CLAMP Moodle Development Workshop at Smith College, Winter 2014

About the Event

CLAMP will host a Moodle Development Workshop on Monday, April 14 through Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at Smith College in Northampton, MA. This document includes everything you need to know about the workshop, including:

* What you need to bring
* Contact Information
* Directions and Transportation information

* Online Collaboration Details
* Itinerary

This is a free event. There is no reimbursement for the workshop through CLAMP.

Contact Information

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Web Page:
http://www.clamp-it.org/events/moodle-development-workshop-spring-2014/

Time

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2014
9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Location

Campus Center
Room 103/104
Smith College
Northampton, MA 01063

Weather

Temperatures in April in Northampton can vary considerably. It is best to plan for flexibility. April showers are a distinct possibility. Check local forecasts closer to the event dates.

Campus Map

http://www.smith.edu/about-smith/visiting-smith/campus-maps

Transportation

See also: http://www.smith.edu/about-smith/visiting-smith/directions

Airport

The closest airport is Bradley International. It is served by most major airlines and is located about 35 miles south of Northampton near Hartford, Connecticut. Flying into Bradley rather than to Boston's Logan Airport gives you a shorter drive to Northampton and spares you city traffic congestion.

Limousines, buses and rental cars are available at the airport.

Taxis and airport limousines

Transportation to Smith from the Boston or Hartford airports is available from a number of services.

- Affordable Airport Car Service, (413) 739-7293
- Boston Car Service, (877) 345-0292
- Cool Rides Taxi, (413) 218-9054
- Exclusive Car Service, (413) 534-3505 or (877) 695-4665
- GoGreen Cab Co., (413) 586-070
- GottaGo Taxi, (413) 461-3070
- Michael's Limousine Services, (413) 583-6392 or (800) 533-8470
- Northampton Cab Service, (413) 387-8763
- Reliable Limo Service, (413) 315-9919
- Seemo Shuttle, (413) 586-1120 or (800) 908-2829
- Valley Transporter, (413) 253-1350 or (800) 872-8752
- Bradley Airport Guide to Limousine Services

Bus

Peter Pan Lines offers intercity service to Northampton at the Peter Pan Terminal, 1 Roundhouse Plaza Suite 2. Greyhound Lines offers through-booking with Peter Pan plus a direct service of its own.

Rail

The nearest Amtrak station is across the river in Amherst, Massachusetts. Amherst (AMM) is at 13 Railroad Street, Amherst, MA 01002. It sees a single daily train: the *Vermonter*, which operates from Washington, D.C. to St. Albans, Vermont via New York City.

Additional service is available at Springfield, Massachusetts (SPG), which is 20 miles south of Northampton. Springfield has seven daily round-trips to New Haven, Connecticut, with connections available to other services. There is also a single east-west train, the *Lake Shore Limited*, which operates between Boston and Albany with service west to Chicago. Bus connections are available from Peter Pan and other carriers.

Rideshares

We've created a Google Doc for coordinating travel plans. If you've agreed to share your travel plans, we will be granting you edit rights to this document. If you haven't received them yet, notify

Driving & Parking

From the South: Northampton is on Route I-91 in Massachusetts. Take Exit 18, and follow Route 5 north into the center of town. Turn left onto Route 9. Go straight through four traffic lights, turning left into Smith's main entrance (College Lane) shortly after the fourth set. The Office of Admission is on your right, overlooking Paradise Pond.

From the North: From I-91 South, take Exit 20, and follow onto Route 5 south into the center of town. At the intersection of Route 5 and Route 9 (Main Street), turn right onto Route 9. Then follow the same directions as above from Route 9 to campus.

From the East or West via the Massachusetts Turnpike: Northampton is on Route I-91 North (Mass Pike exit 4). Once on I-91, follow the directions above for visitors from the south.

Parking: If you plan to park on campus **you will need a parking pass**. Please let us know well in advance so that we can make arrangements.

Lodging

Attendees are responsible for arranging their own lodging. We have reserved a block of 6 rooms at the Autumn Inn, which is within walking distance of the college. These are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Autumn Inn

* $85 per night
* (413) 584-7660
* http://www.hampshirehospitality.com/autumninn/autumn_inn.html

Reference the "Moodle Developer Training block" to get the special CLAMP rate. The block rate expires after March 13, 2014. Check-in is 3 p.m. Checkout is 11 a.m.

Breakfast is included in the rate and is offered in the lobby café from 6am-10:30am All guests have a 48-hour cancellation policy prior to arrival

Other Lodging Options

Please see: http://www.smith.edu/about-smith/visiting-smith/local-accommodations

Dining

Northampton has no shortage of restaurants representing a broad range of cuisines. A walk down Main Street presents many opportunities in a small area.
Please see: http://visitnoho.com/Dining/

Online Collaboration

Redmine

All of our online conversations and issue tracking/discussions will happen in Redmine, our online collaboration suite. You can use your CLAMP username and password to login to redmine. If you don't have an account please contact Ken Newquist at Lafayette College (newquisk@lafayette.edu, 610-330-5759)

Jabber

For backchannel conversations at Hack/Doc Fest we're going to be using Jabber, an instant messaging client. We've setup a Jabber server on the CLAMP-IT.org web site that you can authenticate to using your CLAMP username and password. If you're on a Mac, we recommend using the Adium client to connect to the server; we've had issues with iChat.

* Pidgin Instant Messaging Client (Windows)
http://www.pidgin.im/

* Adium Instant Messaging Client (Mac)
http://adium.im/

Jabber Client Settings
* Jabber ID: [clamp ID]@clamp-it.org
* Password: Your CLAMP Password

Itinerary

This is a tentative itinerary for the CLAMP Development Workshop at Smith College.

Monday, April 14, 2014

9:00 a.m.-noon.: Session 1

Noon-1 p.m.: Lunch
* Lunch provided by Smith College

1 p.m.-5 p.m.: Session 2

6 p.m.: Group dinner

Tuesday, April 15, 2015

9:00 a.m.-noon.: Session 3

Noon-1 p.m.: Lunch
* Lunch provided by Smith College

1 p.m.-5 p.m.: Session 4

6 p.m.: Dinner on your own