Information on Arriving Early at JLAB 2018

Below are details about an option that allows teams to spend more time in Washington, DC. However, this is just an option; many teams will arrive on Friday, June 22 in time for the official start of JLAB 2018.

**Early Arrival** – Teams may arrive as early as Wednesday, June 20 (after 2 PM) or Thursday, June 21.

**Details:**
- Cost for 5 person team (one adult and four cadets) - $240/night ($480 for two nights)
- Cost for additional adult (chaperone) arriving early - $50/night ($100 for two nights)
- Price includes lodging in the dorms (does not include meals, sightseeing, etc.)
- Instructor will be responsible for the safety, security, meals, sightseeing/activities for the team until JLAB officially begins at 5 PM on Friday, June 22 (exception – teams traveling from CA or other distances that do not permit team to arrive by 5 PM on Friday, June 22; we will work with those teams individually)
- There are fast food restaurants and delis within walking distance of campus. Pizza can also be delivered to campus.
- The metro/subway stop is a block from campus (5 minute walk from the dorm) so transportation downtown is easy to navigate and inexpensive (ex. $2-$2.50 each way from the university to Smithsonian stop).
- Many sites in Washington, DC are free to the public including 19 Smithsonian Museums and Zoo, memorials on the Mall, and Arlington National Cemetery. Tours of the White House and U.S. Capitol can be arranged through your Congressman (must start this process early). There is also a free military history pageant – Twilight Tattoo – performed on Wednesday June 20 at Ft. Myer. For more information, go to: http://www.twilight.mdw.army.mil/.

A payment form is below. All payment for additional nights in the dorm is due by April 27.
Additional Details

Lodging

Teams are allowed to arrive and stay in the dorms as early as Wednesday, June 20 (after 2PM). The cost to stay in the dorms for each additional night will be $240 for four cadets and one instructor (cost for a chaperone – additional $50/night). Cadets and adults will be assigned to dorm rooms by gender. They will stay in the same rooms for the duration of the early arrival and JLAB. This is a very affordable option if your team would like to spend more time exploring Washington, DC.

Meals

The dining hall at Catholic University (CUA) will be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner. The cost for all-you-can-eat is $8.25-$11.75 per person, depending on the meal. There is also a food court in the Pryzbyla Center; however, summer hours are limited to lunch time (11AM-2PM).

There are also a number of restaurants in the Brookland area near CUA – check out this link for more info - http://www.monroestreetmarket.com/retail/. Local pizza places will deliver to the dorms.

Transportation

We highly recommend using the DC public transportation system (Metro) to get downtown to sightsee. The Metro (subway) stop closest to CUA is Brookland/CUA on the Red Line. The Metro is the easiest and least expensive method of travel around the DC area. For information on the DC Metro, go to: http://www.wmata.com/rail/. The cost of a one-way trip on the DC Metro from the Brookland/CUA station to the Smithsonian station ranges from $2.00-2.50 per person (depending on the time of day).

Special Activities

- Meet your Congressional Representative or Senator!

  We will work with your team to secure an invitation to your Representative’s office on Capitol Hill. It will be a great opportunity to introduce your cadets to their representative.

- Special Event on Wednesday, June 20 – Twilight Tattoo

  If you are arriving prior to 5 PM on Wednesday, June 20, consider taking your cadets to the U.S. Army Twilight Tattoo, which is held on Ft. Myer, VA.

  The Twilight Tattoo is an hour-long, live-action military pageant featuring Soldiers from The 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment (The Old Guard) and The U.S. Army Band "Pershing's Own." Experience a glimpse into American history through performances by The U.S. Army Blues, vocalists from The U.S. Army Band Downrange and U.S. Army Band Voices, The Old Guard Fife and Drum Corps, and The U.S. Army Drill Team. Preshow entertainment begins at
6:30pm and the Twilight Tattoo begins at 7:00pm and is an hour-long performance. For more information: http://twilight.mdw.army.mil/home.

We are offering round trip bus transportation for $7/person. Details are:

- $7/person (payable via form below)
- We have a limited number of seats on the bus; reservations will be taken on a first come/first served basis
- Your team must be ready to depart CUA campus at 4:30 PM on Wednesday, 6/20

If you do not wish to take the bus, you may get to Ft. Myer on your own and still join us at the event. Ft. Myer is accessible on the Metro at the Rosslyn stop (1 mile walk to Ft. Myer).

The performance is free. If you are interested in attending, please RSVP to Wendy (wdarling@collegeoptions.net) to let her know if you plan to attend and/or to reserve a spot on the bus. Even if you do not travel with us, we would like to register and attend as a group.

- **Special Event on Thursday, June 21 – Baseball at Nationals Park**

  On Thursday, June 21, the DC Nationals Major League Baseball team will host the Baltimore Orioles for a game at the beautiful Nationals Park. The game starts at 7:05 PM, but if possible you should plan to arrive early to look around the ballpark. The cost for transportation, food, and tickets is at your expense. The ballpark is accessible on the Metro (subway).

- **Smithsonian Museums, National Parks, Monuments, Memorials**

  Most of the museums, monuments and memorials in the Washington, DC area are free of charge. Treat your students to lessons in history, art, science, civics and culture that they could not get anywhere else.