



2023 Chicago IRL - External

Wednesday August 9th - Friday August 11th

Chicago IRL Agenda 2023

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Arrive to Chicago mid/late afternoon. Check the [page](#) to sign up for a dinner slot.

Thursday, August 10, 2023

- Breakfast in the Union Conference Room at 320 S Canal St.
- 15-minute ice breaker followed by an opening ceremony where Austin will give a presentation.
- Departmental Round Tables where each department head will hold a Q&A about their organization. There will be 6 tables and small groups will rotate round round to have a chance to ask questions. Each table will last about 10 minutes.
- Lunch will be served in the conference room and attendees can take time to do IRL 1:1s or make connections with project teammates.

- Crafting & Games will be made available as well.
- Consulting Improv, which will be practical and fun, and no homework is required.
- Practical Team Training where snacks & beverages will be available.
- Delivery and Sales+Marketing will have separate breakout sessions at this time.
- The sessions will end at 4:45pm to get ready for the evening activities.
- Attendees will start heading to activities at 5:00pm, followed by dinner at Beatrix from 7:00pm to 9:00pm and an optional night cap at Highline from 9:00pm to 11:00pm.

Friday, August 11, 2023

The following is the schedule for Friday, August 11th:

- 8:00 - 8:45am: Breakfast, meet in Union Conference Room at 320 S Canal
- 9:00 - 10:00am: Lightning Talks
- 10:00 - 10:15am: Break
- 10:15 - 11:00am: Closing Ceremony, including Anniversaries (Rachel), MMVP (Katy), Superlatives (Lindsey), and Wrap-up (Luke & JT)
- 11:00 - 12:00pm: Lunch in the conference room
- 12:00pm: Finish! We'll need to be out of the conference room at noon. If your flight leaves later in the afternoon, you can head over to the office at 433 W Van Buren!
- 12:15pm onwards: Backgammon in the office, for anyone interested. Unstructured games and free lessons.

Hotel Information

Rooms will be booked for you. You will receive your confirmation number a couple weeks before the trip.

Hilton Garden Inn - Central Loop

245 S. Franklin St.
Chicago, IL, 60606

Travel Planning / General Scheduling

Wednesday, August 9th: work Wednesday morning and **fly out in the afternoon & arrive in Chicago anytime that evening.**

Thursday, August 10th: plan on being present for a full day of activities.

Friday, August 11th: plan to meet in the morning through lunch. **Our closing ceremony will be during lunch and end at 12pm. Please plan on leaving the IRL any time after noon to catch flights afterwards.** This is flexible, if you need to leave earlier, just let your manager know.

Lightning Talks

This will be 60 minutes exactly if we stay on time, with 1 min of Q&A for each talk.

These are the topics and presenters for the lightning talks:

- JT: Electric Scooters
- Hannah: Why I Love Climbing
- John Durkin: Reusable Rockets / Modern Rocket Development
- Ash: Diabetes - Facts and Tech
- Lindsey: Something Along the Lines of... Host a Party That Builds Connection and You Don't Lose Your Mind
- Rowan: Spacecraft Software
- Katy S: Could You Have Two?
- Emily: Basic Bee Behavior - How They Make Decisions and Other Fun Facts
- Reggie: Fidget Toys
- Travis: Origins of JavaScript

Meal Plans for Chicago IRL 2023

Wednesday Dinners (optional)

Choose between:

Bub City

Reservation for 10 @ 7:30pm

Purple Pig

Award winning chef/restaurant in Chicago!

Reservation for 9 @ 6:15pm

Wildfire

LEYE restaurant - American/Steak/Seafood

Reservation for 10 @ 7pm

Pilsen Yards

Mexican food/bar (hosts DJ's typically too)

Reservation for 10 @ 7:30pm

Thursday All-Company Dinner & Night Cap

Where

Beatrix River North! A LEYE Restaurant

There will be vegan and vegetarian options. If you have any other specific dietary restrictions, please let Rachel D'Ascanio know.

519 N Clark St, Chicago, IL 60654

When:

Reservation: 7 - 9pm.

Most will arrive around 7:20 after activities. Dinner will start at 7:30 and the bar will close at 9pm, but we can hangout until 9:30pm.

After dinner, head to Highline Bar for an optional night cap from 9pm - 11pm. This bar has arcade games for added fun times!

169 W. Kinzie St. Chicago, IL 60654

7 min walk from Beatrix

17 min walk | 8 min drive back to hotel

Chicago IRL Activities

We have 4 activity options for everyone to choose from on Thursday night.

1 Hour Kayaking tour on the River with Urban Kayaks

Take a kayak out on the River for a guided evening tour and some cool views of the city!

15 Spots Available

5:15pm depart from the Conference Center | 5:45pm start time

Depart from the conference center @5:15 to arrive at the docks at 5:30. The kayaking will start promptly at 5:45. There are lockers to hold your things if need be.

Kayaking will end at 6:45, please call Ubers/Lyfts to arrive at 7pm. You can walk, too, but try to make it to Beatrix by 7:30 at the latest!

Dart Throwing and Drinks at Flight Club

Flight Club offers a super-charged social gaming experience like no other, with multi-player games set in semi-private playing areas, delicious food, and amazing bespoke cocktails.

12 Spots Available

5:15pm depart from the Hotel | 5:30pm start time

Depart from the office @5:15 to arrive at Flight Club at 5:30.

The reservation will end at 7pm, please call Ubers/Lyfts or start walking to Beatrix by 7pm!

Cocktail Mixing Class at Rhine Hall Distillery

Enjoy a Rhine House cocktail while taking a mini-tour of the distillery, and learning a little bit about their process. The group will taste 2 additional Rhine Hall spirits while learning about cocktail tools and basics before really getting started! The class will consist of 2 cocktails, 1 shaken and 1 stirred.

12 Spots Available

5pm depart from the office building | 5:30pm start time

Depart from the office building at 5pm to arrive at the distillery at 5:30. The event will start promptly at 5:30 so please be on time!

The class will end at 7. Lyft/Uber will be scheduled to arrive at 7 to bring you to Beatrix for dinner.

Color Factory Chicago - Interactive Color Museum

An interactive journey through 14 immersive art exhibits as stunning as they are colorful. The museum celebrates the many shades of Chicago – from the blue stripes of its iconic flag to the green pickles atop a Chicago dog.

Visits to Color Factory include surprise giveaways, sweet treats, and complimentary digital photos that capture every step of your journey through the experience. Designed in partnership with an exceptional roster of local and international artists and collaborators, this multi-hued homage to Chicago will leave you inspired.

9 Spots Available

5:15pm depart from the office building | 5:30pm start time

Depart from the office building at 5:15pm to arrive at the museum at 5:30ish. The tickets are for a start time of 5:30 so please be on time!

Please head out from the museum by 7pm latest. If you're walking, leave at 6:45ish. Lyft/Uber should be called to arrive at 7 to bring you to Beatrix for dinner.

