



SELI Summertime News

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Welcome to UC Berkeley and to the Summer English Language Institute (SELI). The instructors and staff are delighted that you could join us in Berkeley this summer. This newsletter provides information that you need to know for your stay with us. Throughout the summer, we have many events planned for outside the classroom. And, we'll let you know about events around campus, around town and around the Bay Area.

Announcements

SELI Office

116 and 117 Wheeler Hall
Office Hours: Monday -Thursday,
8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
The office is closed on Fridays.

Summer Session D Deadlines

Last day to drop a course: **July 27.**
Last day to change your grade option: **July 27.**

Resources

Need to Use a Mac or PC?

If you need to use a computer to complete class assignments or to stay in contact with those at home, visit the campus' microcomputer facilities. Facilities are located in Moffitt Library and in Wheeler Hall. Consult your *SELI Student Handbook* for details.

Want to Workout?

Take an exercise class or use the fitness center in the Recreational Sports Facility (RSF) for only \$10. Consult your *Student Handbook* for details.

Want to Join A Free Conversation Group to Practice English in a Relaxed, Informal Setting?

Sections meet Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-7 p.m. or 7-8 p.m., in 110 Wheeler Hall. Fill out the goldenrod sheet in your SELI folder and bring it to the first meeting. If you have any questions, contact Erik Rogers, at boddah8@hotmail.com.

Save the Date

Learn about American culture by attending an extracurricular activity:



July 15, 2007

Glide Memorial Church

Come hear Gospel Music at San Francisco's famous Glide Memorial Church. "Amen!"



July 24, 2007

San Francisco Giants vs Atlanta Braves

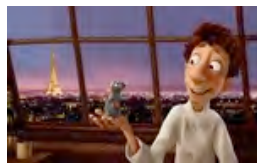
Join us at AT&T Park in San Francisco to watch two professional major league teams play "America's favorite pastime" - baseball. Be with us to cheer in the stands if No. 25, Barry Bonds, hits homerun No. 756!



August 3, 2007

Napa Valley Wine Tasting and Tours

Explore the fountains, pools, and sculptures at "architecturally-acclaimed" and museum-like Artesia Vineyards and Winery. View panoramic vistas of Napa Valley. Also visit Ceja (a "boutique" winery) and St. Supéry Vineyards.



TBA

"Ratatouille": Movie and "Taste-In"

Join us for a showing of the computer-animated movie about "a cuisine-loving rat who longs to be a chef in Paris." Before the movie come to a "ratatouille taste-in" and sample the real thing.



TBA

Oakland Museum of California

View the special exhibition "Yosemite: Art of an American Icon," an exploration of "Yosemite and its changing image and impact as a cultural phenomenon through the eyes of artists;" and also view "California's Untold Stories: Gold Rush!"



TBA

Avenue Q

Missed it on Broadway? Then, come see the Tony Award-winning musical in San Francisco with us at the Orpheum Theatre. Going to the theatre was one of the most popular extracurricular activities last summer!



TBA

View a Summer Block Buster or an Artsy European Flick

Or watch this summer's hottest documentary by film director, Michael Moore. Also, join in the post-film discussion at a local cafe.



Details of Upcoming Events

Glide Memorial Church

Join us for Sunday morning church service at Glide Memorial Church, a uniquely San Francisco and all-inclusive house of worship. The lively service consists mostly of gospel music.

Date: Sunday, July 15, 2007 **This Week!**

Time: 11 a.m.

Cost: free admission to church
donation (optional)
BART \$6.50 (round-trip)

Where: 330 Ellis Street, San Francisco

Sign up: Sign up in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler.

How to Get There:

Meet at the bottom of the escalator at the Downtown Berkeley BART station at 9:30 a.m. Or, if you are in San Francisco, you can meet us in front of the Gap store at Powell and Market Streets at 9:55 a.m.

How to Get Home:

You'll get back to Berkeley on your own. There are no direct BART trains to Berkeley. You will have to take a Pittsburgh/Bay Point train and transfer to a Richmond train at 12th Street in Oakland.

Contact: Linda O'Roke

More Information: <http://www.glide.org/celebrate>

"Very Berkeley"

Explore Berkeley On Your Own: Caffe Strada

"The café of choice for local students, beatniks, and caffeinejunkies looking for an espresso fix while mingling on the patio." Caffe Strada is a popular Berkeley hangout. The *Daily Californian* reported that during the time of the Clinton Administration, while on a campus visit, Vice President Al Gore stopped his motorcade in front of Caffe Strada and ordered a "Strada Double Bianca Mocha." Caffe Strada is located on the corner of Bancroft Way and College Avenue.

Bastille Day Celebration and Ball

Celebrate Bastille Day with French music, dance, finger foods, and refreshments at the Metronome Ballroom, 1830 17th Street, San Francisco. Festivities start at 7:30 p.m. For more information call (415) 252-9000.

San Francisco Giants vs. Atlanta Braves

Learn more about America's favorite pastime!

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2007

Time: 7:15 p.m.

Place: AT&T Park, San Francisco

Cost: Tickets: \$10 cash in advance
BART: \$6.50 (round-trip)
Food: You decide.

Sign up: Sign up is required! Please sign up and purchase your tickets in the SELI office, at the table in the lobby outside of 112 Wheeler. Tickets may be purchased Monday, July 16 through Monday, July 23, between 12-2 p.m. and 4:30-5 p.m. ONLY.

Exact change is required.

Transportation: We will take BART to get to the baseball park. A group of students and teachers will meet at 6 p.m. the Downtown Berkeley BART on the day of the game. The game starts at 7:15 p.m., but everyone should be in their seats by 7:00 p.m. to see all the things that go on before the game, including the national anthem and the first pitch.

AT&T Park can get very cold at night, so even if the afternoon is warm, be sure to bring a warm sweatshirt or jacket. Dress in layers.

Team colors: The San Francisco Giants' colors are orange, black, and white. (We don't care what the colors are of the Atlanta Braves!) It can be fun to dress in the colors of the team that you favor, but it is certainly not required.

Peach Tasting

*"Oh peach,
most sumptuous
fruit, let me taste
your velvety flesh!"*



Experience fantasy fulfillment at the Peach Tasting Event at the Downtown Berkeley Farmers' Market, on Saturday, July 14, 2007, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., For free, all at one table, taste the whole range of peach varieties plus nectarines, plums, pluots, and apricots. The market is located at Center Street, at Martin Luther King, Jr. Way.

This Week!



Berkeley History Online

For 200 digitized images of Berkeley from the 1870's through the 1990's go to <http://oac.cdlib.org/findaid/ark:/13030/kt500023rn>.