

## Texas Intensive English Program

# THE WEEKENDER

### Events & Announcements

February 9, 2018

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Fri., February 9



66° | 57°  
Cloudy

Sat., February 10



62° | 39°  
Cloudy

Sun., February 11



42° | 34°  
Rainy

### Things to Do:

#### Carnaval Brasileiro

**Where:** Palmer Events Center, 900 Barton Springs Rd

**When:** Saturday, 8pm

**What:** The world's premier Brazilian Mardi Gras outside of Brazil, Austin's Carnaval Brasileiro, returns for its 41st year. Austin's own Carnaval Brasileiro is one of the most wildly authentic indoor Brazilian Carnival parties in the world, with more than 6,000 attendees each year.

Carnaval Brasileiro 2018 will feature performances from world-renowned Carnaval performer Dandara Odara and her seven-piece band. The evening will also feature Austin's own Recife-style maracatú ensemble, Grupo Massa, a local group of seven drummers, accompanying bass, guitar and accordion.

**How much:** \$40-45

**Website:** <http://sambaparty.com>

#### Mardi Paws

**Where:** Lustre Pearl East, 114 Linden St

**When:** Saturday, 2-6pm

**What:** Mardi Paws features a Mardi Gras dog parade and party, DJ and brass band performing, festive drinks and eats, king cake (for humans and dogs), photo opportunities, raffle prizes, and more.

**How much:** \$10

**Website:** <http://austin.culturemap.com/eventdetail/grocery-pup-presents-mardi-paws-fundraiser-austin/>

#### Jo's 12th Annual Chili Cook Off

**Where:** The Original Jo's Coffee, 1300 S Congress Ave

**When:** Sunday, 12pm—3pm

**What:** Join Jo's for their 12th Annual Chili Cook Off benefitting Urban Roots in the San Jose parking lot. The chili tasting and dancing start at noon with live music from Jeff Hughes and Chapparral and the Jo's House Band.

**How much:** Free entry, chili tasting \$20

**Website:** <http://www.joscoffee.com/south-congress-jos/>



### Conversation Club!



Practice your English with students from UT and find a new friend!

**Every Wednesday** in the large study hall from **12:45—2:00pm**

### HAPPY CHINESE NEW YEAR!

February 16th is the beginning of the "Year of the Dog". This day, also called the "Lunar New Year," is celebrated by Chinese people around the world. Dancing, fireworks, and spending time with loved ones are all special parts of this holiday.

When you greet a friend, you can say "Gong Hei Fat Choi!"

**Celebrate with TIEP Thursday the 15th!**

**The Olympics begin this Friday, February 8th. Watch on NBC and [NBCOlympics.com](http://NBCOlympics.com). Cheer on the US and your home country as they all vie for medals and glory.**

### You're Invited!

**TIEP Valentine's Day Party  
Wednesday, 12:15**

Are you a poet and you know it? Be sure to enter the Valentine's Day poetry contest! Prizes will be awarded for funniest poem, most romantic, and best overall poem.

### Quote of the Week

"The important thing was to love rather than to be loved."

- W. Somerset Maugham (1874-1965)

# Your Guide to



# in America!

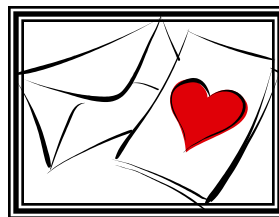
## Where does Valentine's Day (February 14th) come from?

Did you know that Valentine's Day is actually named after a real person called St. Valentine? There are many stories and legends behind who the real St. Valentine was, but most scholars agree that he was a *martyr* (a person who was killed for his beliefs). Later in the Middle Ages, a great writer named Geoffrey Chaucer wrote a poem as a present to King Richard II, who was going to be married soon. In it, he mentioned St. Valentine, and over time, the idea of Valentine's Day became associated with the idea of love.

During the 1800s, Valentine's Day became extremely popular! Men and women spent a lot of time making beautiful Valentine's cards with ribbon, fancy paper and even lace. In those days, people were very reserved and they did not often say what they were feeling. Valentine's day gave them a great way to express their feelings to someone they were in love with in an anonymous manner (without showing their names).

## How do people celebrate Valentine's Day?

- ♦ Give a card to your friend or loved one



- ♦ Wear red clothes

- ♦ Give chocolates to a friend, loved one, or TIEP advisor



- ♦ Have a nice dinner with your loved one

- ♦ Give flowers to your loved one



- ♦ Write a love poem for someone special