

# GRADUATE ORIENTATION SCHEDULE 2006

**September 11 - 15**

**Location**

**Pre-Orientation for International Students**

<http://www.isp.caltech.edu/>

**Saturday, September 16**

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

**Tour of Los Angeles and the Santa Monica Pier**

Snacks and transportation are provided, but space is limited. Please bring money for lunch and dinner and any other entertainment expenses. If you have a student ID, you may be eligible for some discounts. The tour includes visits to Hollywood and the Chinese Mann Theater. Later in the afternoon, we will tour Venice Beach and the Santa Monica Pier, where you can walk the Santa Monica Promenade, see a movie, rent a bike or roller blades, take a swim, or just relax. Students are encouraged to join a group for dinner in Santa Monica.

Meet in front of the Center for Student Services (Between Bldgs. #86 & #87)

9:00 - Midnight

**Dive-In**

Caltech Pools

**Sunday, September 17**

7:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Chandler Dining Hall will be open for business for anyone looking for a meal or light refreshment.

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

**Dean's Welcome to Caltech**

A brief welcome from the Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Michael Hoffmann

Ramo Auditorium (Bldg. #77)

12:00 Noon - 1:30 PM

**Picnic Lunch, Games & Official Check-In**

Get to know your fellow classmates, pile up your plates with delicious picnic foods, and have some fun!! You can also stop by one of the staffed tables to pick up an orientation packet, including a final schedule of the week's activities, the new Technique, and the 2006-2007 Catalog. The Registrar's Office will also be handing out registration information and information about your ID card, and a representative from IMSS will be present to sign you up for an email account, if you have not already done this.

Ramo Lawn & Patio

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| 1:30 PM - 4:00 PM  | <b>Scavenger Hunt</b><br>Join small groups of your fellow classmates to hunt for clues and learn more than you ever wanted to know about Caltech.   | <i>Meet by the pond outside Ramo</i>  |
| 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM  | <b>Convocation</b><br>This year's program includes President Jean-Lou Chameau who will deliver greetings, Professor Ahmed Zewail who will make a presentation on Caltech's culture of excellence, Professor Anneila Sargent who will speak about her passion for science, and Professor Michael E. Brown who will speak about integrity in science. | <i>Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #91)</i> |
| 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM  | <b>GSC Coffee Hour with Resources for Students with Dependents</b>  | <i>South Catalina Recreation Room</i> |
| 7:30 PM - 11:00 PM | <b>Pizza and Games</b><br>Board games, card games, video games, and Chess Club challenge  | <i>Dabney Hall ( Bldg. #40)</i>       |

## Monday, September 18

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| All Day | <b>Academic Orientations and Placement Testing*</b><br><br>Your option secretary will provide you with keys and a mail box, and provide you with information about office space, academic counseling, division academic requirements, safety, etc. *Those options requiring placement exams will provide you with the details. Please note that not all academic options have placement testing, but there will be structured orientation activities throughout the day. | <i>Check with your option secretary for specific details</i> |
| 7:45 PM | <b>Pub Crawl in Old Town Pasadena</b>  | <i>Meet at the Central Catalina Recreation Room</i>          |

## Tuesday, September 19

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| 8:30 AM - 9:45 AM | <b>Welcome Breakfast</b>  | <i>Beckman Courtyard &amp; East Lawns</i> |
| 9:45 AM - 1:00 PM | <b>Introduction to Caltech Graduate Life</b><br>Presented by the Graduate Student Council (GSC) | <i>Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #74)</i>     |
|                   | <b>Health and Dental Insurance</b>  |   |
|                   | <b>Ombudsperson</b>   |   |
|                   | <b>Financial Services</b>   |   |

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## Safety Tips for Living in Southern California

## Honor System - Learn about Caltech's Honor Code

1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

### Lunch

|| *Beckman Courtyard & East Lawns*

7:30 PM - closing

### Relax at the Athenaeum

Enjoy a game of pool, watch the big-screen TV, or just hang out with new friends

|| *Athenaeum Rathskellar*

## Wednesday, September 20

### Teaching Assistant Training

9:30 AM

### Continental Breakfast

|| *Beckman Institute Courtyard*

10:00 AM

### Introduction and Welcome

|| *Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #74)*

10:15 AM

### "Expectations" Activity

10:30 AM

### FERPA: Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Training

10:45 AM

### Athena Trentin

11:00 AM

### Student Life Panel

11:30 AM

### Experienced TA Panel Discussion

12:15 Noon

### Lunch with Experienced TA's

|| *Beckman Institute Courtyard*

1:30 PM

### Holding Effective Office Hours and Recitation Sections

|| *Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #74)*

1:45 PM

### Tips for Lab TA's

2:00 PM

### Conclusion and Evaluation Forms

2:15 PM

### Break

|| *Beckman Institute Courtyard*

2:30 PM

### Legal Issues

|| *Beckman Auditorium (Bldg. #74)*

3:00 PM

### What Every Grad Student Should Know About Life at Caltech

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| 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM             | <b>Luau</b><br>Sponsored by Campus Life   | Avery Courtyard                        |
| 9:00 PM                       | <b>Casino Night</b>   | North Catalina Recreation Room         |
| <b>Thursday, September 21</b> |   |  |
| 4:30 PM                       | <b>Wilderness Safety Talk</b><br>Presented by Altadena Search and Rescue. The talk will provide some general advice on safely enjoying our local forest. Also, for those students who are interested, they can receive information on becoming a Search and Rescue volunteer. | TBD                                    |
| 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM             | <b>Picnic in the President's Garden</b><br>Hosted by Caltech President, Jean-Lou Chameau  | 415 South Hill Avenue                  |
| 9:00 PM                       | <b>Movies, Milk &amp; Cookies</b><br>Sponsored by the Graduate Student Council  | North Catalina Recreation Room         |
| 9:00 PM                       | <b>Club Trip</b><br>Bus over to check out LA night life   | Bus departs from S. Wilson Parking Lot |

## Friday, September 22

### All Day **Optional Off-Campus Field Trips**

We will be offering an opportunity for field trips to several fun, off-campus locations. Transportation will be provided. The cost of the trips have been subsidized by the Graduate Office and Campus Life. **Please be sure to check with your academic option to make sure this does not conflict with any required meetings.**

**Community Service Trip, Pasadena**

**A Trip Into the Wilderness: Hike the Angeles National Forest**

**Explore L.A.**

**Sea Kayaking and the Beach, Sunset Beach Harbor**

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## Six Flags Magic Mountain, Valencia

10:00 PM **GSC Party** *North Catalina Recreation Room*  
DJ, drinks, and snacks provided

## Saturday, September 23

2:00 PM **Caltech Carnival and Club Fair** *Beckman Mall*  
Graduate students and their families are invited to join us for a full day of festivities. There will be food, fun snacks, the Club Fair (Grad and Undergrad combined), games, musical events, a live band, fireworks, and a movie. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the day, followed by an after dark firework show & outdoor movie. Dinner will be provided.

6:00 PM **Dinner** *Beckman Mall*

Sunset (~7:30 PM) **Firework Show & Movie** *Beckman Mall*  
Join us for a spectacular fireworks show and an outdoor viewing of "Pirates of the Caribbean: Dean Man's Chest"

## Monday, September 25

**First day of instruction**