

ALUMNI UPDATES - AUTUMN 2007

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Awesome weekend in Chimgan

On October 27-28 Alumni of US Government exchange programs had a great opportunity to participate in the Scout Camp organized by Scout Association in Uzbekistan together with the members of Youth Ecologic Network of Central Asia. Main purpose of this camp was to improve the relationship between man and the environment. Scouts shared with us their experience and knowledge through interactive presentations and interesting discussions. We learned a lot about global warming and environmental pollution issues and the ways of its prevention on the local level. While playing fun games, taking pleasant morning walks to the mountains and sitting around the fire we enjoyed a fall beauty of gorgeous Chimgan nature. Some campers even slept in their sleeping bags in the tents outside to get the true feeling of camping, whereas others stayed in condos. The weather in the mountains was freezing but the atmosphere of friendship, fun, laughter, good mood and inspiration kept everybody warm. After the camp we came back to Tashkent routine with a whole load of positive emotions, new friends and unforgettable memories. **We can't wait for the next scout camp!**



Crazy Halloween Night



The biggest alumni event this fall turned out to be the Alumni Halloween Party that gathered over 100 participants of different US Government Exchange Programs. Not only did we get together just to celebrate the spooky holiday, but used another great chance for alumni reunion that took place in Vacuum Club on November 2. The party itself was actually meant to be a fundraising possibility for the future alumni events.

As we came to the club we dipped in the atmosphere of genuine Halloween mood - literally everything breathed with a spooky spirit! People showed up in their craziest, funniest and scariest costumes with their enormous alumni spirit and energy! The club was decorated in a dark mysterious style adorned with spider webs, ghosts, and some scary witches. All that added a special feeling to the night. There were a whole lot of surprises: fun games, costume contest and a lot of energetic dancing! The partying, howling and singing lasted for more than 5 hours, yet the night seemed to be just a crazy moment of energy and positive emotions for everybody. Even though the party was supposed to be scary I think a ghost of fun, drive and craziness visited alumni at the party! **The night was a BLAST!!!**

Upcoming Alumni Events: Movie Night-Nov.30; New Year's Party. Stay tuned!