

# MATE 30

To: 2011 M.A.T.E. participants

## **Trip Dates:**

June 25<sup>th</sup> (Saturday) to July 1st (Friday)

Orientation in the Alcove at The Wilton Presbyterian Church on Wednesday, June 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. It is strongly suggested that first time attendees attend. If you are a returning worker, please try and attend as well, to share your tips and experiences with the new folks.

## **Contact Information:**

Paul Lourd – (203) 918-3103

Christopher Tate – (203) 829-1336

Please put these numbers in your cell phone.

## **Departures:**

Participants leave from home and meet in Farmington. Car pooling, where possible, is a great idea. A list of all participants will be circulated so you can make arrangements. The basic assumption is that people are traveling to Maine on Saturday, arriving late in the afternoon. We know that this won't be the case for everybody. Please plan to arrive before 4pm if possible. If you are delayed, please notify Chris Tate or Paul Lourd so that we will not call the Maine State Police when you don't arrive!

## **Directions:** *(Without stops the trip takes about 6 hours)*

1. One of the easier ways to travel to Farmington is to take the Merritt Parkway to I-91 to Hartford to I-84 all the way to Sturbridge, MA. From there take the Mass Pike (I-90) for one long exit (Exit 10) and get off at Auburn, Worcester and then take I-290 East through Worcester and pick up I-495, which will turn into I-95, and then back into I-495 North, and then onto 95 (it is also called the Maine Tpke.) again which will take you all the way to Maine. In Maine, before Portland, bear left staying on 95 and get off 95 at exit 75 (Auburn) and follow RT 202 to Highway 4 all the way to Farmington. There will be welcoming signs at the University of Maine Farmington and you will find Lockwood Hall. A map is attached.
2. An alternate route that many of us find prettier is to get off 95 above Portland and get on route 295 North for approximately 50 miles until it joins 95 again. Then take 95 north to exit 112B just north of Augusta where you go north on route 27 (it is also identified as 8 and 11). It takes approximately 45 minutes from this exit. Take route 27 West through the Belgrade Lakes area until you run into route 2. Turn left going west on route 2 until you reach Farmington and then look for signs for the University of Farmington at Maine.
3. Use this address for your GPS or web map and then refer to the campus map:  
[117 Perkins Street Farmington ME](#)

## **Room and Board:**

We will be staying in one of the University dorms. As soon as our building is selected, you can refer to the campus map on the WPC web site for the exact location. The rates for six nights are \$117.70 per person for a double and \$140.17 for a single.

Food costs will be computed on Thursday. We will collect the money on Thursday evening. If you are bringing a check, it should be made out to Wilton Presbyterian Church and will be used to cover both room and board. PLEASE do not forget to bring the payment!!

Your room assignments will be posted at the dorm and every effort is being made to accommodate individual requests. If you have any special requests call Paul Lourd. The University will only be providing pillows and blankets, so you must bring your own sheets (extra long if possible), pillowcases, towels, and anything else you may need to make yourself feel at home. Remember this is not a hotel, so there are no little soaps and shampoo bottles! A window fan, desk lamp, and an alarm clock are highly recommended. As you will be using a shared bathroom, you may find a bathrobe and flip-flops useful. Bring your cell phone and charger. Remember that these are dorm rooms and you will be held accountable for any damage so be sure to note to the staff any pre-existing damage you see upon arrival. You will be issued a key for your room and a key card for the exterior door. Replacement costs for these are \$15 and \$20 respectively. In the past participants have found a neck lanyard to be helpful in keeping these two together and avoid replacement fees.

### **Food and Meals:**

This year we will again be having our meals in St. Stephen's meeting hall. Each participant **must** sign up for at least three kitchen duties. A sign-up sheet will be posted in the dorm lounge on Saturday, and it is best to sign-up quickly. Social hour snacks and soft drinks will be split between the participants.

### **Internet Access:**

The dorm has wireless Internet access. Request the wireless password when you arrive.

### **Photographs:**

If you have a good digital camera with an SD card, remember to give your photos to Paul each day. We maintain a running photo journal so those back home can watch our progress (and other antics).

### **Finances:**

One check will cover room and board for the week. Additional funds should be available for after work activities, which may include bowling, trips to the local ice cream hut (Gifford's), and forgotten items to be purchased in town or at Wal-Mart if necessary. Also, some of the highways are toll roads.

### **Top Ten List:**

1. Inventory your room upon arrival to make sure you have a pillow and blanket and note any pre-existing damage to report to the university staff.
2. When you depart at the end of the week make sure to leave your room the same as you found it.
3. Do not lose your key or key card and return them before departure.
4. Sign up for meal duties and be there on time.
5. Pay for room and board before you leave Farmington. These funds are collected on Thursday evening before dinner in the dining hall.
6. Rooms will not be segregated by age so respect your neighbors' privacy and rest.
7. After 10:00 PM are absolutely quiet hours. Everyone needs their sleep zzzzzzzz.
8. No one under the age of 21 is to consume alcohol. Violators who drink or provide will be sent home. This is not only our policy, it is the law.
9. Remember to respect the people at your work sites. This is their home so treat it even better than you would treat your own home no matter the condition. We are there working for them.
10. Work safe, work smart, and have fun.

### Required Tools and Supplies:

It is very important that you bring the items shown on the “minimum supply list”. Experienced workers should bring as many tools as they can fit in their cars, see suggestions in the expanded tool list. Cordless drill/drivers are very handy, but we don’t require you to buy one.

Last year we had a shortage of basic tools, so please ask if you have any questions about where to buy these things if you don’t have them!

A small plastic tool box, available at Wal-Mart or Home Depot, is a great way to carry these items. Write your name with a Sharpie on every item you want to get back.

#### Minimum Supply List

Sturdy shoes (work boots recommended, sneakers are not safe)	Work gloves
Hammer	Safety glasses
Carpenters tool belt or pouch	Sun screen/bug repellent
Tape measure	Rain gear
Pencils	Baseball cap or other hat
Utility knife	Bathing suit and towel

#### Expanded Supply list

Speed and framing squares	Saber saw
Chalk line	Sawzall
Levels of any size and shape	Extension cords
Circular saw	Chisels
Handsaws	Pliers, wrenches, wire cutters
Flat bar, wrecking bar, crow bar	Screwdrivers
Electric drill and bits	Sawhorses
Staple gun	Stepladders
Caulking gun	Spades and shovels
	Anything else you can fit in your car!