

Dear ABLE Participants,

I am looking forward to seeing you in two weeks! The weather here has been a bit cooler (in the upper 70's and low 80's) for now, however, the average temperature is in the mid 80's so expect warmer weather while you are here. We are ready for great major and mini workshops and poster presentations! I wanted to let you know of some last minute changes at the conference and give you arrival information.

1. Check-in will be in Kenan residence hall (North campus) and NOT in Alderman residence hall as the schedule indicates. For those of you who are staying in the dorms, you will check-in at Kenan Hall and then you can go to your assigned dorm (either Alderman or McIver). The dorms are all next to each other in a U-shape. Vehicles can pull up to the back of Kenan (Battle Lane) for drop off and pick up. Parking passes (if you indicated you needed one at registration) will be distributed at check-in with your conference materials.

Check-in to the dorm and conference registration will be available in Kenan Hall on:

Monday 8am-10pm

Tuesday 12pm-10pm

If you arrive outside of these hours, there will be a phone number posted on the entrance doors of Kenan Hall for you to call a conference staff person to let you in to the residence hall. Starting Wednesday, conference registration will be held in Wilson Hall 108A.

2. The linen packet that you paid for at registration does not include a blanket. To receive a blanket you will need to pay \$3.00 at check-in. I apologize for the inconvenience.
3. Housing has also switched the dining hall for our conference due to renovations. Instead of having breakfast at Lenoir Hall, breakfast will now be offered at Rams Head Dining Hall (Chase Dining Hall) behind the George Watts Hill Alumni Center on Ridge Road. Rams Head Dining Hall is further than Lenoir Dining Hall, but there is on-campus bus service and possibly a shuttle service for those of you who wish to use it. It is a ~15 minute walk from the residence halls to the dining hall. The U Bus runs from a stop directly across the residence halls on Raleigh Street to the Alumni Center as it makes its way around campus. It is fare free. I have provided a link for you to look at the building locations on campus.

http://maps.unc.edu/CampusMaps/PdfMaps/central_campus_Map_A_B_Index_phonebk_2010_Sept.pdf

4. If you signed up for the Lemur Center trip, it is suggested to wear closed walking shoes and a hat. Bug spray is available at the center unless you prefer to use your own. Cameras are allowed in the outdoor facility. Good walking shoes, light clothing, a hat and sunscreen are also needed for the Triassic Basin trip. Water and lunch will be provided for all fields trips.

5. Last, the Wednesday evening mixer sponsored by Hayden-McNeil/W.H. Freeman is free to all participants. Please join us for dinner and drinks in the Alumni Hall in the George Watts Hill Alumni Center Wednesday evening at 6pm. We hope to see you there!

If you have any questions, feel free to email me. I look forward to seeing you in a couple of weeks.

Safe travels!

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