

July 3, 2009

Dear CARMA Summer School Students,

Fifteen of the 20 students have posted travel plans to the Wiki site. This is a reminder to please post your itinerary on the Wiki. Doing so serves as confirmation for us to know you will be attending summer school and that you have secured both air and land transportation to the school.

Below are frequently asked questions and answers:

Q1: Are there any detailed maps of how to get to the CARMA site from local airports, or from the CARMA site to OVRO (location of the dorms and cottage)?

A1: Directions/Maps to CARMA are on the Wiki under "Air and Land Directions to CARMA." Click on "Detailed driving directions." Select the directions you need. Also included is information on markets, gas stations, how to avoid getting a speeding ticket, photos of road signs, and other useful items posted by Marc Pound, school staff member.

Q2: Is dinner provided on Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>?

A2: No. You are responsible for providing meals prior to breakfast Monday morning, July 13. Please eat dinner on Sunday before arriving, bring food for Sunday night dinner, or make arrangements to find a place to eat. There are a few restaurants in Big Pine (the nearest town), and many more in Bishop (20 miles to the north).

Q3: I am camping. Where do I go to check in and get directions to the campgrounds?

A3: Upon arrival to the CARMA site, please check in at the Control Room for directions to the campgrounds. Also, email Mary if you will be arriving to CARMA before 7/12 or departing after 7/18 so we know if we need to request accommodations for additional days.

Q4: I do not have land transportation yet. What are my options?

A4: Every student is responsible for providing his/her own air and land transportation. Option 1: Reserve a rental car. If you are renting a car and have space for additional passengers, please post how many passengers you would be willing to take so students can contact you. Option 2: Post your itinerary to the

Wiki along with the request that you need a ride. We encourage students to share rides/carpool when possible.

Q5: What happens if I miss my shared car ride due to a flight delay?

A5: Emergency Back-up Transportation Plan: In the event that your flight is delayed and you miss your ride or something else happens to delay your arrival, please call the CARMA Control Room at (760) 938-2075 ext 181 to notify us of what has happened. Then, you will need to rent a car at the airport and drive to the CARMA site.

Q6: Where do I go for meals?

A6: If you are staying at OVRO (in the valley), than you can have breakfast in the OVRO kitchen or choose to head up to the Control Building. If you choose this option, you will need to plan for a 25 minute drive to the Control Building for an 8 am class Monday morning. (Classes will begin at 9 am thereafter.) If you are camping, you will want to have breakfast in the Control Building, where classes are held.

Breakfast takes place between 7 and 8 am each day. Lunch and dinner will always take place in the Control Building.

Q7: Where should I go on the first day of class, July 13<sup>th</sup>?

A7: To the CARMA Control Room Building.

Q8: What time should I show up on the first day of class?

A8: 8 am. Again, classes will resume at 9 am from Tuesday on.

Q9: How do I pay for my accommodations and how do I know how much to pay?

A9: Mary will be sending an email communicating information about your lodging fees. Unless you are from an institution that is a CARMA affiliate (in which case your institution will be invoiced), you will need to bring exact payment in the form of cash or check with you to summer school. Fees will be collected once there. Note: Credit cards will not be accepted.

If you have any additional questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mary.