Since its establishment in 2009, the Rosinka Program in Russian Language and Culture has provided more than 50 Bloomington-area children with weekly instruction in Russian language and culture. In 2012-13, Rosinka offers classes for children of elementary school age (5-11)* who are being raised in Russian-speaking households (so-called heritage speakers).

Children should be able to function in a classroom where all or most communication and instruction takes place in Russian. Emphasis is placed on development of literacy skills, cultivating a favorable attitude towards the use of Russian, appreciating the diverse cultural heritage of the Russophone world, and effective oral communication.

In Spring Semester 2013, Rosinka will take place at Campus View Apartments (800 North Union Street, Bloomington) in room 120 on Fridays, 5:00-6:00. Classes will begin on Friday, January 25 and continue through Friday, April 26.

Rosinka is sponsored by the IU Russian and East European Institute and the IU RPS Area Coordinator’s Office. A modest fee of $50 per family (not child) will be charged to cover the cost of materials and other operating expenses.

To learn more about Rosinka and enroll children, contact: Mark Trotter at 812-856-5247 or martrott@indiana.edu.

*Children younger than 5 will also be considered for admission to the program, pending staff availability.