

ISC Information Booklet for Schools in the United States (Excluding Alaska and Hawaii)

2012 International Student Convention May 19–24
Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP), Indiana, Pennsylvania

Precious few experiences will influence your students for their entire lifetime. International Student Convention represents one experience that can make that bold promise. If you have questions, visit our [website](#), or call 615-612-5200.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

UNITED STATES—Except Alaska and Hawaii (All others—refer to [Non-U.S. Information Booklet](#))

2012 Retail Price—\$399 (Schools and students on the A.C.E. program qualify for discount pricing.)

Discount pricing for schools and students on the A.C.E. program:

School registration fee (nonrefundable) \$25 per person or \$250 maximum

U.S. Participant Price Discount—25% (2 options):

1. On-campus dorm, meals, and registration (full package)	\$299 per person
2. Contestant's or sponsor's registration fee (no dorm and no meals)	\$184 per person
Late registration fee (EACH person registering on Sunday, May 20)	\$ 50 per person
Off-campus guests (Please register at A.C.E. Information Center.)	FREE

REGISTRATION

PREREGISTRATION

Preregistration packets must be postmarked by April 16, 2012, or one week following the completion of your Regional Student Convention, whichever comes later.

REGISTRATION MAILING AND SHIPPING ADDRESSES

Please send all registration information and early entries to either of the following addresses:

Mailing Address

A.C.E.
Attn: ISC
P.O. Box 160509
Nashville, TN 37216

Shipping Address

A.C.E.
Attn: ISC
610 W. Due West Ave.
Madison, TN 37115

If a receiving phone number for the shipping address is required, please use 615-612-5200.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION MAY 19

On-site registration is from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. A \$50 per person late registration fee will be charged for those registering on Sunday, May 20.

DRESS CHECK

There will be a mandatory dress check for all participants at registration. Come to IUP in appropriate Student Convention dress and with proper haircuts on registration day. Schools may not register unless all of the sponsors and students meet at least the nonrally dress code. See the [Student Convention Guidelines](#) for specific details.

CAMPUS INFORMATION

EARLY ARRIVALS/THURSDAY NIGHT STAY OVERS

The Indiana University of Pennsylvania cannot accommodate any early arrivals (May 18) or Thursday night stay overs (May 24).

SHIPPING AND MAILING ADDRESS

If it is necessary for you to ship something to the Convention, please clearly address postal, UPS[®], or FedEx[®] correspondence or packages as follows:

Name of Participant

Robert Shaw Building
Attn: Conference Services – Kathy Evanko (ISC 2012)
650 S. 13th St.
Indiana, PA 15705

If a receiving phone number is required, please use 724-357-2227.

KEY DEPOSIT

Key deposits will not be required this year. However, the cost of each lost key is \$95.

WEATHER

Average temperatures in May for the Indiana, Pennsylvania, area range from overnight lows in the 40s to daytime highs in the mid-70s.

CHECKOUT

All those staying on campus must check out of the residence halls before the Awards Ceremony (Thursday, May 24, 8:30 a.m.). The last meal provided by the University will be breakfast on Thursday, May 24.

TRANSPORTATION

Participants must make all arrangements for transportation to and from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. Be sure your ENTIRE transportation arrangements are confirmed before departing from home. IUP will not provide shuttle service within the university campus during ISC. Transportation outside the campus is the responsibility of the schools/families.

Air Travel: Most major airlines serve Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT). Indiana University of Pennsylvania is located in Indiana, Pennsylvania, which is 85 miles east of the Pittsburgh International Airport.

Public Transportation: Greyhound Lines, Inc. provides service to Indiana, Pennsylvania.

Shuttle Service: Schools/families are individually responsible for Shuttle/Tour reservations. Arrangements for shuttles must be made in advance.

HOUSING AND MEALS

GUESTS

Guests 13 years of age and older may register with a school and stay in the residence halls. Men will stay in the boys' residence hall and ladies in the girls' residence halls. Fees are the same as for contestants and sponsors. **(CHILDREN UNDER 13 YEARS OF AGE MAY NOT STAY IN RESIDENCE HALLS.)**

Guests residing off campus must register at the Information Center. Guests are welcome at events and rallies and are requested to abide by the dress code of the Convention. Children under the age of six are not allowed in competition rooms.

LODGING

The following motels are available to assist families and schools which choose to stay off campus.

Facility	Address	City	Phone	Rate (Before Taxes)	Cut-Off Date
Hampton Inn	1275 Indian Springs Rd.	Indiana	724-349-7700	\$125.10	April 18
Holiday Inn	1395 Wayne Ave.	Indiana	724-463-3561	114.00	April 19
Comfort Inn	1350 Indian Springs Rd.	Indiana	724-465-7000	99.99	April 29
Quality Inn	1545 Wayne Ave.	Indiana	724-349-9620	99.00	May 1

(Note: Quality Inn also charges a fee of \$10 for each additional individual.)

ON-CAMPUS MEALS

Individuals staying off campus may eat meals in the Indiana University of Pennsylvania dining facilities for the following prices:

Breakfast	\$ 6.00
Lunch	7.50
Dinner	<u>7.75</u>
All three meals per day	\$21.25

Meal tickets may be purchased at the A.C.E. Information Center.

GUIDELINES AND FORMS

STUDENT CONVENTION GUIDELINES

Current *Student Convention Guidelines* may be viewed [here](#).

SPONSOR FORMS (CF5)

If you have a student who will have a sponsor from another school, a **copy** of that school's completed Sponsor Registration Form (CF5), with appropriate signature, **must** be included in your registration packet. (Forms are available in the [Forms](#) section of the Guidelines.)

STUDENT CONVENTION SCREENING FORM (CF16)

ALL schools must complete annually a Student Convention Screening Form (CF16) for conventions. If you submit a CF16 for participation in Regional Student Convention, you do not need to submit a second form for participation in International Student Convention. (Forms are available in the [Forms](#) section of the Guidelines.)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

EXHIBIT ENTRIES

Exhibits staff will be available to accept submitted entries in the Kovalchick Convention and Athletic Complex during the hours of 12 noon and 9 p.m. on Saturday, May 19. **If you register on Saturday, May 19, you MUST check in your exhibits that same day.** On Sunday, May 20, exhibits staff will be accepting entries from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. **ONLY** from those schools that have paid their late registration fees and have been given a CF19 signed by the coordinator of Master Control.

JUDGES NEEDED

International Student Convention is looking for qualified staff to assist in judging various areas of competition at this year's Convention. If you have training/experience or other qualifications in a particular field and would be willing to assist as a paid judge in this vital area of Convention, please email the Student Convention Office at studentconventions@aceministries.com or call 615-612-5200.

JUDGES' MEETING

There will be a mandatory meeting for all judges on Sunday morning immediately following the worship service in the Convocation Center.

SUNDAY 10 A.M.

Attendance is strongly encouraged at the Sunday morning orientation and worship service. Rest, practice, and becoming acquainted with location of buildings and competition rooms are encouraged after the service.

AWARDS CEREMONY

Out of respect for each winner, plan to attend the entire Awards Ceremony. The Awards Ceremony should conclude around 12:30 to 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 24. Schools will not be able to receive their packet unless they stay until the end of the Convention. Please make travel arrangements accordingly.

ATHLETIC INFORMATION

Basketball and Volleyball: Gyms will open for competition at 8 a.m. on Monday. No practice courts will be available before competition. Male competitors in athletic events must wear loose-fitting, full-length sweat pants, warm-up pants, trousers, or knee-length hemmed shorts. Male students may not wear shorts outside of athletic competition areas. Please wear long warm-ups or pants over shorts while going to and from competition.

EVENTS

EARLY ENTRY SUBMISSION

To help facilitate judging, the following **event entries must be postmarked and submitted to A.C.E. by April 16, 2012**. Entries will be judged prior to International Student Convention, and winners must be present to receive their medals (i.e., if the third-place winner in Essay Writing is not present, his/her name will be removed from the winners' list and the subsequent winners will move up.)

Please note: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.) Only six entries in each event may be submitted from each school.

- #220 Essay Writing
- #221 Poetry Writing
- #222 Short Story Writing
- #223 Website Design
- #224 PowerPoint® Presentation—Linear
- #225 PowerPoint® Presentation—Nonlinear
- #550 Music Composition
- #551 Music Arranging
- #627 Radio Program
- #628 Scripture Video

EXISTING EVENT CLARIFICATIONS

Group Bible Speaking—#629

The Scripture passage for Group Bible Speaking is to be chosen from the following list:

1. Psalm 37:1–24
2. Psalm 139:1–24
3. Daniel 3:8–30
4. Isaiah 40:11–31
5. Ecclesiastes 3:1–22
6. John 3:14–36
7. Romans 8:18–39
8. James 1:1–25

Bible Bowl—#217

The 2012 questions will cover Leviticus, Ruth, I Kings, Proverbs, Jeremiah, Amos, Luke, Colossians, II Thessalonians, James, and II John.

Flag Corps—#462

The song to be used for ISC 2012 is “**O Happy Day**” by Bands of the Salvation Army. It is on the album entitled “Onward Christian Soldiers.” You may locate and purchase this song at iTunes® for \$.99. You may need to download the iTunes software at www.apple.com/itunes. Allow plenty of time for it to download, especially if you have a slow Internet connection.

Scripture Video—#628

The 2012 passage of Scripture to be used this year is **John 15**.

OPEN COMPETITION AT ISC

No Regional Convention qualification is required for the following “official” events. (Students are encouraged to participate in these events at Regional Student Convention; however, it is not a requirement to qualify for International Student Convention.)

Please note: These events count toward the total number of school and individual entries submitted/entered. (Total combined number of performance and nonperformance events must not exceed twelve.) Schools may have no more than six entries per event with these exceptions: Soulwinning, Golden Apple, Golden Lamb, Golden Harp, Christian Soldier, and Christian Worker.

- #201 Bible Memory
- #223 Website Design
- #224 PowerPoint® Presentation—Linear
- #225 PowerPoint® Presentation—Nonlinear
- #230 Soulwinning
- #231 Golden Apple
- #232 Golden Lamb
- #233 Golden Harp
- #234 Christian Soldier
- #235 Christian Worker
- #313 Metalworking
- #315 Pennant Design
- #352 Formals
- #353 Coats/Suits
- #360 Knitting
- #362 Afghans
- #461 Color Guard
- #462 Flag Corps
- #550 Music Composition
- #551 Music Arranging
- #603 Dramatic Monologue
- #609 Preaching—ages 13–15
- #610 Preaching—ages 16 and up
- #624 Ventriloquism
- #626 Interpretation for the Deaf
- #627 Radio Program
- #628 Scripture Video
- #629 Group Bible Speaking

GAME ZONE EVENTS (OPEN EVENTS) FOR 2012

This year’s International Student Convention will once again feature a host of “Game Zone” events. These events are open to ALL participants attending International Student Convention and do not require Regional Convention qualification or preregistration. Competitors sign up at the International Student Convention (on site) and compete during “free time.” Competition will be divided by age and gender (when applicable).

All Game Zone event competitors must conform to the dress and appearance guidelines for similar event categories. Competitors who violate the dress and appearance guidelines will not be permitted to compete in any competition.

No official events will be rescheduled due to conflicts with Game Zone events. All Game Zone events entry submissions become the property of A.C.E. **All *Student Convention Guidelines* will apply for Game Zone events.**

SCRABBLE®: Individual competition

This event will be run by the standard rules of Scrabble as they appear in the box. All games will be a one-on-one competition. All cases of disputed words will be verified by the judge using the *Thorndike Barnhart Advanced Dictionary*. The highest score of the day is awarded the medal.

SPORT STACKING: Individual competition

The fastest time recorded each day in both the 3-3-3 and 3-6-3 stacks are awarded medals. Proper stacking sequence and rules can be found at the [World Sport Stacking Association](http://www.worldsportstacking.com) (WSSA) website. If you are unfamiliar with this event, visit www.speedstack.com for complete information. [Instructional videos](#) and a [complete rule book](#) are also available.

WSSA rule book guidelines will be followed pertaining to timing, up-stacking, and down-stacking sequence of 3-3-3 and 3-6-3 stacks.

CONSECUTIVE WORD COUNT SCRIPTURE MEMORY: Individual competition

(English and Spanish) Consecutive Word Count Scripture Memory (English—*KJV*, Spanish—*Reina-Valera*, 1960) involves students beginning at any point in Scripture of their choice and reciting; word perfectly, as many consecutive words as possible. Participants are allowed one prompt per chapter, either upon their request or after a ten-second pause. A misquoted verse signifies the end of the recitation. Word count will be verified by a computer program. Awards will be presented to the top finishers.

BRAIN TEASERS: Individual competition

Students will individually use their cognitive thinking skills to solve problems, complete puzzles, and answer riddles. Each problem, puzzle, and riddle will be given a specific point value. Students will complete as many projects as they can in a predetermined amount of time. Different projects will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. The student with the highest total score will win that day's competition.

TREASURE HUNT: Group competition (male and female)

Students competing in teams of three to five members will sign up at a designated location and receive specific instructions and their clues. Each clue will lead them to more clues. The team that finds the treasure in the shortest amount of time wins the competition. New hunts will begin on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Individuals forming a team are not required to be from the same school or homeschool.

SCRIPTURE DETECTIVES: Individual or group competition (male and female)

Students competing in teams of one to three members read a story with a mystery to be solved at the end. Clues are given along the way in which Scripture verses reveal the answer. The team who completes the most mysteries in the shortest amount of time wins the competition. New sets of mysteries will be available on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday. Individuals forming a team are not required to be from the same school or homeschool.

THREE-ON-THREE VOLLEYBALL: 3-on-3 competition (male and female)

Team consists of a minimum of three to a maximum of six members from the same school or homeschool group to compete. Individual homeschool students may join with other students to make a team. Teams must be all male or all female—no mixed teams. Male teams will compete against other male teams, and female teams will compete against other female teams. Male and female teams will be awarded separately. Students may not compete for more than one team. A match consists of a single game ending when one team has scored a minimum of 21 points and is ahead by 2.

Please note: Three-On-Three Volleyball is open to individuals who ARE NOT on a volleyball team competing at ISC.

BASKETBALL HOTSHOT: Individual competition (male and female)

Students test their skill in 3 areas: lay-ups, free throws, and 3-point shots. Students have 2 minutes to shoot from any of the 3 specified areas. Each completed basket counts as 1 point for a lay-up, 2 points for a free throw, and 3 points from behind the 3-point line. Winners are determined by the highest score. Male and female will be scored separately.

THREE-ON-THREE BASKETBALL: 3-on-3 competition (male and female)

Teams consist of three to five team players from the same school/homeschool group. Individual homeschool students may enter either a team of all homeschool students or join with students from a school to make up a team. Teams must be all male or all female—no mixed teams. Male teams compete against other male teams, and female teams compete against other female teams. Male and female teams will be awarded separately. The games will be played on an outdoor half-court. Each completed basket is worth one point. The first team that reaches ten points wins the game.

Please note: This event is open to individuals who ARE NOT on a basketball team competing at ISC.

SOCCER: Group competition (male and female)

Teams consist of seven to ten players from a school or homeschool. Individual homeschool students may enter either a team of all homeschool students or join with students from a school to make up a team. Male teams compete against other male teams, and female teams compete against other female teams. A school or homeschool may not enter more than one team. No more than seven players may be on the playing field at any time. Each game consists of two fifteen-minute halves with a break of two minutes between the halves. All other normal soccer rules apply. Male and female teams will be awarded separately.

Please note: This open event is held on Wednesday afternoon only.

DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY:

Students will be allowed to compete in various picture-taking events announced during prerally. Digital cameras with removable memory cards are required.