

2010 Bio-ITEST Summer Workshop Housing Information

Deadline to Inform NWABR if you intend to use ITEST Group Rates: Tuesday, June 1, 2010

If you intend to use Bio-ITEST group rate housing at the University of Washington and/or Best Western, please let us know via phone or email so that we may reserve a sufficient number of rooms at the group rate. Please call us at (206) 947-3337 or email (dkovarik@nwabr.org) to let us know which week(s) you would like housing. If you will be staying at the University of Washington, please let us know if you prefer single or double occupancy (see below).

Housing for Week 1:

University of Washington (UW), Seattle, WA

Sunday evening, August 1, 2010 through Sunday morning, August 8, 2010

Deadline for UW Housing Registration and Payment: Sunday, July 11, 2010

For the first week of the Bio-ITEST workshop, we have arranged for housing on the University of Washington campus. The rates for UW housing are very competitive relative to local hotels and the proximity to downtown and regular Metro bus service makes travel to and from the workshop, as well as weekend sight-seeing, easier for teachers. The single occupancy rate is \$606.90; double occupancy is \$448.70. This cost includes 7 nights of housing (Sunday night, August 1- Saturday night, August 7), \$150 on a debit meal card, and sales tax. We provide breakfast, lunch and snacks during the workshop, and the debit card at UW is for weekday dinners, weekend meals and snacks. We can help arrange a roommate for the double occupancy rooms (i.e. another teacher from the workshop) or UW will assign you one if you have no preference but request double occupancy. To register for a room, and view the UW housing policies, please visit the link below. The link will remain active until midnight on Monday, July 26, 2010. However, registration after July 11, 2010 will result in a late registration charge.

<https://regstg.com/Registration/Registration.aspx?rid=30c7b036-9cf9-4ec5-93ed-f4aaabe8b72a>

Buses between the University of Washington and Shoreline Community College

King County Metro offers daily bus service between the University of Washington and Shoreline Community College. The route #75 travels directly between the two campuses (i.e. no transfers are needed) and leaves from NE Campus Parkway and University Bay 2 every 30 minutes. Travel time approximately 45 minutes and the fare is \$2.75 each way.

Housing for Week 2:

Best Western Alderwood, Lynnwood, WA

Sunday evening, August 8, 2010 through Friday morning, August 13, 2010

Deadline for Best Western Reservation at Bio-ITEST Group Rate: Sunday, July 25, 2010

For week 2 of the workshop, we have contracted for a group rate of \$76.94 per night (including tax) at the Best Western Alderwood Hotel. This cost does not include dinner for week 2, but the hotel is located close to restaurants and the Alderwood mall. **To book your room at Best Western, call (800) 205-6935 and mention our group name, "Bio-ITEST Teachers Workshop."** A nonrefundable deposit of 50% of the cost of the total stay is due and payable two weeks prior to arrival. For more information about the hotel and amenities, visit the hotel's website at:

<http://book.bestwestern.com/bestwestern/productInfo.do?propertyCode=48155>

Walking and Buses between the Best Western Lynnwood and the EdLab Group

The Best Western Alderwood hotel is about a 15 minute walk (0.7 miles) to the EdLab Group, where the second week of the workshop will be held. To see the Google walking map, visit:

http://maps.google.com/maps?f=d&dirflg=w&utm_campaign=en&utm_medium=ha&utm_source=en-ha-na-us-bk-dd&utm_term=Walking

Parking is also available at both sites and carpooling is encouraged. However, Community Transit buses are available. For more information, contact Dina Kovarik at dkovarik@nwabr.org.

Research Institution Tour Day: Monday, August 9, 2010

On **Monday, August 9th** Bio-ITEST teachers and staff will be touring local research institutions to see how bioinformatics is used by scientists today. Teachers and Bio-ITEST staff will visit the Rosen lab in South Lake Union, near downtown Seattle, and the Institute for Systems Biology in the Fremont neighborhood of Seattle. It is our hope to arrange carpools among teachers staying at the Best Western hotel, but bus service to and from the tour sites is available. Fares are \$3.75 each way. If you are interested in buses or carpooling, please contact Dina Kovarik at dkovarik@nwabr.org for more information.

Travel Scholarships

Please notify us that you would like to be considered for the travel scholarship. If you qualify, submit your receipt(s) for your travel and/or housing, and the Bio-ITEST program will reimburse you up to \$500. It is our hope that the Travel Scholarship plus the stipend will cover most, if not all, of your out-of-pocket expenses.