

FAQ about the OMET Midpoint Meeting in Texas

WHAT ARE THE DATES AND TIMES?

The conference opens on Wednesday, February 8 and attendance on this day is optional, as many of you will be traveling. All students are required to attend the conference on Thursday (February 9) from 9-5PM. We will wrap up our class sessions by Monday (February 13) at noon. See the attached schedule for details.

HOW DO I RESERVE A ROOM?

The nightly room rate is \$144. King/ Double. Each room comes equipped with a living room and has plenty of space. Rooms are reserved for each student and selected roommate(s) in advance by April E. Harris, Program Administrator. You will provide the hotel with payment upon arrival.

All rooms have been reserved from Feb 8-13. If there are any students requiring a hotel room outside of the dates, it is important that you let April know immediately. **Changes will be accepted until 5PM on Friday, January 20, 2006.**

WHAT IS OUR HOTEL INFORMATION?

Embassy Suites, Austin – Downtown/Townlake
300 South Congress Avenue
Austin, Texas 78704
Tel: +1-512-469-9000
Fax: +1-512-480-9164
<http://embassysuites.hilton.com>

WHAT ABOUT TRANSPORTATION?

You are responsible for your own transportation to and from the hotel.

The hotel is approximately 7 miles/20 minutes from the airport.
Super Shuttle provides transportation for \$12. A taxi ride will cost \$18- \$23.

Complimentary shuttle service will be available to transport you to and from the Convention Center. Some of your instructors will have cars or vans to help with transportation. You may want to consider renting additional cars in your cadre groups to cover transportation needs.

ARE OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS WELCOME?

Remember... we schedule face to face time to help you re-connect with folks you haven't seen in many months or with instructors you've never met face to face. Take advantage of this time to have some fun with your peers and to get to know them even better.

If you do decide to have family members accompany you, please make it clear that you will be actively engaged with your fellow students from Thursday, February 9 until Monday, February 13 at noon.

WHAT ARE THE DRESS EXPECTATIONS?

Dress throughout this meeting will be casual. Weather at this time of year in Austin can range from a high of 65 degrees to a low of 44, so come prepared! It is suggested that you bring and occasionally wear the Pepperdine OMET T-Shirts that you received at VirtCamp last summer.

HOW DO I REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE?

Your registration fee for the conference was included in the \$350 you paid to Pepperdine University. In a few weeks, you will be notified via email of your registration. You will need to log on and change your mailing address to your home or work address to receive your conference packet or it will be sent to Pepperdine directly.

If you fail to change your information, you will be able to pick up your registration badge in the lobby on Thursday morning so you can proceed directly to conference sessions. The TCEA Conference will be held at the Austin Convention Center. For more information about the conference, please refer to the conference web site:

<http://www.tcea2006.org>

DO WE NEED BADGES?

You will receive your conference packet in the mail assuming you update your information through the above mentioned email. In addition to the TCEA conference badges, we suggest an intra-cadre group effort to design a cadre group logo that we can print on the cadre name badges to help build more community.

Please work with your peers to design a logo that we can use on a badge (standard paper badge size). How you do this is up to each cadre group. You simply need to submit a graphic file (preferably a jpeg file) to April Harris by January 10, 2005. We will print up these badges in advance and have them available for you when you check in.

WHEN DO WE FIRST MEET AS A GROUP?

We will meet as a group on Thursday, February 9 at 5:30 in a room TBD at the Convention Center. Come prepared to provide information about your ARP to your peers in other cadre groups. This is one of the few opportunities you have during the year to compare notes with your peers in other cadre groups to see if they are planning ARPs that are similar to yours. We also plan to have a guest speaker.

WHAT IS THE ALL CADRE DINNER?

We will have an all cadre dinner on Sunday evening after classes are over. The cost for this dinner (exclusive of any alcoholic beverages) was also covered in the fee you paid to Pepperdine University.

WHAT ABOUT COMMUNICATION?

We want to be able to contact everyone easily in case of last minute changes. Your Cross-Cadre representatives have been asked to gather cell phone numbers, pager numbers, and IM addresses from all of you so that we can contact you should any emergencies arrive. Paul Sparks, the Program Director, will be primarily responsible for

this. Your cadre madre or padre may also be contacting you regarding arrangements for any special plans for your cadre group.

SHOULD I BRING MY LAPTOP & DIGITAL CAMERA?

Yes. The hotel offers wireless connectivity for a daily fee and we require that you bring your laptops. This might be a good time to use your digital cameras to capture things that happen at the meeting and to update cadre pages, as well as your own web page.

WHAT IF I HAVE MORE QUESTIONS?

If you have additional questions, either ask your Cross Cadre representative, or email...

April Harris (OMAET Administrator) @ aharris@pepperdine.edu

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We look forward to seeing you all soon!