

OCT 17, 2026

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 HOCKING HILLS DAY TRIP ?

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.



This is a great way to enjoy nature and have an adventurous day. There will be plenty of time to interact with your students and form a bond as you explore the caves.

HOW CAN I HELP?

Event Date: Saturday - Oct 17, 2026

Event Time: 8:15 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Venue: Hocking Hills State Park Logan, OH

Register by Sept. 30th at:
columbus.ifipartners.org/events

Contact us: events@ifiusa.org

Please register online before the event, so we know how many students we can serve.

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

Note: You will be taking this trip with your own group, but you will likely see other groups of IFI students, staff, and volunteers while hiking.

Here is a sample schedule you may want to follow:

- 8:00 am: Arrive at pick up location
- 8:30 am-9:00: Students arrive. Matching of students with drivers. Depart Columbus . (please try to leave no later than 9:30am)
- 10:00 am-11:00 am: Arrive and hike at Hocking Hills - Hike 1
- 12:30 pm: Eat LUNCH (Bring a packed lunch and drink)
- 1:30-3:30 pm: Hike 2
- 3:30-5:00 pm: Hike 3
- 5:30: Leave Hocking Hills region, drive back to Columbus (Please plan to leave well before dark--optional stop for Dinner and extend the hangout!)
- 5:00-6:30 pm: Arrive Columbus (please plan to drop your student(s) at home no later than 7:00pm)

DRIVE STUDENTS TO HOCKING HILLS (SIGNUP BY SEPT. 30TH)

50 Drivers are needed to transport a group of students to Hocking Hills and to spend the day with them hiking, talking, and connecting. Pickup will be at 9:00am (try to leave Columbus no later than 10:00am)

LOCATIONS FOR STUDENT PICKUP:

- SOUTH: Northside Branch Library On N. High Street (1423 N. High St., Columbus, OH 43201)
- NORTH: Parking lot – PNC Bank at The City. (2941 Olentangy River Rd, Columbus, OH 43202).

HIKE AND INTERACT WITH STUDENTS

Spend the day enjoying the beauty of God's creation together with internationals! Please come prepared with water and comfortable shoes for walking. We recommend you dress in a warmer coat or sweatshirt for the morning that can be removed for the afternoon. Be prepared for light rain. And don't forget your camera/phone! Some people may not have cellphone service on some of the trails.

PREPARE FOR LUNCH

Bring a packed lunch and drink/water bottle. Some drivers bring extra water for students.

DEPART FOR DINNER

4:00 pm-5:30 pm Depart for Dinner at a local restaurant (Note: IFI will not be providing dinner. However, each individual driver can bring a meal for their students or visit a local diner.)

IMPORTANT NOTE

Volunteer drivers must be screened, trained, and approved volunteers and must have three (3) years driving experience in order to transport students. Drivers may bring one guest who is not yet an IFI volunteer.