

Hi, Everyone!

(FYI: Youth participants and Facilitators will also be receiving another email - in addition to this - so if you have other questions - you might want to check for that email first)

Sorry for the delay in getting this information to you.

Are you ready? It's gonna be amazing – thanks to all who've registered and sent in your forms/fees!

If possible, please email me with your flight info and housing info, just so we can try and get a better feel for things before Friday. Summit Registration will take place at the Hostel from 5:00pm-9:00pm on Friday night, and at 10:00am at the HotHouse on Saturday morning (if you are in town on Friday, please try and take care of registration then). At that time, we will confirm your registration (please bring fee if you weren't able to snail mail it) and you will receive your summit badge & registration folder (schedule/summit directory/maps/contact lists/showcase lineups/etc). At this time, you will also sign up for workshops, as room sizes determine the capacity. If you paid for your T-shirt in advance, you will also receive it there – if not, you will have the opportunity to purchase t-shirts throughout the Summit for \$15.

Unfortunately, we didn't have enough money to rent vantrucks this year, so we're asking folks to take the train from the airports to the Hostel. It's a cheap and direct ride, as well as a way for you to see Chicago from above and below. There will also be a few more times that everyone will be taking the trains (Youth Day on Friday to Chinatown, Group Challenge on Saturday, and the Showcases on both Saturday and Sunday). Please let us know if you have any health/physical issues, and we will try and get you picked up instead. Directions to the Hostel from the airports are below.

One way fares are \$1.50, but since you'll be taking the El for other Summit activities, your best bet would be to get a 1, 3 or even 5 day pass (depending on how long you're in town), because they are for unlimited rides per day - as far as Summit activities, you will only need a 3-day pass (Fri/Sat/Sun), as all of Monday's events are walking distance. You can purchase these passes at both airport CTA stations (24 hour vending machines), the Hostel, and City Currency Exchanges (<http://chicagotransitauthority.com/maps/fares.html#outlet>). The prices are as follows:

1-Day Visitor Pass for \$5.00  
2-Day Visitor Pass for \$9.00  
3-Day Visitor Pass for \$12.00  
5-Day Visitor Pass for \$18.00

Another email will be following in regards to the Showcase, please look out for it! Please feel free to email/instant message/call me with any questions. If you haven't yet, please try and email me your flight/housing info - as it would just be good to have, in case of emergency and whatnot.

I have attached the Summit Schedule & Preliminary Contact List, so please take a look and hopefully it helps you plan our the weekend, because you won't want to miss anything! =) We will be providing maps and directions to all of the locations in your registration packet. Please take special note of workshops, as you will be signing up when you check-in!

Thanks again, safe travel wishes to everyone - can't wait to see yall!!!! Take care.

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**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION DIRECTIONS  
FROM THE AIRPORTS TO THE HOSTEL:**  
**<http://www.hichicago.org/directions.htm>**  
Hostelling International – Chicago  
24 E. Congress Parkway  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Phone (312) 360-0300

\*\*\*For the Subway, follow the signs to the Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) subway to Chicago-Loop (the Subway terminals are AT/IN the airports).

**FROM O'HARE AIRPORT:**

**CTA Subway**

BLUE line; O'Hare Airport to JACKSON stop.

For the subway, follow the signs to Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), subway to Chicago. The subway station is underground.

Walk to the hostel from JACKSON stop: follow Dearborn Street south, turn left at Congress Pkwy, 3 blocks east to Wabash, the hostel is on the corner of Congress and Wabash.

**FROM MIDWAY AIRPORT:**

**CTA Subway**

ORANGE line; Midway Airport to LIBRARY stop (Van Buren and State), \$1.50

At the airport, follow the signs to Chicago Transit Authority (CTA), subway to Chicago. It is a long walk from the airport to the subway. Take the ORANGE line to the LIBRARY (Van Buren and State) stop. Walk to the hostel: follow State Street south one block, turn left at Congress Pkwy, one block east to Wabash, the hostel is on the corner of Congress and Wabash.