

Cúrsa Tumoideachais sa Ghaeilge – Irish Language Immersion Course

Butte, Montana

July 14-28

Immersion Camps: The first immersion camps in Irish language and culture were organized in the Gaeltachtaí (Irish-speaking districts) of Ireland in 1901 and quickly became a corner-stone of the movement to preserve Ireland's ancient Gaelic culture. It was here that students encountered the living culture, learned the language, the music and dance and returned home to share their learning and experience within their own communities. The importance of these camps in saving the culture from extinction is undeniable. The course offered in Butte again this summer is designed to give students the same experience, with the hope that they, in turn, will help in the movement here in the United States to preserve and promote their ancestral culture.

Location: The course will be offered at Montana Tech, in Butte. Butte was the entry-point for the majority of the Irish in the state. It was a town built by the Irish, for the Irish and has a distinct Irish flavor to it.

Curriculum: The course offers both credit [two credits] and non-credit courses and is open to all who wish to learn the Irish language. The accredited courses are for beginners only. The main objective is to impart a conversational knowledge of the Irish language. Classes begin at 9:00am and continue until 4:30pm in the afternoon. There are lengthy breaks between classes so students can work together and study the material covered in each class. The evening time is reserved for the student to study or engage in recreational activities with their colleagues. There is a lot going on in Butte and many enjoy evening walks, investigating the old city, and visiting some of the many sites commemorating the history of the Irish in the town. Believe you me, you will not be bored!

All classes are taught by professional teachers with the aid of Irish language teaching assistants from The University of Montana [UM] Irish Studies program. These young students have been learning Irish and how to teach the language as part of their course at UM.

Accommodation: For those coming from out-of-state there is room Butte on the Montana Technical College campus. To view the facilities, please go to www.mtech.edu. Arrangements can also be made to pick you up from the airport in Butte by contacting me at erin@irishmontana.com with your name, flight number and time of arrival.

Registration: If you wish to participate, please fill out the form below and submit with payment to: Traolach Ó Riordáin, C/O The Friends of Irish Studies, PO Box 4693, Missoula, MT 59806-4693. Please make checks out to The Friends of Irish Studies

Since space is limited, we urge you to make your plans and reservations as soon as possible.

FOIRM CHLÁRAITHE/REGISTRATION FORM

Ainm/Name _____
Seoladh/Address _____
Stát/ State, Uimhir Phoist/Zip _____
Guthán/Phone _____
E-Phost/Email _____

CÚRSAÍ – COURSES

Seachtain Amháin

One week

\$280 _____

Dhá Sheachtain

Two weeks

\$520 _____

Cúrsa seachtaine creidiúnaithe – One-week accredited course \$415 _____

LÓISTÍNÍ - ACCOMMODATION

Má tá lóistíní uait, líon isteach an méid a leanas – if you require accomodation, please fill in the following

Seomra singil – Single Room

\$175 _____

Seomra dúbailte – Double Room

\$140 _____

Eolas ar an nGaeilge/Knowledge of Irish

Faic/Nothing _____

Lag/Weak _____

Cuíosach/Fair _____

Go maith/Good _____

Líofa/Fluent _____

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