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Participant Information Packet

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Integrative Learning Center, Amherst, MA

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Disclaimer About Information Packet

Hackathons are fluid events: many things change on the spot! As a result, some of the information in this packet may change before or during the HackUMass VII. Be sure to check Slack (which you can join at dashboard.hackumass.com) for updates. If you have any additional questions not answered on this sheet, please email team@hackumass.com.

When words are Pleasant Pink it means they are hyperlinked.

Outline of Day of Schedule

HackUMass will start off in the Campus Center and then take place in the Integrative Learning Center (ILC) after Opening Ceremony during Friday, October 18th to Sunday, October 20th. Participant check-in will open at **7PM**. Check-in will be located in the Campus Center, and signage will direct you to the proper area. The Opening Ceremony will be from **9PM** to **10:30PM** on Friday, October 18th. Midnight is when the hackathon will officially begin, and you will be able to start hacking. Closing Ceremony will be from 3 PM to 4 PM on Sunday, October 20th in the ILC. You can see a live-updated list of events by logging into your HackUMass Dashboard. Please visit the website to see the full weekend schedule. You can also visit **hackumass.com/schedule** without logging in.

How to Get Here

Integrative Learning Center

Address: 650 N Pleasant St, Amherst, MA 01003

Directions to Campus by UMass Amherst's Visitors Center:

https://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/directions

Map of Campus by UMass Amherst's Visitors Center:

http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/sites/default/files/maps/campus-map.pdf

DRIVING

From Boston:

1. Take I-90W, I-91N and Take Exit 4 (West Springfield).

2. Follow I-91 North to Exit 19. From the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9.

3. Drive approximately 4.5 miles to Route 116 North (turn left at traffic lights).

From Hartford, New York City, or Providence

1. From I-91 North, take Exit 19 in Northampton.

2. From the exit ramp, turn right onto Route 9.

3. Drive approximately 4.5 miles to Route 116 North (turn left at traffic lights).

4. The UMass exit is 1 mile up.

BUSES

We will be sending complimentary round-trip buses to the following locations:

New York City - 1 bus
Boston - 1 buses

NOTE: You can view information on these buses by going to the #boston_bus and #new_york_bus channels.

If all the seats are full, you can try the alternatives listed below:
Peter Pan Bus Website: https://peterpanbus.com/
Peter Pan Bus Lines: (800) 343-999 (Reserve seats in advance)
Take the bus to the Amherst Umass, MA bus stop.

FLYING

We prefer you fly to Logan International Airport (BOS) in Boston, MA, and then take a bus to UMass Amherst.

An alternative way to get to UMass Amherst by flying is to the Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Springfield/Hartford and drive to the campus (51 minute drive) or taking a Peter Pan Bus from Hartford Union Station to UMass Amherst.

TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENTS

We will not be giving travel reimbursements this year, however we are sending out two buses, one to Boston and one to New York City. Please see our emails regarding the buses if you'd like to reserve a seat.

The #carpooling channel in the HackUMass Attendee Slack (mentioned in email) is where you can broadcast where you'll be traveling from to other attendees and find others to travel with.

When you Arrive

PARKING

You are able to park anywhere on campus which is not restricted. Please see the university parking map at the following URL:

umass.edu/transportation/sites/default/files/mapCampusParking.pdf

We have limited parking spaces available for our participants in the Campus Center Parking Garage. After parking in the campus garage, please see an organizer/volunteer at check-in (Campus center) to receive a parking pass which you will be required to turn in when you leave. Passes will be handed out on a first come first served basis.

In the case of overflow: Please park at a metered spot (or in the parking garage) on Friday evening, and then move your car to any non-reserved lot after 7pm on Friday (these lots are free to park in during the weekend!).

CHECK-IN

If you are taking the bus there will be a volunteer waiting outside where you will get dropped off. They will direct you to the Campus Center where there will be tables set up for registration. We will open registration for participants at 7 PM. If you are late and arrive after 10 PM, please go straight to the Integrative Learning Center.

Who to Contact

POLICE CONTACTS

umpd@admin.umass.edu

(413) 545-2121 non-emergency

(413) 545-3111 emergency or 911

Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

From your cell, call (413) 545-3111 for the quickest response for emergencies. This is the UMPD (UMass Police Department) emergency number. If you call 911 from your cell, you reach the MA State Police who will transfer you to UMPD.

Say that you are located at the UMass Amherst Integrative Learning Center if you call 911 from your cell. Dialing 911 from campus landline phones automatically connects you to UMPD Emergency.

HACKUMASS CONTACT

During the event, a dedicated team of HackUMass organizers will be on call to assist you if you are lost or need help with anything. Please go to Room N111 on the first floor of the ILC for assistance or email us at team@hackumass.com. You can also find us on slack. All the organizers have usernames in the format [HUM] Organizer Name.

What to Expect

INTERACTING WITH SPONSORS AND MENTORS

There are going to be 800+ attendees at the event and most of them will be very excited to speak with mentors and company representatives. Attendees will have the opportunity to interact with mentors/sponsors throughout the event. There are going to be many hackers looking to talk to sponsors about their project or for recruitment. In the Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center there will be a sponsor tabling session from 10:30 PM to 12 Midnight on Friday October 18th where students are encouraged to talk to companies. Companies will also have representatives at their tables throughout Saturday.

FORMING TEAMS

There will be Idea Jams going on the beginning of the event, where teams will be pitching their idea and other participants can choose to join teams based on what idea is most interesting. Check the schedule for details.

The #teamforming channel on our Slack is where you can display your ideas to other confirmed attendees and form teams with them before the

event. We recommend directly messaging people you're interested in forming teams with, and getting proper contact information so it's easier to meet once at the event. Find people, make friends, make cool projects and have fun!

We recommend a team size of **four** because our prizes are based on that number of people per team. If your team has more than four people on it, you will only receive four prizes! If less, you will receive one prize per person on the team.

FOOD

There will be 6 meals spaced out throughout the event. These meals will take place at Blue Wall in the Campus Center, Worcester Dining Commons, and in the Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center. The Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center will be the location for breakfasts. Worcester Dining Commons will be the location for lunches. Blue Wall will be the location for dinners, and be aware that Blue Wall will close at **10 PM**. Snacks and beverages will be available throughout HackUMass in the Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center. Allergy or food restriction options will be available during every meal, if you have any questions about these options please email Michaela Digan at or another organizer via Slack.

MINI EVENTS

We have many different mini-events planned such as Chess Club, Video Games, Board Games and more. There will also be workshops and tech talks hosted including 3D printing workshops, beginner level workshops, and more. You can see a live-updated list of events by logging into your

HackUMass Dashboard.

Board Games - Second floor, next to room S220 from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm on Saturday. There are various board games hosted by the UMass Game Hobbyists' League and HackUMass volunteers will be moderating the area.

Video Games - There shall be various video games setups available on Saturday from 10:00 pm to 11:30 pm in S220.

HARDWARE/RESOURCES

The hardware check-out table will be next to N155. You will need to provide one form of government issued identification for us to hold onto while you are using the hardware. A complete list of hardware can be found on your hackumass.com dashboard.

PRIZES

List of both Prizes and Prize Categories can be found on the hackumass.com dashboard.

JUDGING

Project demos will be in the Lobby of the Integrative Learning Center. There will also be tables set up for demoing on the second floor.

Judging will be based on Originality, Execution, Technical Complexity, and Presentation.

DEMO EXPO

The Demo Expo is when teams present their projects. **Your project does not need to be completed to be at the Demo Fair.** The Demo Expo will take place in the Integrative Learning Center. Submit your project to the hackumass.com dashboard and we will give you a number. Go to the table with that number on it. During the demo expo you will be showcasing your project just like a science fair project.

CODE OF CONDUCT

All attendees, mentors, organizers, sponsors, and volunteers have to adhere to the Major League Hacking Code of Conduct.

TL;DR Be respectful. Harassment and abuse are never tolerated. If you are in a situation that makes you uncomfortable at an officially sanctioned MLH event, if the event itself is creating an unsafe or inappropriate environment, or if interacting with a MLH representative or event organizer makes you uncomfortable, please report it using the procedures included in this [MLH Code of Conduct] document.

The HackUMass team will be enforcing the code of conduct and **we will take action** if there are any violations. Please report any inappropriate behavior by any individuals (participants, staff, volunteers, company representatives, and others) at the event to an organizer and we will take the appropriate action. Our goal is to make this event an enjoyable experience for everybody involved.

Who is sponsoring and partnering with us?

A complete list of our company sponsors and partners can be found on our website.

What to Bring

HACKING GEAR

Hacking gear should include laptops, chargers, USB chargers, battery packs, external hard drives, monitors, usb cables, transfer cables, change of clothing, pillow, blanket, etc. If you do not have a laptop, laptops will be provided for use in select rooms.

HYGIENE AND AMENITIES

As hygiene is important for this event, make sure to bring toothbrushes, towels, deodorant, and extra toiletries if needed. There are bathrooms located throughout the whole building, including a gender neutral bathroom on the first floor. If you would like to take a shower, please find an organizer and we will take you to one of the recreational centers on campus to take a shower.

FAQ and Questions

Please visit hackumass.com to see our FAQs and if you have any questions or concerns email us at team@hackumass.com or send us a message via slack.

MAP

Map of Campus by UMass Amherst's Visiting Center:

http://www.umass.edu/visitorsctr/sites/default/files/maps/campus-map.pdf