SDUPO is the Thursday before the hike...minimum of 10 students, maximum of 50. You will need to apply for a sports card to participate.

Semester Activities, Excursions, and Daytrips

Stay tuned to your weekly newsletter for cultural activities, excursions, and upcoming daytrips that will take place throughout this spring semester. If participation requires confirmation, you will need to do this by the deadline posted in the newsletter. You will be able to sign up for CIEE excursions during your Managing Cultural Diversity Core Class.

To see what CIEE-IBCP daytrips and excursions there are this semester, go to the Study Center Seville website www.ciee.org/studyseville and click on daytrips y overnights. Note: the trip to Morocco will take place February 27th-March 1st.

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Academic Information

Adding/Dropping Classes

The Add/Drop period for your classes at the UPO ends on Friday, February 1st. If you have doubts about whether you will receive credit for a class, you should contact your academic advisor in the States- it is your home school advisor who determines whether or not you will receive credit for a class.

Taking Classes in Spanish

If you test into the Advanced I Spanish level, you should DEFINITELY take at least 1 class in Spanish (in addition to your grammar class)...take all of your classes in Spanish if you like! Students that have taken content classes in Spanish find it very rewarding and end up doing very well. Although you will be challenged, Spanish content classes are geared toward second-language learners. Taking a class in Spanish is an excellent way to improve your written and spoken Spanish.

CIEE Office Hours

Alayna's office hours in the UPO are:

Tuesdays 10:15-1:15

Wednesdays 10:15-1:15

Alayna's office hours in Almirante Hoyos:

Mondays 9:00-5:00

Tuesdays and Wednesdays afternoons

Thursdays 9:00-5:00

Fridays 9:00-14:00

You can always reach Alayna by email too: abrown@ciee.org

Important Dates for the Month:

Friday, January 25th: Make-up Class (Thursday's class)

Free Time Activities

Bicycle Rental System - SEVICI

The local government in Seville has created a bike-rental system where you can use a bicycle for one week for only 5€. If you want to get more information, go to www.sevici.es or stop by Student Services Department at the Palacio and ask María, Nancy or Raquel.

Movies in English language

In Seville, there are several theaters with movies in your language. The closest one is Avenida 5 Cines. It's located in the town center, at Marqués de Paradas . This week they are playing The Oxford Crimes, starring Elijah Wood and John Hurt.

Soccer, First Spanish League; Sevilla FC vs. CA Osasuna

Saturday the 26th at 20h. You can buy the tickets at the Sevilla Stadium and by internet at www.sevillafc.es. Tickets from 35€

Basketball, Liga ACB Cajasol vs. Ricoh Manresa

Saturday, the 26th of January at 19h. Tickets are available in the Palacio de Deportes de San Pablo, en la avenida Kansas city.