CAU Summer 2017

General Information

A special note to those of you who aren’t familiar with Cornell’s campus:

The beautiful Cornell campus is large and hilly. CAU’s residence halls, parking, and dining facility are one-third of a mile or slightly more from most classroom buildings over hilly terrain. Since you’ll walk back and forth from class a few times each day, please bring comfortable shoes! If your mobility is good, we’re confident you’ll enjoy these strolls. However, if you are uncertain or if you anticipate problems walking, you should order a $78 special parking permit for central campus. Please make this request in item 4 on the blue Supplemental Registration Information form or by calling the CAU office. Requests for special parking permits must be made well in advance of arrival.

Arrival

Room check-in begins at 2:00 pm (3:00 pm if you’re staying at the hotel). Those staying on campus will drop off their luggage at the entrance of the Court Hall complex on Cradit Farm Drive and will go inside Court to pick up their room keys, meal cards, and parking permits.

After parking, Court Hall residents should proceed to program check-in starting at 3:00 p.m., where they will collect their course folders and name tags. Commuters should come to the program check-in from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. to pick up their program folders and parking permits. Youth program orientations for all children, teens, and parents take place in the late afternoon.

Dinner is between 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. The adult orientation will begin at 7:30 p.m. (on Central Campus) and will be followed by a brief introduction of faculty and students. Afterward, everyone will gather for a welcome reception back at Court/Kay Hall.

We will send a campus map and a detailed Sunday arrival schedule in the next few months. If you arrive after 6:00 p.m. on Sunday evening, please pick up your folder, meal card, room key, and parking permit at the service desk on the first floor of Robert Purcell Community Center. The service desk’s phone number is 607.255.6214.

Automobiles

Every vehicle on campus MUST have a Cornell University parking permit! The permit you receive at check-in allows you to park in the conference center (CC) lot at 107 Jessup Road on North Campus, which is near our residence halls and dining facility. Hang your permit on your rear-view mirror as soon as you receive it. Cornell parking staff (over whom we sadly have no power) will begin ticketing cars without permits early Monday morning.

Balance of program charge

Your invoice will be sent to your e-mail address. Please alert us if you would like to receive your invoice by mail instead. Your balance is due May 1. If you would like to pay your balance by check,
please make your check out to Cornell University, and mail it to CAU at Cornell University, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, NY 14853. If you would like to pay your balance by credit card via our secure online system, please go to sce.cornell.edu/cau/pay and enter your personal account number, which you will find on your invoice.

Your non-refundable deposit of $50.00 per person is applied to your total balance. Should your plans change such that you are unable to attend, please notify the CAU office.

**Cancellations and refunds**

Only the deposit(s) will be retained for cancellations received thirty days or more before the program start date. Any non-recoverable fees, as well as your deposit(s), will be retained for cancellations received within 30 days of the program start date.

**TCAT buses**

People without a car can get to central campus by TCAT bus at a cost of $1.50 a ride ($0.75 for people 60 or older). The bus is also a wonderful way to make your way to sites around town, particularly on Wednesday afternoon. Day passes may be purchased at the Cornell Store.

**Climate**

Summer temperatures in Ithaca are generally comfortable and pleasant. Rain is always possible.

**Clothing**

For this on-campus vacation, informal, casual clothes and comfortable shoes are desirable. However, most people prefer to dress up a bit for the Friday night festivities. Don’t forget some sort of rain protection, and be prepared for the occasional cool morning. Bring swimwear if you plan to swim at Helen Newman Hall. (The Hilton Homewood Suites has a swimming pool for those staying there).

**Course information**

Your course instructor will send a letter of welcome (along with any preparation instructions) in late spring.

**Course transfers**

Sunday or Monday transfers from one course to another will be accommodated IF space is available and logistics allow. Please consult the CAU director if you wish to transfer.

**Departure**

CAU concludes after breakfast on Saturday morning. Check-out time for the Court Hall complex (Court/Kay/Bauer) is before 10:00 a.m. Hilton Homewood Suites check-out time is noon.

**Emergencies**

In the case of a business or home emergency, your friends or family can reach you during the day through the CAU office (telephone: 607.255.6260, fax: 607.255.9697). In the evening until 10:00 p.m. during the program, you can usually reach the CAU desk attendant at Court Hall at 607.255.3465. In the case of a true emergency after office hours, you can always reach the campus police at 607.255.1111. Be sure to tell them where you are staying.

**Health services**

Emergency medical care is available at the Cayuga Medical Center on route 96 and at its Convenient Care extension on Warren Road. Registrants are responsible for their own emergency, surgical, medical, and hospital care fees.
**Evening activities**
Optional cultural and entertainment events will be available in the evening. These include CAU evening lectures, walks, and talks; Summer Session lectures and concerts; and other campus events. You can purchase tickets online for plays at the excellent Hangar Theatre by the lake. All CAU adult students and faculty will gather for Friday’s reception and banquet. Specific details will be in the folder you will receive on Sunday.

**Housing**
The housing staff on campus furnishes linens and towels weekly. Extra linens and towels are available at the CAU front desk.

**Identification**
The student identification card you will receive at registration on Sunday provides access to university services such as athletic facilities and more (although additional fees may apply). Some facilities also require a picture ID for safety reasons. A consent form to use the fitness equipment is required.

**Internet**
You may check e-mail and browse the internet at a computer set up in the adult lounge. Wi-fi is available in the residence halls. Connection instructions will be included in your program folder.

**Laundry**
Self-service laundry facilities and ironing boards are available in the Court Hall complex (Court/Kay/Bauer). An iron, detergent, and fabric softener are available at the Court Hall desk.

**Lounges**
Adult lounge: Soft drinks, wine, beer, and light snacks will be available each day after class, starting at 4:00 p.m., and again after dinner in the adult lounge. **Adults only in this lounge please.**

Family lounge: Water, lemonade, dry snacks and board games are available after class and after dinner. **All family members welcome.**

**Mail**
DO NOT have mail or packages sent to your residence hall. The individual residence halls do not get direct mail service in the summer. Please have everything sent to you in care of **Cornell's Adult University, B20 Day Hall, Ithaca, New York 14853.** Please plan to check the Court/Kay Hall CAU desk and message boards daily.

**Meals**
Your meal card is valid only at the scheduled CAU dining facility, which has an array of offerings for vegetarians and vegans. Limited kosher meals are available, but you must request them well in advance of arrival. If you have serious medical dietary restrictions, please contact Cornell Dining's registered dietitian Michele Lefebvre either by phone at 607.254.2389, or by e-mail at diningnutrition@cornell.edu. Cornell Dining will make every effort to accommodate your needs.

**Messages**
If you wish to leave phone numbers for those who may want to reach you at CAU, please give them the CAU office phone number, 607.255.6260, for daytime calls. The office staff can take messages and send them to the Court/Kay Hall desk.
The CAU staff person on duty at Court/Kay Hall during the evening hours at 607.255.3465 will also be able to take messages for you. Please remember to check the CAU Court/Kay Hall desk and message board.

Hilton Homewood Suites
CAUers staying at the Hilton Homewood Suites will make their own housing reservations. You can reach the hotel at 607.266.0000. Please make sure to ask for a room in the CAU block.

Pets
Cornell University housing regulations do not allow pets in any residence.

Phones
Land line phones in residence hall rooms have been removed. However, you may make campus and local calls from phones in the lounges on each floor.

Suggested items

• alarm clock
• extra clothes hangers
• rain gear
• large beach towels for sports activities
• comfortable walking shoes
• a water bottle (for field courses or hot weather)
• a day pack, tote bag, or backpack
• toiletries

If you have questions about these or any other items, please feel free to call the CAU office at 607.255.6260. We look forward to having you with us this summer.
Ithaca is located in central New York, 60 miles southwest of Syracuse, and 50 miles northwest of Binghamton.

Air: Ithaca Tompkins Regional Airport is served by Delta, United, and American Airlines. Please check with your travel agent for up-to-the-minute information. The airport is about five minutes from campus.

Taxi: Call Ithaca Dispatch at 607.277.7777 for a taxi to or from the airport. They charge a flat rate of $16 per person between campus and the airport. Please be advised that a city ordinance allows cabs to charge $2 for each bag or $5 if over 25 lbs.

Shuttle: For transportation to and from Syracuse Airport, call Airline Limousine Service at 607.273.3030 or 855.349.0084 (http://www.ithacaairlinelimousine.com). At least 48-hour notice is required to guarantee your seat. The charge for this service is $85 one way or $130 round trip per person. Be sure to ask for clear instructions about where to meet the driver. There is no charge for one piece of luggage and a carry-on per person. Over that allotment, the service will charge $5 per piece ($10 per piece for extremely heavy luggage). Indicate that you would like to be dropped off on Cornell's North Campus (which is at Robert Purcell Community Center). Court Hall is nearby, but it will be helpful to have your campus map handy (which will be sent in a later mailing). Payment MUST be in advance by phone using Visa or MasterCard only.

Train: The closest you can get via Amtrak is Syracuse – 60 miles away. Arrangements can be made with Airline Limousine for transportation to Ithaca (see Shuttle above).

Bus: Greyhound, Shortline, and Trailways of New York buses serve Ithaca. The bus station is located downtown at 710 West State Street. Campus is two miles away, so the best way from the bus station to campus is a taxi. Enterprise car rental is also located nearby (see Rental Cars below). Contact your local offices for details. Some of the Shortline routes include a stop on North Campus near Court Hall (have your campus map handy).

The Cornell campus-to-campus bus between NYC (Cornell Club and Weill Medical College) and the Ithaca campus is also an option, but it is not ideal for Sunday arrival at CAU due to its late arrival time. Their website is http://www.c2cbus.com and their phone number is 607.254.8747.

Rental cars: Avis and Hertz car rental agencies are located at the airport. Enterprise car rental is located north of the bus station downtown at 803 Cascadilla Street (607.275.9000).

All Cars: All vehicles MUST display a Cornell University parking permit! Please complete the blue Supplemental Registration Information form even if you plan to use a rental car. When you arrive, we'll give you a permit for the conference lot parking in North campus. Since Central Campus parking is difficult during the day, walking or taking the bus to and from classes is the best form of locomotion. If you have medical problems that make on-campus parking necessary, we'll obtain a Central Campus parking permit for you. There is an additional charge of $78 a week for these special permits. Be sure to indicate this need in item 4 on the blue Supplemental Registration Information sheet (or call the CAU office) before arrival. CAU must have this information before you arrive, as the department that handles such permits is closed on Sundays.
The GENERAL INFORMATION enclosure will answer many of the questions you may have about basic procedures at CAU. A detailed Sunday schedule with times and locations will be sent closer to the program. Below are some reminders specific to commuters:

**SCHEDULE:** Note different locations: Sunday course folder pick-up, information, parking permits, and hospitality are at the CAU headquarters at Court/Kay Hall on North Campus. Orientation for ADULTS is on Central Campus on Sunday night. Weekdays, classes are scattered around and near campus.

**AUTOMOBILES:** Every vehicle on campus MUST have a Cornell University parking permit. You will receive a conference center (CC) parking permit on Sunday at no additional charge; it allows you to park in the CC lot between Sisson Place and Jessup Road on North Campus.

Parking on central campus is severely restricted during the daytime. If special circumstances require that you drive to Central Campus, you must request a permit well ahead of your arrival since these permits cannot be written on Sundays (Cornell Traffic is closed). Even if you have handicapped parking designation on your car, you must have a Cornell permit as well. There is an additional charge of $78 per week for these campus permits. **Please be sure to indicate this need in item 4 on the Supplemental Registration Information form or to call the CAU office well in advance of arrival.**

**ORIENTATIONS:** The adult program orientation is held on Central Campus on Sunday evening. All commuters should attend the orientation; it will be your first meeting with your course faculty and classmates and covers information about events, locations, and the week. Remember to pick up your course folder, parking permit, and name badge first at Court/Kay Hall. Youth orientation for different age groups is held on North Campus on Sunday afternoon.

**MEALS:** If you are not on the meal plan, you are welcome to join CAU participants for meals by paying at the door of the scheduled dining room.

**HOSPITALITY:** The Sunday welcome reception, the Friday closing reception, and the hospitality hours held every afternoon and evening after class are open to all adult CAU students. Receptions and hospitality hours are in Court/Kay Hall. Please also join us for evening events listed in your course folder.