

AUGUST 20, 2024

COMPREHENSIVE FLYER

This flyer gives an overview of the event and the different ways you can help serve internationals. Thanks in advance for making the world feel at home with IFI!

WHAT IS THE IFI WELCOME PARTY?

Mission: To get international students and IFI volunteers together in a fun, nurturing setting, with the ultimate goal of leading students to Christ.

Goals:

1. Build relationships among new students, hosts and Christian students by engaging them with activities.
2. Demonstrate the impact that IFI has in the international student community at OSU.



Each fall, over 1,500 new international students begin their studies at Ohio State. IFI welcomes old and new internationals by hosting a Welcome Party just before classes start. This event includes conversation, games, and line dancing. Light refreshments will be provided. Come and meet new students, enjoy snacks, play games, and watch or participate in line dancing.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Event Date: Tuesday - August 20, 2024

Event Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Help is needed 4:00pm - 10:30pm

Venue: Ohio Union, Archie Griffin Ballroom
1739 N High St.
Columbus, OH 43210

Register at: columbus.ifipartners.org/events

Contact us: events@ifiusa.org

Ways to Serve (More details on the next page):

1. Help set up ballroom - 4:00pm - 6:00pm
2. Pray with other IFI volunteers and staff - 4:30pm - 5:00pm
3. Help with registration - 5:30pm - 8:00pm
4. Help with information and game tables - 6:00pm - 9:30pm
5. Manage the game room - 6:00pm - 9:30pm
6. Serve food - 6:30pm - 8:30pm
7. Distribute Bibles to students - 6:00pm - 9:00pm
8. Meet new students and build friendships - 6:00pm - 9:00pm
9. Help clean up after the event - 9:00pm - 10:30pm
10. Help load IFI's van and unload at IFI's office - 10:00pm - 10:45pm
11. Take photos during the event (bring camera) - 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Most serving opportunities are 2 hour time commitments. Volunteers may do multiple shifts during the event.

All volunteers must register online before the event so we know how many international students we can commit to serve.

Register at COLUMBUS.IFIPARTNERS.ORG/EVENTS

Join our Event Planning Team!

June through August, the Welcome Events Planning Team meets once weekly to plan for the event. We welcome anyone with a heart for hospitality, recruiting experience, software, or logistic skills and a heart for international students.

Contact Tosan Otoks at tosan@ifiusa.org if you are interested.

HELP SET UP BALLROOM

We need 8 people to come to the Archie Griffin ballroom by 4:00pm to help set up, hang flags and decorate the ballroom.

HELP WITH REGISTRATION

We need 10 people to arrive at 5:30pm to help with 4 lines of registration. This is estimated to be 2- hour job. Then we need 2 people to stay behind to register the people who arrive late.

HELP WITH INFORMATION AND GAME TABLES

We need 10 people to be in charge of different info tables, including: Bible distribution table, prize table, small group info table. Each person in charge of his or her own table is responsible for setting up the table and providing the appropriate information to students. We also need 6 volunteers to be in charge of the game tables where groups of people play games together.

MANAGE THE GAME ROOM

We need 2 people to manage the game room: a separate room for people to go to play board games, which is used to accommodate those who don't like the noise or a large group of people in the ball room.

SERVE FOOD

We need 15 volunteers to serve food and to avoid food waste by limiting the serving sizes.

MEET NEW STUDENTS AND BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

We need 120 volunteers to serve from 6:00-9:30pm. The goal is to meet and talk with the new students, help them feel welcomed and to build relationships with them. Our goal is to have one volunteer for every 4 International students. Proactively, look for students standing alone and try to engage them in conversation and games. We will have games and activities to help you meet and get to know students. To follow up with students after the event, TRAINING IS REQUIRED. We would like all the volunteers who are spending a lot of time interacting with students to complete our application and training.

HELP CLEAN UP AFTER THE EVENT

We need 12 people to help take flags down, pack up displays, collect registration records and help in general cleaning of the ballroom. Then, as a group, we will transport materials back to the office (1550 Old Henderson Rd.) to unload.