June 10, 2014

Dear PAN teacher participant,

We at NSCL/JINA outreach are pleased that you will participate in the PAN program from July 28-August 1 (dorms opening July 27). This mailing contains links to program information, much of which has been collected on the PAN 2014 wiki (bookmark this page!).

- A current schedule for the week of the program. (you’re in week 1)
- A map of campus highlighting points of interest.
- A letter detailing the process by which you can earn continuing education credit for PAN.
- A checklist of some things to pack (if you are staying in the dorm)

To prepare for PAN, review the “Background Articles on Cosmic Rays” and much more program-specific material on your PAN 2014 page or presentations from PAN 2013 (also linked from the PAN program website).

The PAN program begins at 8:50 am Monday, July 28. Please arrive before that time at the NSCL/FRIB building – the lobby entrance is in the glass section at the northwest corner of the building. Refer to the linked schedule for more details on daily activities. The program is done at about 3pm on Friday to allow time for travelling home, though some are staying until Saturday morning.

If you are staying on campus, your home will be Phillips Hall. Please contact me with housing questions or concerns. If you will arrive on Sunday, July 27, the you can check in to your room any time at the Snyder lobby desk, but I will register you for PAN in the Snyder lobby from 8 – 9 pm, followed by a meeting with me at 9 pm. Meals will be served in the Snyder-Phillips Hall cafeteria (one of the best on campus), starting with Monday breakfast. The café is open for breakfast from 7-9 am, and dinner from 5-7 pm.

Lunches are provided to all PAN participants, including those not staying in dorms. Some lunches will be at NSCL, and the rest at the Snyder-Phillips cafeteria. Send special dietary requests to me.

If you have requested a parking permit, it will be provided when I first meet you on Sunday or Monday. The permit allows you to park in the ramp to the north of the cyclotron (Shaw Lane Parking Ramp R-1), and nowhere else on campus. You may park in any non-metered, non-reserved space there.

Dress for PAN is casual, but remember you’ll be moving between an air-conditioned lab and hot dorms.

Note that we will hold a session on the last day of the program where we all discuss how to incorporate PAN subjects in your teaching, and we encourage you to bring your own ideas (or demo equipment, if portable enough) to share with your colleagues!

I look forward to seeing you at PAN! Please allow enough time to find your way through the summer’s construction projects. If you have questions beforehand, contact me at pan@nscl.msu.edu or start meeting your fellow PAN 2014 participants on our Facebook group.

Sincerely,

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