THE OPIE ZONE

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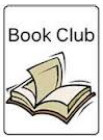
Welcome to OPIE and Ohio University! We are excited to begin a new school year with you. Athens may be a small town, but there is a lot for you to do here to improve your English. Currently, Ohio University has more than 400 student clubs and organizations that you can join. This is a great way to meet new people and get involved. Take a look at this web page for a listing http://tinyurl.com/ouclubs. In addition, OPIE has many clubs for you as well. Join one today!

OPIE Club or Activity	**Instructor Name**	**Description**
OPIE Family Club	Christin Butler-Butlerc@ohio.edu	OPIE Family Club (formerly OPIE Moms Club) is for families with young children to play, learn, and explore Athens together. We will meet once a month at the Athens Public Library play area for kids to play and parents to talk. Family Club is also a great way for parents and pregnant women to find out about resources available to them in Athens.
Book Club Fun	Ramya Vithanaga-vithanag@ohio.edu and Thelma Rodriguez-Wood-rodrigut@ohio.edu	BOOK FUN creates a space for Foundations and Elementary level students to have fun with books. We'll be exploring libraries, talking about books, and most importantly, reading together and enjoying the experience of reading. **Time:** Our first meeting will be during week 3. Time and date TBA.
Baking Club	Holly DeLong-delongh@ohio.edu and Sandy Nesbitt-nesbitts@ohio.edu	Do you like baking or do you want to learn how to bake? Do you want to practice English with others while doing something fun? If yes, you should join the OPIE Baking Club. During our club meetings, students will learn how to bake American desserts such as cookies, cupcakes, brownies, pies, and more! We will start off with a meeting near the beginning of the semester to see how many students are interested in joining. Please attend this meeting if you want to join! Check in the OPIE Zone next week for more information about this meeting. **Time:** TBA
Conversation Partners	Kamola Azimova-azimova@ohio.edu and Andrea Johannes-johannes@ohio.edu	The purpose of the club is to help interested OPIE students to improve their English speaking abilities and have a chance to make friends with native speakers. **Time:** The first international conversation hour will be on September 9th, at 6 pm in the Bobcat Student Lounge.
OPIE Student Union	Jessica Hill-hillj7@ohio.edu and Juan Molina-jm355012@ohio.edu	The OPIE Student Union is an organization of students who represent OPIE for the purpose of improving their language learning experience and leadership skills. OPSU members represent OPIE at other OU events, plan activities and projects for OPIE students, and communicate with many kinds of people from all over campus, both inside and outside of OPIE. To see some of the projects that we did last year, become a "friend" of Opie SU on Facebook! **Time:** First meeting: TBA

Wednesday Activities	Rob Campbell-campber2@ohio.edu	Wednesday Activities give Foundations and Elementary level students an opportunity to interact with native English speakers, learn about American culture, and have fun! Students will discover things to do on the OU campus and in the Athens area. **Time:** TBA
Wednesday Discussion	Holly DeLong-delongh@ohio.edu and Tanya Gilmore-bovkun@ohio.edu	Do you want to learn more about American culture, university life and life in the Athens community? Are you interested in getting extra practice with listening and note-taking skills? If yes, come to Wednesday Discussion! Wednesday Discussion provides a chance for students to hear useful presentations from university and community members that will help them adjust to university life, learn about activities and organizations in O.U. and Athens, and learn about important issues in the community. **Time:** Every Wednesday from September 10th - November 12th *There will be 10 Wednesday Discussions total this semester* Location: Ellis Hall 111 from 2:00-2:55
Creative Arts Club	Chris Distasio-distasio@ohio.edu	Do you like to see plays and other kinds of live performances and attractions? Do you like to write stories, poetry, or essays? Do you like to draw, paint, or take photographs? Do you like to sing, dance, or make short videos or movies? Would you like fellow club members and published authors to view these works and give you advice about them? Would you like to see your works edited and published in a magazine or on the Internet? Would you like to do any of these activities but only have a little time? Come join us! Also, check out the link to our club website at www.opiecreativeartsclub.com! **Time:** Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3 in Gordy 009 from 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.
International Student Book Club 	David Schmitz-schmitz@ohio.edu	Want to talk about books with international students and Americans? Want to improve your reading skills? Want to have fun? Come join our book club! We will choose a book as a group, read it on our own, and then meet to talk about it. Reading guides and discussion sheets will be provided to help you in your reading. This club is recommended for students at the Advanced level or above. **Time:** Our first meeting will probably be during Week 2. Check next week's OPIE Zone for more information! In general, we will meet 1-2 times a month for an hour in the evening.
Typing	David Schmitz-schmitz@ohio.edu	Do you want to learn how to type? All OPIE students are eligible to join a free introductory typing class that will meet from September 8th-September 12th from 7:45-8:20 am. To sign up, please email David Schmitz (schmitz@ohio.edu) by 11:59 pm Friday, September 5th. Space is limited to the first fifteen students so don't delay!

**** Have an idea for a club, but don't see it listed here? Let your teacher or Kristina (jetter@ohio.edu) know! ****