

Creative Gift Ideas for the Artistically Inclined!

- **Stationery**- you can personalize it or buy it pre-packaged! Check out stores like Michaels and Hobby Lobby for great paper selections.
- **Books** - A gift certificate for a chain like Barnes and Noble is always a great idea. For an even better bargain, check out used bookstores in Lexington. Or how a collection of sheet music?
- **Paper lanterns** – These lamps are typically a thin paper shell over a wire frame. The great thing about paper lanterns is that they are relatively inexpensive and leave lots of room for creative interpretation. You can find these at party supply stores– then decorate!
- **Messenger/Tote Bag**-these fun alternatives to bulky back packs or formal brief cases can be great gift ideas. Find plain canvas versions at stores like Michaels & decorate. Or, fill the plain tote with fun art supplies for your more artistic friends to personalize it themselves!
- **Records** –check out unique stores like Special Media and music stores to find old records which are typically sold at very affordable prices. Recreate the record label in the center with your gift recipient's photo and name. Or select a genre of music that would fit the recipient's musical tastes.
- **Pottery** - You can usually paint something as simple as a light switch plate, or something as large as a platter. Do something simple--with stripes, concentric circles, or a "stained glass" effect. Check out stores like Pots on Fire and The Mad Potter!
- **Mini Garden** - Small terra cotta pots are usually under \$1... give a pot with a packet of seeds! Bundle several together and you can give an herb or flower garden!
- **Coasters**- Buy pretty tiles and glue corkboard on the bottom for cool coasters. Cluster small tiles to form mosaics or use larger ones to cover the entire cork space. Just be sure the surface is flat or when you set a glass on it so it doesn't fall!
- **Video Game Container** - Clean up an old milk crate (these can be found at stores like Kroger, Wal-Mart, etc.). Spray paint it and now it can hold all of your favorite video games!

No matter the reason or the season, it is always helpful to have good gift ideas! Remember, gifts don't have to cost a lot (or anything at all)... sometimes a simple note and a heartfelt thought express more than a store-bought something!

Did you know...

- From December 1st, there are less than 2 weeks left in the Fall '07 semester!
- There are 2 residence halls on UK's campus that do not close for the winter break. (North and Smith Halls)
- If you study in natural light, you will increase your productivity by 7.1%! (study by Carnegie Mellon University)

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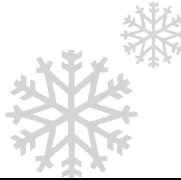


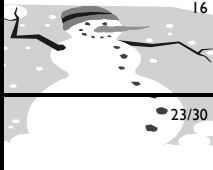


Your RA will have a **hall meeting** in December to discuss important closing info about Finals week, closing info, & Winter Break. Attendance is mandatory! See your RA for more details.

RA SPOTLIGHT: *Josh*

Joshua Watkins is an RA on the 4th floor of North Hall. Chances are, you have already met this friendly guy! Josh is a first-year RA. He is a junior studying Agricultural Economics in addition to Family and Consumer Sciences. His career plans include attending law school and opening his own law firm. Josh's hobbies include singing, playing piano, and writing music! Clearly, a perfect fit for the Arts Living Learning Community!

Josh is planning a Dodge ball Tournament—ask him for the details so you can get involved! So far his favorite memory from living in the residence hall is when he had the opportunity to sit down and eat lunch with all of his residents. Josh is also looking forward to doing even more programs and getting to know the residents better. He describes himself as "very animated" and loves to laugh. Josh encourages everyone to ponder on this quote: "It is sometimes easier to criticize what we do not understand than to understand what we criticize." If you know Josh, you know that he is an outgoing and kind person. North Hall is lucky to have him around!

DECEMBER 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
www.ukathletics.com www.uky.edu/SAB/events.php www.uky.edu/Registrar/cal-FA07.htm ○ = event for YOUR UIC!	Use the calendar this month to write in study times and final exams! Study hard but remember to get some rest! Best of luck on all of your final exams, presentations, & papers!					1 UK Men's BBall vs. North Carolina 2pm, Rupp 
2 DEAD WEEK	3	4 UK Women's BBall vs. Wm. & Mary 7pm, Mem. Coliseum 	5	6 Last Day of Classes	7	8
9 FINALS WEEK	10 CRUNCH BRUNCH	11	12	13	14 End of Fall 2007 semester	15 WINTER BREAK
 16	17 First day of classes for Winter Intersession; last day is January 8th.	18 WINTER BREAK 		19	20	21 
23/30	24/31	25 Academic Holidays (12-25-07 through 1-1-08)		26	27	28 29

5 Tips to Help Anyone!

- * Pace yourself. Plan ahead so things doesn't creep up on you!
- * Separate worries from concerns. Worrying about something doesn't change it... Take action!
- * Exercise. You will discover more energy if you are active!
- * Recharge your batteries. Find time to rest and relax.
- * Laugh. Enjoy all of the great things that this life has to offer!

Polar Fact

Did you know that if you blow bubbles in -30°F weather, they won't pop?!

Winter Weather Trivia

1.) At which of the following temperatures does water spontaneously freeze?
 a.) 18°F b.) 32°F c.) 0°F d.) -40°F

2.) Which of the following is not affected by wind chill?
 a.) person b.) dog c.) car radiator d.) bird

3.) True or False. It must be 32°F or colder for it to snow.

4.) On the average, one inch of rain is equivalent to how many inches of snow?
 a.) 10 inches b.) 1 inch c.) 5 inches d.) a foot

5.) True or False. It can snow from clear skies.

6.) What is more hazardous to trees and power lines?
 a.) One inch of wet snow b.) One inch of ice

7.) What is the coldest temperature in December ever recorded in Lexington, KY?
 a.) -10°F b.) -22°F c.) 0°F d.) -19°F

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 Just email your ideas to Leslie! The deadline is the 25th of each month to be included in the following month's newsletter!