



WELCOME TO HOHNE HIVE

A NEW ARRIVAL GUIDE FOR
SINGLE PERSONNEL





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The HIVE is situated at The Roundhouse in Hohne Station

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We look forward to seeing you in the HIVE.

HIVE OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 09:00 to 15:00

TUESDAY 09:00 to 15:00

WEDNESDAY 09:00 to 15:00

THURSDAY 09:00 to 15:00

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WELCOME TO HOHNE

The HIVE would like to offer you a warm welcome to Hohne. This booklet is designed to answer some of the questions that may arise when you first arrive in Hohne, particularly if it is your first posting to Germany. The HIVE is situated in the Roundhouse Hohne Station and our opening hours are on the previous page. Please feel free to pop in and see us, leave us a message on our answer phone or send us an E-mail and we will get back to you.

The HIVE is an information centre for the Service Community, which includes single and married serving personnel, civilian MOD employees and their dependents.

Our aim is to provide a professional information and referral service. We endeavour to answer all your queries and find the information you need, or point you in the right direction for the best possible help and support. We can offer you a welcome pack with maps and information leaflets to get you started in your new posting.

If you are arriving from outside Germany you should have received a copy of "So You Are Posted to Germany", which gives you information on everything you need to know on arrival, e.g. documentation, pay, registering your vehicle, claiming Job Seekers Allowance etc. You should also have received a copy of the Hohne Service Community Official Guide, which gives more detailed information about the local community including housing, schools, welfare support and station facilities. Copies of both these booklets are available from The HIVE.

If you are on the Internet the website www.hive-europe.co.uk will also give you lots of useful information. You will find The HIVE E Mail address here too.

MISSION STATEMENT

HIVE Information Centres support the chain of command and Tri-Service Communities through the provision of up to date and relevant information.

WHAT CAN YOUR HIVE DO FOR YOU?

We can provide you with information of the following areas:

New arrival Information	Consumer & Business
Transport and holidays	Legal matters
Local tourism	Postings & Departures
Travel	Communications
Clubs & Societies	Education
Family & Welfare	Theme parks
Employment	Great days out
Leisure	Benefits
Health & Safety	Taxes
Customs	

A – Z OF USEFUL INFORMATION

The following information is aimed at providing a general guide, which we hope will make settling into Hohne a little easier. More detailed information on many of these subjects can be found in the Hohne Service Community Guide, or by contacting the Heide team. The Heide Magazine is produced once a month by the Heide team with

input from the Garrison. This contains information and useful contact numbers and is available from the HIVE and the NAAFI.

ACCOMMODATION

If you have family visiting and need details of accommodation, call in the HIVE for a comprehensive list of local B&B and Hotels.

BANKS

There are two branches of local German banks in Bergen, the Sparkasse and the Volksbank, Santander (formerly Abbey National) is situated in the Forces Financial Office in the Roundhouse.

BFG/Insure THE CAR

You are required under British Army (Germany) Standing order 3213 to register your vehicle with the BFG Vehicle Licensing Office. The unit BFG Registration Office, (depending on your unit) will advise you on the correct procedure to be followed. All members of BFG must register their vehicles with the BFG VLO within 30 days of arrival. Before registration all drivers must take a matrix test and be issued with a BFG Driving Permit. Forces Finance provides BFG insurance. Green Card for BFG is available through their UK insurance company. A list of BFG recognised insurers is available from the BFG office or the HIVE.

BULLETIN

“The Heide“is a free monthly station magazine full of useful information. You can collect your copy from the HIVE each month.

CHURCHES

Holy Family RC Church and St George’s Garrison Church are both located on camp. Their current information and timings can be found in The Heide Mag or the HIVE.

CLUBS

There are a range of clubs advertised around the camp and at the HIVE with contact numbers.

CINEMAS

There is a cinema on camp called the Red Rat. Cinema listings are published in the Heide. The HIVE holds transport details.

COINS

The HIVE collects all your unused foreign currency for charity.

CONFIDENTIAL HELP-LINE

The Confidential Support Line is Freefone from BFG: - 0800 1827 395 or email service at www.ssafa.org.uk.

CONCERTS

Every month The Heide magazine advertises up and coming concerts, we do not sell the tickets, but we hold a number of web sites and ticket hotline numbers.

DOCUMENTS

While in Germany, you should make sure that you carry your documents at all times, whether it's your ID Card and NAAFI Shopping Permit, or your car documents while driving.

FISHING

There are a number of lake's in the area and an Angling Club in Hohne, please call into the HIVE for information.

FURTHER EDUCATION/LEISURE CLASSES

42 AEC provides language, IT, Basic Skills and leisure courses. The ALC & Learn Direct Suite in 3 RHA also provide computer based courses. VTS also provides many courses including NVQs.

GERMAN LAW

German Law is largely the same as the UK; however, there are a few that may catch you out. The booklet "So you are Posted to Germany" is very helpful in understanding them.

GOLF

There are a number of Golf courses in the area and also a Garrison Golf Club, please call in the HIVE for more Information.

HOUSING

For information on housing refer to the Hohne Service Community Official Guide. The housing clerks can be contacted on 962 2420. The HIVE also holds information on renting or buying houses.

HIVE DATABASE

The HIVE's computer database is an A-Z of useful local information, services, clubs, businesses, telephone numbers etc. The database is updated regularly and if you would like something to be included please contact a member of the HIVE team.

ID CARDS/NAAFI SHOPPING PERMITS

All military personnel, entitled civilians and dependants are required to carry an ID card. A NAAFI Shopping Permit is issued to all entitled personnel and will be required to use the NAAFI shopping facilities these are available from the Unit Welfare Offices.

INTERNET

You can access the internet in most Unit Welfare Offices, in the Learn Direct Suites (one in 42 AEC and the other in 3 RHA) or in BAAN 41.

LEAFLETS

The HIVE holds leaflets containing a huge variety of information on everything from benefits to bus timetables. We hold core information on a variety of subjects including education, social security, health, housing, communications etc. We also have dozens of pamphlets on local attractions and places of interest, as well as things to do further afield. We have produced comprehensive booklets giving you ideas for day trips either with or without children in mind. If you're stuck for ideas on what to do or where to go, then just pop in to see us.

LEGAL HELP and INFORMATION

We hold the telephone numbers for Army Legal Aid and the dates of when they are due to visit Bielefeld.

LEISURE ACTIVITIES

The HIVE has two seasonal booklets, which list local activities. We also hold a wide range of leaflets with something to suit all.

MAPS

We can print street maps and routes for you.

MONEY MATTERS

There is a choice of Banks in Bergen and Celle and most of them speak English. Many flats in Bergen are visited by sales personnel. The HCSO's Liaison Clerk will gladly give a verbal translation of contracts before you sign.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phone contracts in Germany are for a minimum of 24 months and you must give 3 months notice of cancellation. The Roundhouse has two telephone shops.

NIGHT CLUBS

There aren't any night clubs in Bergen but there are several bars. There are night clubs in Celle, Hannover and Hamburg.

OPENING TIMES

A comprehensive list of opening times and telephone numbers for facilities, shops and clubs is available from the HIVE.

PETROL COUPONS

Duty Free Fuel Coupons cannot be sold to you unless you have a Vehicle Registration Card with an up to date and valid light/roadworthiness stamp on it. Petrol coupons, which are rationed, are available from the Mehrwertsteuer office which is in the old Sparkasse Bank opposite the Roundhouse.

PLACES TO VISIT

In the HIVE we hold lots of leaflets and information on places to visit in the local area and a number of city guides for nights or weekends away.

POSTINGS

The HIVE can obtain Garrison Guides and HIVE 'Welcome' packs from other stations. We also have a comprehensive 'Get You Back Pack'.

QUESTIONS

The HIVE will endeavor to answer all your questions. You will not leave the HIVE empty handed. We will either refer you to another agency, give you the details you want, a phone number or a promise that we will get back to you, if we do not have the information you require.

RESTAURANTS

There are many nice restaurants in the area; we have produced an Eat Drink and Be Merry booklet at the HIVE. Please call in for a copy.

SHOPPING (TAX FREE)

Bergen is only a small village with a few shops however we are close to a number of big cities. Pop in and pick up our booklet called "Shop till you drop". See shopping guide on page 13.

SWIMMING

The Garrison has one full sized outdoor swimming pool, this is free of charge and timings are available in the Heide Mag. Local swimming pools are situated in Bergen and Celle. For prices and opening times call into the HIVE

TAXI

There are several taxi firms around. There is a taxi rank on camp by the Dental Centre and one in the centre of town.

TELEVISION

BFBS is a television service for the Forces. Listing can be found in the Sixth Sense. Also available in the Garrison is cable and Digital Satellite TV.

TRANSLATOR

The HCSO's Translation Clerk is based within the HIVE and is happy to give verbal translations of your letters and forms. She also deals with German benefit forms, Telephone connections and disconnections.

TRANSPORT/TRAVEL (local)

Information on local bus services is available from the HIVE. Travel/holiday service available through Forces Finance in the Roundhouse and O'Girkes in the welfare buildings.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Please see the list provided on page 12. The German directory enquiries number is 11837. The military directory enquiry is 192. There is a list of local telephone numbers in this booklet and the Heide Mag.

VISITORS

When families are visiting you in Germany you should obtain a Close Relatives Form from the Unit Welfare Office. The form entitles close relatives to shop, (on behalf of yourself,) for non-rationed items in the NAAFI, and to minor medical treatment in the medical centre. All visitors and relatives should bring a completed E111 (Health Advice for Travelers') form.

WHAT'S ON INFO

We try to keep as much information as possible about local events and activities within the Bergen and Celle area and beyond.

You can also check out the "What's on" page on our website www.hive-europe.co.uk or look at the notice boards outside your HIVE

The HIVE has produced a number of booklets which contain popular information, including:

Shop till you Drop

Bavaria & Harz

Summer Activities (Seasonal)

Eat, Drink and be Merry

PX's

Winter Warmers (Seasonal)

EMERGENCY AND USEFUL NUMBERS

Civilian Number prefix: 05051 962

RMP	2222
FIRE SERVICE	2222
MEDICAL EMERGENCIES	2333
MEDICAL CENTRE	2218
DENTAL CENTRE	2323
ARMY WELFARE SERVICE	2890
GERMAN EMERGENCY	110

SERVICES	
GERMAN FIRE SERVICE	112
PADRE	2811
HIVE	2303
UWO 3 RHA	2241
UWO 9/12 LI	2921
UWO 32 RE	2367
UWO A (29) CS MED SQN	2246
7 ABSS	2862
11 PRO COY	2904
34 AEC	2848
SANTANDER/ FORCES FINANCIAL	CIV 3336
SPARKASSE	CIV 05141 913267

SHOPPING GUIDE

The village has a good mix of shops and is also near some larger towns and large supermarkets.

General Opening Hours

Bergen Village

Mon – Fri – 0900 – 1200 1400 – 1600
Sat – 0900 – 1400

Sundays and Bank Holidays – Closed

Supermarket Opening Hours

Mon – Fri – 0800 – 2000
Sat – 0800 – 1800

Sundays and Bank Holidays – Closed

Weekly Markets

Bergen – Tue – 0800 – 1200

Celle – Sat – 0800 – 1200

All markets sell a wide choice of goods, mostly local food stuffs and flowers.

HIVE'S ACROSS BFG

Email address	HIVE (location)	Phone No. Civ/Mil	Fax. No.
bielefeld@hive-europe.co.uk	Bielefeld	0521 92543122/ 81 3122	0521925433152
brunssum@hive-europe.co.uk	Brunssum	003145 5262891/ 80100 2891	003145 5253160
celle@hive-europe.co.uk	Celle	05141 9632340/ 78 2340	05141 9632383
detmold@hive-europe.co.uk	Detmold	05231 37864	05231 37864
dulmen@hive-europe.co.uk	Dulmen	02594 9622512/632515	02594 9622511/632511
elmpt@hive-europe.co.uk	Elmpt	02163 973183/68 3183	02163 974329
fallingbostel@hive-europe.co.uk	Fallingbostel	05162 9712204/76 2204	05162 9712811
gutersloh.mb@hive-europe.co.uk	Gutersloh- Mansergh Bks	05241 842220/73 2220	05241 842220
gutersloh.prb@hive-europe.co.uk	Gutersloh- Princess Royal Bks	05241 842692/73 2692	
hameln@hive-europe.co.uk	Hameln	05151 917464/83 2464	05151 917464
herford@hive-europe.co.uk	Herford	05221 9953127/82 3127	05221 9953812
hohne@hive-europe.co.uk	Hohne	05051 962 2303/77 2303	05051 963940
lisbon@hive-europe.co.uk	Portugal	0035 121 4404328	
munster-south@hive-bfg.co.uk	Munster-South	0251 9272400/60 2400	0251 9272400
munster-west@hive-europe.co.uk	Munster-West	0251 9272163/60 2163	0251 9272163
naples@hive-europe.co.uk	Naples	00390815092628	
paderborn@hive-europe.co.uk	Paderborn	05251 57191	05251 57191
ramstein@hive-europe.co.uk	Ramstein HIVE	06371 401445	0637143831
rheindahlen@hive-europe.co.uk	Rheindahlen	02161 4722519/72 2519	02161 551489
sennelager@hive-europe.co.uk	Sennelager	05254 9822771/79 2771	05254 9822771
shape@hive-europe.co.uk	Shape	003265 443984/92054233984	
wildenrath@hive-europe.co.uk	Wildenrath	02432 81017	02432 81017

CLOTHING SIZE GUIDE

WOMAN'S DRESSES, SUITS, SKIRTS & COATS

BRITISH	10	12	14	16	18	20							
GERMAN	36	38	40	42/44	46/48	50							
AMERICAN	8	10	12	14	16	18							

BRA SIZES

BRITISH	32	34	36	38	40	42							
GERMAN	70	75	80	85	90	95							

WOMAN'S SHOES

BRITISH	3	3½	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8		
GERMAN	36	36/37	37	37/38	38	38/39	39	40	40/41	41	42		
AMERICAN	-	-	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½		

CHILDREN'S SHOES

BRITISH	4	4½	5	5½	6	6½	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½	10
GERMAN	20	21	21/22	22	23	23/24	24	25	25/26	26	27	27/28	28
BRITISH	10½	11	12	13	13½	14	14½	2	2½				
GERMAN	29	30/31	31	32	32/33	33	33/34	34	35				

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES

BRITISH (age)	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
GERMAN SIZE	92	98	104	110	116	122	128	134	140	147	152	158	164
Height in cms	91	96	102	109	114	122	127	135	140	147	152	157	164

MEN'S SUITS & OVERCOATS

BRITISH & US	36	38	40	42	44	46							
GERMAN	44	46	48	50	52	54							

MEN'S SHIRTS

BRITISH & US	13	13½	14	14½	15	15½	16	16½	17				
GERMAN	33	34	35/36	37	38	39/40	41	42	43				

MEN'S SOCKS

BRITISH & US	9½	10	10½	11	11½	12	12½						
GERMAN	39	40	41	42	43	44	45						

MEN'S SHOES

BRITISH	7	7½	8	8½	9	9½	10	10½	11	11½			
GERMAN	41	41/42	42	42/43	43	44	45	45/46	46	46/47			
AMERICAN	-	-	8½	9	9½	10	10½	11	11½	12			

FOOD TRANSLATIONS

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
Sugar		
Sugar	Zucker	Suiker
Brown Sugar	Brauner Zucker	Bruin Suiker
Castor Sugar	Feinster Zucker	Fijne Suiker
Cube Sugar	Würfelszucker	Suikerklontjes
Granulated Sugar	Raffinierter Zucker	Suiker
Icing Sugar	Puderzucker	Poeder Suiker
Preserving Sugar	Einmachzucker	Gelei Suiker
Saccharin Tablets	Süßstofftabletten	Zoetstoff

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
VEGETABLES AND FRUIT		
Potatoes	Kartoffeln	Aardappelen
Chips	Pommes/Fritten	Frietjes/patat
Carrots	Möhren	Wortelen
Peas	Erbsen	Erwten
Asparagus	Spargel	Asperges
Oranges	Apfelsinen/Orangen	Sinasappels

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
BAKING		
Flour	Mehl	Bloem
Almonds	Mandeln	Amandelen
Baking Essence	Backaroma	Bakaroma
Baking Powder	Backpulver	Bakpoeder
Candied Fruit	Kandierte Früchte	Kandijt Fruit
Candied Lemon Peel	Zitronat	Bakzitroenschil
Candied Orange Peel	Orangeat	Baksinasappelschil
Chocolate Sprinkles	Schokostreusel	Chocoladehagelslag
Coconut (dessicated)	Kokosraspeln	Gerasptecocosnoot
Cornflour	Stärkemehl	Mayzena
Gelatine	Gelantine	Gelantine
Poppyseed	Mohn	Maanzaad
Potato Flour	Kartoffelmehl	Aardappelmeel
Vanilla	Vanilleextract	Vanille extract
Yeast	Hefe	Gist
ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH

HERBS AND SPICES		
Mixed spice	Spekulatiusgewürz	Speculaas kruiden
Aniseed	Anis	Anijszaad
Basil	Basilikum	Basilikum
Bayleaf	Lorbeerblatt	Laurierbladen
Caraway	Kümmel ganz	Komijnzaad
Celery Salt	Selleriesalz	Selderijzout
Chilli Powder	Chilipulver	Chilli Poeder
Chives	Schnittlauch	Bieslook
Cinnamon (ground)	Zimt (gemahlen)	Kaneel (gemalen)
Cloves (ground)	Zimt (gemahlen)	Kruidnagel
Cumin	Kümmelpuder	Komijnpoeder
Curry	Curry	Kerrie
Garlic	Knoblauch	Knoflook
Ginger	Ingwer	Gember
Juniper Berries	Wacholderbeeren	Junipers
Marjoram	Marjoran	Majoraan
Mint	Pfefferminz	Munt
Mustard (strong)	Senf (scharf)	Mosterd (scherp)
Nutmeg	Muskatnüsse	Nootmuskaat
Onion Powder	Zwiebelpulver	Uipoeder
Parsley	Petersilie	Peterselie
Pepper	Pfeffer	Peper
Saffron	Safran	Saffraan
Sage	Salbei	Salie
Salt	Salz	Zout
Soy Sauce	Sojasoße	Sojasaus
Thyme	Thymian	Thijm
Vinegar	Essig	Azijn
Vinegar (wine)	Weinessig	Wijn Azijn

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
MEATS		
Chicken	Huhnchenfleisch	Kippevlees
Pork	Schweinefleisch	Varkensvlees
Beef	Rindfleisch	Rundvlees
Minced meat	Gehacktes	Gehakt
Meat balls	Frikadellen	Gehaktballen
Turkey	Putenfleisch	

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
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DAIRY PRODUCTS/FATS		
Butter	Butter	Boter
Cheese	Käse	Kaas
Cottage Cheese	Hüttenkäse	Huttenkaas
Cream Cheese	Frischkäse/ Sahnekäse	Roomkaascream
Cream	Sahne	Slagroom
Drinking Chocolate	Kakao	Chocolademelk
Egg/Eggs	Ei/Eier	Ei/Eieren
Evaporated milk	Kaffeerahm	Koffie melk
Full fat milk	Vollmilch	Volle melk
Low fat milk	Fettarme Milch	Halfvolle melk
Pasteurised Milk	Pasteurisierte Milch	Gepastureerde melk
Powdered Skim. Milk	Magermilchpulver	Magere poedermelk
Oil	Öl	Olie
Sunflower Oil	Sonnenblumenöl	Zonnebloom olie
Vegetable Oil	Pflanzenöl	Plantaardige olie
Soured Cream	Saure Sahne	Zure room
Lard	Schweinfett	Varkensvet
Whipped Cream	Schlagsahne	Slagroom
Yoghurt	Joghurt	Yoghurt
Semolina	Gries	Griesmeel

ENGLISH	GERMAN	DUTCH
BREADS AND CEREALS		
Bread Crumbs	Paniermehl	Paneermeel
Brown Bread	Graubrot	Bruin brood
Oatmeal	Haferflocken	Haverhout
Roll	Brötchen	Broodje
Rusk	Zwieback	Beschuit
Rye Bread	Roggen Brot	Roggebrood
White Bread	Weissbrot	Wit brood
Wheat Bread	Vollkornbrot	Volkoren brood
Whole Wheat	Crispbreads	Knäckebröt

GERMAN SPECIALITIES

GERMAN	ENGLISH
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Reibekuchen	grated raw potatoes fried into a pancake
Stollen	traditional German Christmas cake
Glühwein	hot spiced red wine sold at Christmas markets
Feuerzangenbowle	burnt rum and red wine punch
Jägertee	Alcoholic drink based on rum, served hot
Bockwurst	sausage
Strammer Max	bread topped with slices of cheese, ham, gurken and fried eggs
Berliner	doughnuts

DUTCH SPECIALITIES

DUTCH	ENGLISH
Pannekoek	pancakes
Poffertjes	miniature pancakes served with Grand Marnier or butter flakes
Vla	general term for a variety of puddings
Vlaai	general term for a variety of cakes topped with fruit or creamed rice pudding for example
Peperkoek	ginger biscuits
Koffiekoek	large soft biscuit made with almonds
Ontbijtkoek	spiced with ginger breakfast cake
Beschuit met muisjes	Rusks with blue or pink sugar sprinkles Traditionally served to celebrate the birth of a child
Rookworst	smoked sausage
Hutspot	mashed carrots, potatoes and onion
Boerekool	curly kale mashed with potatoes
Uitsmijter	bread with slices of ham, cheese, gurkin and fried eggs
Griesmeelpap	semolina pudding
Rijstepap	cream rice pudding
Nonnevellen	doughnuts traditionally sold during the carnival season



SSAFA Forces Help In-service Committees provide assistance and support to serving men, women and their families in need. They meet regularly to decide how money is raised and distributed and discuss other matters of concern to the local community. For more information, call JHQ Mil: 3392 or Civil: 02161 472 3392.

Victim Support offers emotional support, information and practical help to those who have



been affected by crime. Volunteers attend courses specially designed for them which allow them to help victims come to terms with the disturbing effects of crime. Interested volunteers should contact JHQ Mil: 2272 or Civil: 02161 472 2272



Girlguiding

There are lots of Rainbow, Brownie and Guides units here in Germany. We have waiting lists because of the continuing popularity of Girl guiding and a shortage of adults coming forward to offer a little of their time

British Guides in Germany

in helping to run the groups. More adult helpers mean shorter waiting lists. Any help you can offer will be much appreciated and we will soon be able to offer more girls the chance to take part in guiding. Contact your local HIVE and ask for more details.

COUNCIL OF VOLUNTARY WELFARE WORK (CVWW) (BFG)



The Council of Voluntary Welfare Work (CVWW) offers a varied selection of

opportunities to volunteer. Whether working with children in childcare centres, with the European Christian Homes for the Soldier (ECHOS) in the Balkans or Iraq, in any of the Church Army, Salvation Army or YWCA centres in around the military Garrisons. You could even help the troops on exercise in Poland; there is always a need for volunteers. For more information on what is

available, call Lt Col (Retd) John Batty on 05221 25001 or Herford Mil 3921

Air Training Corps

Air Training Corps is aimed at young adults between the ages of 13 and 18. The cadets take part in fieldcraft, weapon handling, shooting, drill and airmanship. During the year cadets can attend flying camps in UK, weapons camps in Germany and fund raising events for both Army and RAF Benevolent Funds. There are currently 3 Squadrons in BFG, located in JHQ, Gutersloh and Herford. Our volunteers need no experience or qualifications as full training is provided. For more information please contact Graham Pearce on JHQ Mil 2085 or Mobile: 0171 3692561



Foster carers provide stability, encouragement and a loving home to children who are temporarily unable to live with their own families. British Forces.

Social Work Service currently need foster carers in all areas of BFG. If you feel that you could be a foster carer, call Marie Slavin on 05221 178 366

We make every effort to ensure that our information is current and correct. Your help is invaluable in keeping our records up to date by informing us of any changes to our handouts, or by sharing any additional information which may be of interest to others.



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