



ISMO
October 2021



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NDU October Calendar

- TUESDAYS (1000) - Ruth's English Conversation Class
- FRIDAYS (1000) - SpICE meetings
- 11 October : Indigenous People's Day (NO CLASS)
- 13 October: US Navy Birthday



October means Fall is fully in swing in D.C.!

This month, the leaves will change colors and businesses and homes will be decorated for Halloween. Americans celebrate Halloween on October 31st, but festivities occur all month long. Celebrate by carving a funny face into a pumpkin or exploring a corn maze. If you have children, local neighborhoods will have specific dates for trick-or-treating closer to the 31st. Enjoy the cooler weather and drink a nice glass of apple cider.

*If you have any suggestions or recommendations for next month's newsletter,
email us at ISMO@ndu.edu!*

Events in the DC Area: Culture, Art, and Food

We encourage you to reach out to other IFs to share experiences together!

Summers Farm Festival Until Oct 31st

45+ Fall activities including wagon rides, corn mazes, and giant slides! Children under 2 are free!

Link for the tickets:

<https://summersfarm.com/pages/fall-festival>



Fall Wine Festival and Sunset Tour Oct.11-13

Enjoy unlimited wine samples from Virginia wineries at the home of the first President of the United States. Ticket prices include sunset tours of George Washington's mansion and grounds

Link for tickets: <https://www.mountvernon.org/en/ticketing/special-events/wine-festival-fall>

George Washington's Mount Vernon, 3200 Mount Vernon Memorial Highway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121



Wunder Garten's 6th Annual Oktoberfest Celebration Weekends from through Oct. 10

Tables are offered on a first-come, first-served basis and cabana rentals are available for up to six people. Fridays will offer a pig roast by Federalist Pig, Saturday showcases Bavarian cuisine and stein holding and Sundays are for Dogtoberfest, when humans and canines are free to dress up. Suds from some of Bavaria's oldest breweries will be available, in addition to brews from regional purveyors like Devil's Backbone and Port City Brewing.

Fridays: 3-9 p.m. | Saturdays: 12 p.m. – Midnight | Sundays: 12-3 p.m. |

Wunder Garten, 1101 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20002

A Day of Oktoberfest at The Wharf

Oct. 2

1400-1700

Visit the Wharf to celebrate Oktoberfest! Enjoy German-style food and the 9th Annual 500 Dachshund Dash!

<https://www.wharfdc.com/upcoming-events/2020-10-02-oktoberfest-at-the-wharf/>

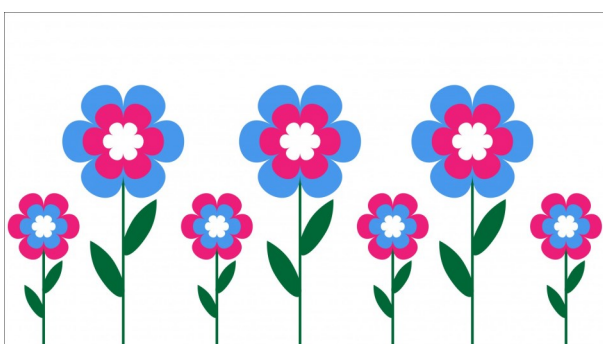
[Check out MORE Oktoberfest and beer gardens here:](#)

<https://washington.org/visit-dc/beer-gardens-washington-dc>

Sponsor Spotlight

Family Dinner

Col Alamoush and family joined his sponsor Travis at his home for a family dinner.



ISMO Family Programs

Join SpICE -

(Spouses International Cultural Exchange Group)

This social group, open to all spouses affiliated with NDU, meet in-person and online weekly. The full schedule of events is posted to the Facebook page.

[SpICE 2021-2022](#) | [Facebook](#)

Weekly English Conversation

Join our group of spouses at a weekly meeting to chat with each other and discuss a variety of topics with an English teacher.

Advanced Speakers: 10-11am NDU ISMO Patio

Intermediate Speakers: 1-2pm The Activity Room at Crystal Towers (1600 South Eads St)

For all questions about
Family Programs,
please contact Ms. Laura Garvie at ISMO:
Laura.m.garvie.civ@ndu.edu

LOOKING AT D.C. THROUGH NATURE IN THE FALL

Mount Vernon Trail

Location: 198 George Washington Memorial Pkwy, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

DC skyline views, paved paths for biking, connects with many other regional trails in the area

Theodore Roosevelt Island

Stunning views of the Potomac River, quiet forest trails, boardwalks over waterways with lots of wildlife, and dog-friendly!



Scotts Run Nature Preserve

Location: 7400 VA-193, McLean, Virginia 22102

Clean, wide forest trail which ends in a waterfall! Top 10 nature preserves on the East Coast.



Chesapeake & Ohio Canal

Great Falls, Maryland

Quiet trail along the canal, historic house and canal locks, spectacular views of Great Falls



The Shenandoah Valley



Take advantage of this scenic time of year by taking the Skyline Drive -105 miles along the crest of the Blue Ridge Mountains.. Park staff post color reports [here](#) so you can check if it's the perfect time to go.

HALLOWEEN

Halloween Fun Fest at YMCA

October 30th 1400

Anthony Bowen Branch YMCA, 1325 W Street NW, Washington, DC, 20009

Halloween fun for the whole family! There will be a costume contest for kids and adults, face-painting, and pumpkin drawing

More info can be found here:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-hayride-and-haunted-bonfire-tickets-165762954459?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



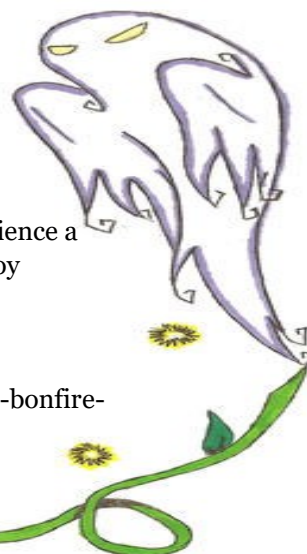
Hayride and Haunted Bonfire (21+)

Oct 23 1930-2330

Go to Butler's Orchard, wear your Halloween costume and experience a spooky night of fun! Ride around on a haunted hayride, then enjoy s'mores and hotdogs over the fire.

More info and tickets:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/halloween-hayride-and-haunted-bonfire-tickets-165762954459?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



Pick Your Own Pumpkin at Butler's Orchard

Pick your own pumpkins this month! While at Butler's Orchard, you can go on a hayride, enjoy a bonfire, and treat yourself to Butler's delicious cinnamon sugar donuts!

Address:

2222 Davis Mill Rd
Germantown, MD

