

INFORMATION ABOUT THE *CELEBRATING NY!* EVENTS

CNY! events are designed to provide opportunities to meet other new students and Peer Advisers and to expose newcomers to different parts of NYC that are off the tourist circuit in addition to visiting some well-known sites. All *CNY!* events are escorted by Peer Advisers unless otherwise indicated.

MEETING PLACE: All events will meet at the campus side of Earl Hall in front of the steps, unless otherwise indicated in the event description. Earl Hall is located on the Broadway side of the campus, next to Low Library. In the event of rain you may still meet there for an alternative indoor group activity. You may use the interactive Columbia campus map to see the location of Earl Hall and other campus buildings at http://www.columbia.edu/about_columbia/map/ .

MONEY FOR EVENTS: Unless the activity is an organized meal that requires advance ticket purchase, bring money for food, refreshments and other incidentals.

TRANSPORTATION: Unless otherwise indicated, the group will travel from campus to its destination by public transportation, most often by subway. You must use a MetroCard to pay for your fare. **It is important that you purchase a MetroCard before meeting for a CNY! event or it will delay the departure of the group.** MetroCards are purchased at subway station machines with cash or credit card. A roundtrip is \$4.50 unless you buy a type of MetroCard that provides discounts.

METROCARDS: To save time and money, we recommend you buy a weekly MetroCard for \$27, which allows unlimited travel on buses and subway for 7 days from the first time swiped for use. Other options include an unlimited 14-day card for \$51.50, a monthly card for \$89, or the one-day Fun Pass MetroCard, \$8.25, for unlimited usage from the time you first use it until 3:00AM the next day. The pay-per-ride MetroCard deducts \$2.25 for each trip. For more information, see <http://www.mta.info/metrocard/> .

TICKET SALES AND RSVP FOR EVENTS

As space is limited for most events, ticketed events require purchase in advance. Events requiring tickets are limited to two per person. Spouses and partners are welcome to attend all events. Note that if you buy Broadway or soccer tickets online, you will need to get to the TIC to pick up the physical ticket before the event takes place.

You are also asked to RSVP (reserve a space) for the many *CNY!* events that do not require advance ticket purchase. This is especially important for the Orientation Program on August 28th, and events that involve restaurant reservations. The Peer Advisers need to know how many people to expect when they go to meet a group at Earl Hall.

BRING PHOTO ID FOR PROOF OF AGE OF 21 OR OLDER. You must be 21 years-old to be served alcohol in the U.S. Please carry proof of your age with photo to any event that takes place where alcohol is served. **For most new students, this will be your passport**, unless you have an unexpired U.S. or Canadian driver's license. You may not be able to enter some establishments if you're under 21, even if you don't intend to drink.