Intercambio De Comunidades Denver Newsletter: March 2010

Sharing Languages, Culture and Friendship

SAVE THE DATE

Don't forget to invite your students, friends and family

Teacher In-Service Training - March 24th, 2010

Come join us for an ESL teacher in-service training at the Intercambio office from **6:30-8pm**. This is an opportunity for current and past teachers to share their experiences and ideas with each other. We will also be providing information about classroom resources and opportunities offered through Intercambio for experiences with your student(s) outside the classroom. Snacks will be provided! Please let us know if you intend to participate. Call us at (303)433-0190 or email us at smcmurtr@du.edu by March 18th, 2010.

The CHAVA Program. (Community that Honors Activities for Volunteers Attending to the Environment)

Hi! My name is Sarah McMurtrie and I am a Denver University student, interning with Intercambio this year. The CHAVA program is designed to offer Intercambio volunteers and students the opportunity to participate in community service projects working to protect and preserve the natural environment. This April we will offer two opportunities to participate in service projects with Intercambio. I will be conducting survey research during these two service projects to help Intercambio better understand how to meet the extracurricular needs of volunteers and students. In addition, this is a great opportunity for students and teachers to interact outside the classroom while at the same time contributing to a more earth-friendly world.

- **April 10th, 2010** - Join us for a hike and a trail clean-up around the lake at South Platte Park from **9am-3pm**.
- **April 17th, 2010**- Come help Groundwork Denver and Intercambio Denver survey households in the 80211 Highlands neighborhood about using alternative forms of transportation from **10am-3pm**.

LOOK FOR MORE FUN EVENTS THIS SPRING!!!
Love planning parties and fun? Become part of an event planning committee!
contact Sarah sarahs@intercambioweb.org to learn more.

Nice work to our 26 volunteer teachers & 2 trusty volunteer helpers who are currently active with Intercambio Denver!! Thanks to you, this winter Intercambio Denver has enrolled 56 students in 20 individual classes and 6 school classes!

Intercambio offers group classes up to 4 times per year. Classes have between 3-15 students. **UPCOMING CLASSES** are offered at the following times and locations:

NORTHWEST DENVER (near Intercambio Office)
Tues/Thurs, (10-11:30am), Apr. 20 – June 17
Tues/Thurs, (6:30-8pm) Apr. 20 – June 17

Substitute List: Trained Volunteers, if you are available to be on call please let us know if you would like to be added to our teacher sub-list!

Other Ways to Volunteer: If you are unable to make the commitment for a regular scheduled class, we always need help in the office as well:

- **March 31-April 3rd and April 7th- 8th** Make calls (in both English and Spanish) to remind volunteers and students about CHAVA program activities.
- **Wednesdays and Thursdays throughout March: 9am-7pm** Make calls to local restaurants and grocery stores for food donations to provide lunch for CHAVA activities.

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Sarah McMurtrie, *Intern and Program Coordinator*

We would love you to come by and visit our office! We encourage you to give us a call first to make sure someone is there to help you! 1402 W. 38th Ave. ☺

Spring VOLUNTEER TRAININGS:

Trainings are offered monthly in either Boulder or Longmont, please be aware that space is limited and a $25 donation is requested. Contact Rachel to RSVP and for directions (please specify that you are a volunteer for the Denver program)
Rachel@intercambioweb.org,
303-996-0275 ext 5

Helpful Resources:

Latin American Cultural Immersion (LACI)- Spanish Courses and Travel Packages www.lacisite.com

Mi Casa Resource Center and Andrew Hudson's Job List.com *follow the link to "Bilingual Jobs" http://www.andrewhudsonsjobslist.com

Denver Coalition for Integration/DCI- *Promoting belonging and opportunity for everyone,* great resources for immigrants and those interested in immigrant issues.
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