

Sunday, September 15 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Meet your new Friends at International Round-Up

Round up your student(s), put on your country duds, and head to International Friends' annual fall event **Sunday, September 15, from 3-5 p.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 830 N. First Ave.** Parking is available in the church parking lot located at the intersection of First Ave. and Second St.

The "International Round-Up" offers a chance to connect with each other, **make new friends** and discover shared interests. Beverages and light "finger foods" will be served. As a special treat, local dance band The Privy Tippers will provide musical entertainment (see below) and great conversational fodder as we all try to explain "privy tipping" to our IF students!

Also, **bring some cash** to buy your **I -Friends T-shirt** featuring flags from



around the world (\$15 each) or to buy some **raffle tickets** to help your student win a brand-new bicycle.

"We always encourage our hosts and students to attend this event together," says organization co-chair LuAnn Haley. If you are not yet "matched," she adds, please come and meet other hosts and students involved in International Friends. You may meet the international student just right for you!

No need to RSVP!

*Just mark your calendars
and plan to attend.*

...And bring your dancing shoes!

The **Privy Tippers** will be on hand at this year's International Round-up. Hailing from Tucson, this dance band is steeped in the Southern string band tradition. Over the past 17 years they have kept "one foot in the South" and expanded into several other musical traditions, such as French Canadian, New England and music of the Southwestern Borderlands. Jacquie Wohl leads the band with her fiddling; Dave Firestone plays lead and back-up mandolin and on string bass, Jerry Ray Weinert lays the rhythmic foundation.



International Friends, Inc.



Student-host matching to begin Sunday, August 25th

About 1000 graduate and undergraduate international students arrive in August to begin their studies at UA. Not all will join IF, but we expect about 200 will seek a local resident as a friend and guide to living in Tucson.

In a change from previous years, matching of students to host families will begin on a specific date: Sunday, August 25. **No matching requests will be accepted until that date.** This change was made in response to some concerns that Welcome Dinner hosts often want to "friend" their student guests but find them already assigned. The IF Board hopes this change will allow all hosts a fair chance at selecting students.

And speaking of hosts, we need your help to recruit additional hosts for the 2013-2014 academic year. If you have not been a host recently, we invite you to sign up for a friend this fall. The IF online matching system is easy and enables hosts to review and select students of interest to them.

As you know, hosting is fun and expands your world! As a past or current host, you know the joys of involving these students in your lives and sharing activities with them. Tell your friends, neighbors and associates how these friendships and experiences have enriched your lives and encourage them to become a host to a new international student.



IF host Lucy Young chats with newly arrived students from China at the 2012 Welcome Luncheon. A large majority of incoming international students hail from China and India.

Go online to find your new I-Friends

International Friends has an online system for matching hosts with students. The system is user friendly and easily accessible: just follow a few simple steps. All you need is access to a computer with an internet connection.

STEP 1: CLICK THE LINK, USE YOUR PASSWORD

Click on <http://ifriendstucson.org/login.html>. It will take you to a login page.

Username: Enter your email address

Password: Enter your password.

If you have forgotten your password, email Jim Moline at jim@ifriendstucson.org, using the email address with which you log into the I-Friends system. Jim will then email you with your password information.

STEP 2: EDIT PROFILE

Once you have entered your password, it will take you to your profile page. Please edit or update any information about your profile.

STEP 3: SELECT A STUDENT

Search through the students who are seeking a host to find student(s) that look like a good match. Select the students.

STEP 4: MEET YOUR STUDENT

Once you have selected a student, our Assignments Coordinator will confirm the match and send you and your student an email with the other's contact information. You can then contact your student to arrange your first get-together.

Matching process FAQs

Q. What if my student doesn't respond?

A. Sometimes your selected student may not reply to your initial phone call or email. This can simply mean that the student is adjusting to a demanding academic schedule or life in a new country. Try contacting the student again after a week or two. Schedule a get-acquainted meeting once the student has acclimated to life in the US. If after several tries there is no student response to you, advise jim@ifriendstucson.org and then select another student.

Q. My student's email came back. Now what?

A. International students often change their email address once enrolled at UA. Students' current email addresses are located in the UA online student directory. To locate a student's e-mail or phone number go to www.arizona.edu/phonebook. Type in the student's name at the phonebook prompt. The student's current information will appear.

Q. I want a student from Germany, but I can't find one.

A. Enrollment patterns determine the numbers and represented countries of international students at the University of Arizona. Typically, International Friends has students from many countries around the globe with the highest number from China and India. It is not always possible to find students from a specific country, so remain flexible in your student choices. It can be a rewarding and satisfying experience.

New board members commit to International Friends' mission

International Friends is pleased to welcome the following new members to its board of directors:

Jody Friend. Jody had a teaching career in the public schools of Indianapolis and Tucson and is currently adjunct faculty for Northern Arizona University as an instructor and supervisor for student teachers. She has been a youth soccer coach and a volunteer for Big Brothers/Big Sisters, the Humane Society and other organizations. Jody and her husband have enjoyed being IF hosts to students from Japan and England.

Margo Graham. After Margo retired from nursing a year ago she felt IF was a great fit for her. She has been an enthusiastic IF host for the past 15 years from Green Valley and now the northwest side of Tucson. Many years ago she lived in Saudi Arabia and understands the importance of connecting students with local people. Margo and her husband have enjoyed traveling and hosting students from all over the world.

Pamela Harlan. Pamela has lived in Tucson since 1971 and has been a residential realtor with Long Realty since 1978. She and her husband, a former Peace Corps volunteer, arts administrator and current realtor, have raised four children in Tucson, two of whom were born

in Vietnam. They became involved with IF several years ago. Pamela looks forward to having more students and getting to know other IF families.

Jashio Pei. Jashio is a ceramics artist and a docent and board member for the Tucson Museum of Art. She is also a fitness walker for Canyon Ranch Resort. Jashio was born and lived in China for 15 years and then lived in Japan with her family. Consequently she is fluent in Chinese and Japanese. Jashio and her husband, a chef and professor of culinary science at Pima Community College, love cooking and sharing meals with students. Jashio has been involved with IF for the past four years.

Robert Woerner. Robert was a writer and editor for the U.S. Department of the Interior for 26 years after serving as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force for six years. A life-long interest in Asian cultures began when as a boy he had a pen pal from Japan with whom he still corresponds. Robert has been involved with international university students for almost 20 years in Denver and then with IF when he moved to Green Valley in 2007. Robert has hosted dozens of IF students and befriended their friends and roommates as well. He maintains contact with most as they complete their studies and begin careers all over the globe.



Cristina Howard. As our newest student board member Cristina brings a unique perspective to IF. Born in the US, raised in Spain, and educated in both Spain and the US, she has a deep appreciation for different cultures. Her warmth and sincerity are apparent as she interacts with other international students at IF gatherings.

Cristina is currently a resident assistant at La Aldea, the diverse graduate student housing community at the University of Arizona. She also started an international graduate student social group called GaIA. Cristina is an outstanding scholar pursuing her PhD in Molecular and Cellular Biology. She has received the Galileo Circle of Fellowship for "excellence in science" and the NSF-IGERT Fellowship in her challenging academic field.

We get by with a little help from our I-Friends ...

International Friends depends on donations and proceeds from our raffles to offset the costs of our annual receptions, luncheons and picnics. Your tax-deductible gift will help our efforts to bring together international students and local hosts to share fun and friendship.

YES! I want to support International Friends. Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation:

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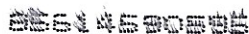
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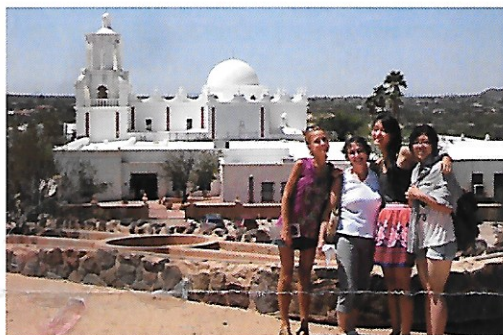
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**Do your friends a favor...
invite them to make a
world of difference in the
life of a student!**

**IF Host applications are
available online at:
www.ifriendstucson.org**

Hiking, touring, attending community festivals or just enjoying a meal around the dining room table are a few of the simple pleasures international students enjoy as members of IF. As a host, you make a difference in the life of a student!



Find us on Facebook!

International Friends @ Tucson, Arizona is IF's official Facebook group. If you haven't joined, take time now to check us out and keep informed of IF activities throughout the year. If you aren't on Facebook, well, there's no time like the present! Go to www.facebook.com and sign up. It's easy, fun and a good way to connect with friends, old and new. And, this is the way students communicate today, so you'll be up-to-date on what your I-friends are up to.

