**Emails to participants**

**Intro:**

Hello,

Thank you for signing up for the **Introduction to Python for ArcGIS** Workshop at the 2016 ILGISA Annual Conference. I am very excited to instruct this workshop once again. As a reminder, the workshop will be **Monday, October 17, 2016, 9:00 am to noon**. There will be a continental breakfast served starting at 8:00 am and lunch immediately after.

**If you are no longer able to attend, please reply all to this email to let myself and Megan Gold know**. If you signed up for the afternoon workshop**, Advanced Python for ArcGIS, you will receive an additional email** following this one. If you thought you signed up for that as well, and did not receive an additional email, again please reply all to this email to let myself and Megan Gold know and we will get back to you.

I am also writing to simply check in with you to be sure you are prepared to get started right away Monday morning. As you should be aware, **you will need your own laptop PC with ArcGIS Desktop 10.x installed and licensed** (we won’t use any extensions like Spatial or 3D Analyst, so don’t worry about that). **If this is a problem for you, please let me know**. If you would like to use ArcGIS Pro, you may try but it is not preferred. This workshop has not yet been adapted or tested for ArcGIS Pro, though I believe that all the code we go over should still work. I hope to briefly discuss how ArcGIS Pro plays into the overall picture concerning Python coding.

Although ArcGIS Desktop will install IDLE, a software for writing standalone Python code, **it is recommended that you download and install additional software** that will be better for writing Python code. It is called **PyScripter** and can be downloaded here: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/pyscripter/files/>. There are 2 ways to use PyScripter:

* Install it like a normal program
  + Download **PyScripter-v2.6.0-Setup.exe**, run the install file, open program
  + Admin privileges needed
* Run the portable version
  + Download **PyScripter-v2.6.0.zip**, extract, and run **PyScripter.exe**
  + Admin privileges ***NOT*** needed

Please test to make sure you can you use and open the software. Some organizations may block the download site. If that is the case no worries, we can deal with that during the workshop as **I will have portable USB drives with the software and data needed for the workshop**. We will go over this information at the beginning of the workshop to make sure everyone starts in the same place. **If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. I look forward to seeing you Monday.**

James

**Advanced:**

Hello,

Thank you for signing up for the **Advanced Python for ArcGIS** Workshop at the 2016 ILGISA Annual Conference. I am very excited to instruct this workshop once again. As a reminder, the workshop will be **Monday, October 17, 2016, 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm**. Lunch is provided immediately before.

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**If you did not register for the morning introduction workshop**, I do expect that you have some beginner level Python experience for this workshop. If you need a refresher, I recommend Codecademy (<https://www.codecademy.com/learn/python>) or Tutorials Point (<https://www.tutorialspoint.com/python/>). There are many others too.

For this workshop, I use **PyScripter** as my Python IDE and it can be downloaded here: <http://sourceforge.net/projects/pyscripter/files/>. There are 2 ways to use PyScripter:

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You may use any IDE you are comfortable with. If you wish to use PyScripter, please test to make sure you can you use and open the software. Some organizations may block the download site. If that is the case no worries, we can deal with that during the workshop as **I will have portable USB drives with the software and data needed for the workshop**. We will go over this information at the beginning of the workshop to make sure everyone starts in the same place. **If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email me. I look forward to seeing you Monday.**

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