

The International Center (IC) and the rest of Minnesota State University, Mankato, would like to thank you for selecting our university for your studies. We welcome you as you pursue your academic career with us.

Please read this email and print a copy to take with you.

Your transition to the United States may be difficult at first. This difficulty can be controlled by proper planning and understanding of the procedures used when you arrive.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

- Please plan to arrive at Mankato between **January 2-8, 2008**. This will allow you to have time to settle in and rest before the mandatory orientation sessions begin on January 9, 2008.
- When making your flight reservation, you will be flying in to the **Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport** (airport code is **MSP**).

TRANSPORTATION FROM THE MSP AIRPORT—*Mankato is 80 miles (around 128 kilometers)*

YOU are responsible for your own transportation. We recommend you take a shuttle (Land-to-Air transport shuttle) instead of a taxi cab (as a taxi is very expensive to take that long of a distance). When you arrive in Twin Cities (Minneapolis-St. Paul), you will need to secure transportation to Mankato. The shuttle service is located in the main terminal.

- **Land to Air** (shuttle service) runs between the MSP Airport and Mankato (their office is located in the MSP Airport). Current times, costs, etc. are on their website, www.landtoairexpress.com. Only CASH is accepted; therefore, plan to bring cash (currently \$28 for fare for one-person, one-way trip to Mankato). Upon your arrival in Mankato, the shuttle driver may be willing to drop you off at the MSU campus if YOU ASK. If not, call the IC's mobile phone at **507-327-9315** **before 11 p.m.**

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING (RESIDENTIAL LIFE)

- If you have reserved space in the dormitories but have NOT been assigned a room, you will need to go to the Residential Life Office during their regular working hours to be able to check into your room.
- If you arrive after 11 pm you must seek alternative housing (motel or hotel) until you are able to check into your room. The closest hotel to MSU is AMERICINN (website: www.americinnmankato.net).

IMPORTANT: Only students who will be living on campus during the Spring semester may check into a residence hall room during the winter break.

ARRIVAL DATES

DORMITORIES—The earliest date for arrival is December 17, 2007. The accommodations fee vary during the winter break (see cost section).

No food service is available during the break time, but students can use kitchens in their dorms to prepare meals. The cafeteria will open on Friday, January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m.

ARRIVAL TIMES

We strongly recommend that you try to make arrangements to arrive in Mankato during OPEN hours of the Residential Life Office.

Residential Life Office – located at Carkoski Commons (CC111)

Office Hours: OPEN: Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

CLOSED: Saturdays, Sundays, and December 24, 25, and 31, 2007 and January 1, 2008

| If the following pertains to YOU... | What YOU need to do |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have reserved your room AND made your pre-payment. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive during Residential Life Office Hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). | <p>Check in at the Residential Life Office located in Carkoski Commons (CC111) to pick up room information and keys.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have NOT made a room reservation. <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive during Residential Life Office Hours (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.). | <p>You may be able to sign up for a room depending on availability, but there may be a wait time for processing before you get your room keys.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have reserved your room AND made your pre-payment AND have a room assignment (you know your room number) <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive between... 4:30 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Monday-Friday, OR 8:00 a.m.-11:00 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday or other days the Office of Residential Life is closed (Dec. 24, 25, 31 and Jan. 1) | <p>IC representative will help you check into your room because the Residential Life Office is closed.</p> |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrive after 11 p.m. <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Have reserved your room AND made your pre-payment BUT do NOT have a room assignment (you don't know your room number) | <p>You will need to take a taxi and stay in a hotel (at your expense) until you can check into your room. Please plan for this inconvenience in case your flight or trip plans are unexpectedly altered.</p> |

For Pick Ups From Land To Air (in Mankato ONLY – NOT from the airport) between 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.,

call the IC mobile phone: 507-327-9315

Cost of Staying in the Dormitories (Dorms):

Between January 2-10, 2008 - \$9.45 per day

Anytime between December 17, 2007-January 2, 2008 -- \$255

Regular price starts on January 11, 2008

Meal Plans and Dining Facility start on January 11, 2008, at 11:00 a.m.

Housing Questions

On-Campus Housing Information (Residential Life):

Website: www.mnsu.edu/reslife Email: reslife@mnsu.edu

Off-Campus Housing Information (Student Leadership Development and Service Learning Department)

Website: www.mnsu.edu/sldsl Email: jacqueline.dittrich@mnsu.edu

Thank you again for choosing our university for your academic needs. We look forward to your arrival.