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Dear PAN student participant,

We at NSCL/JINA outreach are pleased to welcome you to PAN@MSU from July 27-31 (dorms opening July 26). This mailing contains links to program information. Most importantly, please complete this survey within the next week so we can assess our student population. Remember, PAN is free to all participants.

Much useful information has been collected on the PAN 2015 wiki (bookmark this page!):

For all PAN students:

- An NSCL permission slip allowing you to tour the cyclotron, to be signed by your parent or guardian.
- A medical-emergency information form in case dorm or PAN staff need to obtain medical care for you.
- A current schedule for the week of the program. (you’re in week 2)
- A map of campus highlighting points of interest.

If you are staying in the dorm:

- A list of rules for staying in the dorm. Bring a signed copy with you to PAN.
- A checklist of some things to pack for your stay.

Links to share with your parents:

- An invitation to attend your poster session at the end of the program.
- The Guidebook app providing information about conferences at MSU (from 2014, but still useful)
- The PAN@MSU Program Handbook

To prepare for PAN, review the “Background information and readings” and much more program-specific material on your PAN 2015 page or presentations from PAN 2014 (also linked from the PAN program website).

The PAN program begins at 8:50 am Monday, July 27. Please arrive before that time at the Bio-medical and Physical Science Building (blue star on the map) – room 1300 is in the southern part 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 will leave early to catch flights.

If you are staying on campus, your home will be (tentatively) East Shaw Hall. Contact me with housing questions or concerns. If you will arrive on Sunday, July 26, the lobby desk will be open for check-in all day so you can get your room when you arrive. I will register you for PAN@MSU separately, from 8-9 pm in the East Shaw lounge, followed by a meeting with me at 9 pm. Meals will be served in Shaw Hall starting with Monday breakfast. Breakfast is from 7-9am, and dinner from 5-7 pm.

Lunches are provided to all PAN participants, including those not staying in dorms. Some lunches will be catered. MSU Cafeterias should be able to accommodate almost any dietary requests. I have your dietary requests from your acceptance forms, but if you have concerns, just contact 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.

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@MSU 2015 participants on our Facebook group.

Sincerely,

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