

June 30, 2008

Dear Summer Institute Participants:

We are excited to welcome you to campus next week for the start of the 2008 Summer Institute for First-Year Students as well as your Summer Orientation Session! Our team is working this week to make final preparations for the program and our field trips together.

This email will address many logistical questions that you and your fellow incoming students have broached since our last contact. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to read it today, if possible, as we may require some additional and timely information from you prior to your arrival on campus.

Summer Orientation on Monday, July 7 & Tuesday, July 8: All students who will be attending the Summer Institute will spend their first two days on campus registering for classes, receiving their student ID cards, and getting oriented to the university community as part of [Summer Orientation](#) Session II. You have already been registered for this Orientation, and should have heard from an Orientation Counselor by now with additional details. If your parents will be joining you at Orientation, please respond to this email to let us know.

A few of you attended Orientation Session I last week, and will *not* be asked to attend Orientation Session II as well; we ask that you plan to join our group on Tuesday afternoon (see below).

Welcome and Program Introduction on Tuesday, July 8: After the conclusion of Summer Orientation at 12:00pm on Tuesday, please proceed to Wishnick Hall, Room 116, for your official welcoming to the Summer Institute. This will be your first chance to get to know your peers and the faculty and staff who will teach and support you throughout your time at IIT. We will provide lunch and discuss with you the schedule and activities of the Summer Institute.

Summer Institute from Wednesday, July 9 – Friday, August 1: The Summer Institute program will begin at 9:00am on Wednesday, July 9 in Crown Hall. We welcome you to join us for breakfast at 8:00am in the MTCC's Center Court. Breakfast and lunch will be provided for you each day. The Summer Institute will conclude on Friday, August 1, with scheduled activities, followed by a farewell and summarial event for students and their families on Saturday, August 2 (time and place TBD). Please see the updated schedule, attached.

What to bring and what to prepare for: We will be providing the course materials themselves (books, problem sets, etc.), but would like each student to bring something to write in and something to write with. Since we will have access to a computer lab, you do not need a calculator. However, please bring *all* materials required for Orientation, which are listed online [here](#), to the Summer Institute as well.

If you are a Permanent Resident (if you hold a Green Card) or are a citizen of a country other than the United States, please complete and return the attached form ("ACCESS INFO for Tours 2008") by fax (630-252-5274) or e-mail (patcanaday@anl.gov) by Wednesday, July 2. As part of the Summer Institute we will be taking a field trip to Argonne National Laboratory, a U.S. Government-owned facility, and you will need to fill out a form for clearance two weeks prior to our outing. We apologize for the short notice, but are excited that our group has been granted the opportunity to visiting the celebrated Argonne facility!

Housing Information: If you are traveling to IIT from out-of-state and will be living in the residence halls during the Summer Institute and have not yet spoken with Christy Drescher about housing opportunities and your travel plans, please contact her immediately at 312.567.3975 or drescher@iit.edu. An IIT representative will meet you at the airport and escort you to campus.

Transportation Information: If you live in Illinois, you will be traveling by your own means to and from the Summer Institute daily. We want to make sure that you have access to a few important resources, which are listed below and can be accessed online.

Directions to campus:

http://www.iit.edu/about/directions_main.html

Parking at IIT:

If you are driving and parking on campus, you will want to contact IIT's [Parking Services](#). You may reach them by telephone at 312-567-8968 or via email at parking@iit.edu. Parking Services offers a week-long visitor parking pass for \$25. To obtain this pass, please visit their office in Hermann Hall, Room 201 (3241 S. Federal St.). Otherwise, you can obtain a parking sticker at the visitor lots which charge \$1/hour – just remember to bring cash!

Chicago Transit Authority (inside Chicago):

<http://yourcta.com/> (general);

<http://www3.yourcta.com/> (rates);

<http://yourcta.com/maps/systemmaps.html> (maps)

Metra (in Chicagoland):

<http://www.metrarail.com/> (general);

<http://metrarail.com/Data/farechk.html> (rates);

http://metrarail.com/System_map/index.html (maps)

Lastly, Your Classmates: You are one of twenty-eight incoming students who will attend the 2008 Summer Institute for First-Year Students at IIT! I am attaching a list of those who will join you, as well as their hometown and major, so that you may familiarize yourself with their names before you meet them next week.

Please contact Marya Spont, at 312.567.6979 or spont@iit.edu, if you have any additional questions about the Summer Institute. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Sincerely,

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