



**International Education and Development
Appalachian State University
This, too, is America: Trips and Classes for International Students**

This, too, is America is a series of optional evening classes and short trips offered once a month to introduce international students to unique aspects of U.S. culture. Here is this year's working schedule for the trips. You are reserved for the trip when you pay for your spot. Payment is due in full at the deadline of each trip and no refunds are granted unless you can find a replacement for yourself on the trip.

Fall 2009

Hickory Crawdads Game

When: Saturday, August 22, 5:30 pm

Where to meet: In front of the LLC

Cost: \$15

Who to pay: Natalie Best

Payment deadline: August 18, 9:00 am

Number of people who can attend: 47

The Hickory Crawdads are a minor league baseball team and their stadium is located about one hour from Boone. A bus will take 47 people to the 7:00 pm game against the Asheville Tourists. Baseball is the "all American sport." There will be Americans going on the bus, too, who can help explain the game for anyone unfamiliar.

For more information: <http://hickory.crawdads.milb.com>

Trip Leader: Beatrice Schmider bs75993@appstate.edu

Grandfather Mountain

When: Sun, August 30 11:00 am

Where to meet: in from of the LLC

Cost: \$5

Who to pay: Natalie Best

Payment deadline: August 21, 9:00 am

Grandfather Mountain Park is one of the main attractions in the High Country. Grandfather Mountain is 5,964 feet high! The park has a famous mile high swinging bridge, hiking trails, a museum and a zoo. Admission to the park is normally \$15, but the price is reduced for you.

For more information: www.grandfather.com

Trip leaders: Bob White whitera@appstate.edu and Teri Reddick reddickct@appstate.edu

American Football 101

When: Mon, August 31 7:30 pm

Where: Owen's Field House, Upstairs in the Mountain Room

Cost: FREE

When to sign up: By Thursday, August 27

ASU Football players will teach you the basics of American Football so that you are ready to follow the game this fall! All are welcome- men and women!

Class leaders: ASU Football players

Boone Fork Trail on the Blue Ridge Parkway

When: Sunday, September 27 11:00 am

Where to meet: in front of the LLC

Cost: \$3

Who to pay/ signup: Pay Aimee Jones but sign up by emailing Natalie Best

Payment deadline: Day of the trip (trip will be cancelled in case of rain)

Number of people who can attend: 7

The Boone Fork Trail is a 4.9 mile hike on the Blue Ridge Parkway follows Boone Fork Creek and Bee Tree Creek . It passes through pine woods, rock outcroppings, a pasture, and Price Lake. The leaves should be changing at this time of year. Wear good shoes for hiking and bring water and a snack. The hike will take about 3 hours.

Trip Leader: Aimee Jones jonesam1@appstate.edu

Washington D.C.

When: Fall Break October 15-18 6:00 am

Cost: \$250

Who to pay: Natalie Best

Payment deadline: September 1, 9:00 am

Number of people who can attend: 20

Spend four days in the U.S. capital. An itinerary will be planned for your convenience, but you are completely free to follow it or follow your own path. Jeanne d'Arc Gomis from Study Abroad and Karen Binger from International Admissions will be the trip leaders. They will drive two 12 passenger vans. One carry on piece of luggage is allowed per person. You will stay at the Hotel Harrington which is the heart of downtown D.C.! The trip in D.C. will begin with an amazing nighttime tour of the D.C. monuments.

Trip Leaders: Aimee Jones jonesam1@email.appstate.edu 248-770-8496 and Karen Binger bingerkn@appstate.edu

Asheville, NC

When: November 14-15

Cost: \$65

Who to pay: Natalie Best

Payment deadline: September 1, 9:00 am

Number of people who can attend: 11

Asheville has been called the San Francisco of the South. It is a medium sized city, 2 hours from Boone with a thriving, unique culture. There are art galleries, unique shops, restaurants, night clubs, and concert halls all over downtown Asheville. Asheville is a great place to add a little diversity to your entertainment menu. You will stay in the Holiday Inn right downtown Asheville so you will be able to explore the city during the day and night as you wish.

Trip Leader: Teri Reddick reddickct@appstate.edu

Charlotte, NC- shopping at the Concord Mills Mall

When: December 6

Cost: \$15

Who to pay: Bob White

Payment deadline: November 1

Number of people who can attend: 11

You may want to do some Christmas shopping at this enormous mall in Charlotte. Go to <http://www.simon.com/mall/default.aspx?ID=1239> for more information.

Trip Leader: TBD