

DIRECTIONS TO EVENTS - THE GREAT CHICAGO CROSSFIRE 2008

FRIDAY AUGUST 29, SATURDAY AUGUST 30, & SUNDAY AUGUST 31

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT CHICAGO – STUDENT CENTER WEST, 828 S. Wolcott Ave. (1900 West)

Friday Evening; Saturday morning, afternoon, and evening; and Sunday afternoon events are all at the University of Illinois' Medical Center - Student Center West located at 828 S. Wolcott Avenue (1900 West). This is one block East of Damen Avenue (2000 West) and about 3 blocks South of I-290 (The Eisenhower Expressway). The Student Center West is a building attached to the South end of a student dormitory.

Note: Chicago street numbers start at State St. (0 East & West) and Madison St. (0 North & South). There are 8 blocks to a mile.

AUTO:

- ∞ **From I-90, I-94 Southbound or I-90, I-94 Northbound.** Take the exit West onto to I-290 (The Eisenhower Expressway). Exit at Damen Avenue (2000 West). Turn left (South) 3 blocks to Taylor Street (1000 South). The Student Center West is ½ block North of Taylor Street (1000 South) on Wolcott Avenue (1900 West). There is metered street parking on Taylor Street (meters are almost always enforced, read the signs on the meters), which is just South of the Student Center West. The Stroger Cook County Hospital parking lot is on Polk Street (800 South), across the street, North of the Student Center West. Un-metered street parking is on Taylor Street (1000 South) West of Damen Avenue (2000 West)

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Rapid Transit – EL Train www.transitchicago.com

Polk/Medical Center Station, PINK Line - 54/Cermak Train

- ∞ **From O'HARE:** Take the BLUE Line CTA EL train to Clark/Lake. Transfer up from the subway up to the elevated. There are escalators and an elevator. Take the PINK Line CTA EL train around the Loop; continue to and get off at the Polk Station stop.
*******From the platform, walk down to Polk Street (800 South). Walk West two blocks to Wolcott Avenue (1900 West) turn left (South) and walk about ½ block to the Student Center West.
- ∞ **From MIDWAY:** Take the ORANGE Line CTA EL train to the Washington Street & Wells Street station. Get off and transfer to the PINK Line, which is on the same platform (Watch the Destination Signs on the Train). Take the PINK Line - 54/Cermak CTA EL train. Get off at the Polk Station stop. See ******* above.
- ∞ **From DOWNTOWN/AMTRAK:** If you arrive via Amtrak ask directions in Union Station to the Quincy Street (220 South) and Wells Street (200 West) PINK Line elevated station. Take the PINK Line - 54/Cermak CTA EL train. (Watch the Destination Signs on the Train) Get off at the Polk Station stop. See ******* above.

RESTAURANTS

There are many restaurants on Taylor Street (1000 South) East of Ashland Avenue (1600 West). Maps and menus to several recommended eateries will be available at the registration area.

HOST HOTEL – Hilton Chicago, 720 S. Michigan Avenue (100 East)

Ask for Special Crossfire Rate when making reservations 312-922-4400 or 1-877-865-5320. The booking code is: **CHI**.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

Rapid Transit – EL Train

- ∞ **From O'HARE:** Take the BLUE Line CTA EL train to Jackson/Dearborn, free underground walking transfer to RED Line, south to Harrison (600 South). Walk 2 blocks South-East to 720 S. Michigan Avenue.
- ∞ **From MIDWAY:** Take the ORANGE Line CTA EL train to Roosevelt (1200 South). Walk 0.5 mile North to 720 S. Michigan Avenue.
- ∞ **To Dancing:** Take the RED Line Subway- Harrison/State to Jackson/State, walking transfer up from the subway to the elevated, Library EL station, take the PINK Line CTA EL train to and get off at the Polk Station stop. See ******* above.

AUTO:

- ∞ Parking is available at the hotel, or at public lots West of the hotel on Wabash.

SUNDAY BRUNCH, AUGUST 31, 10:00 AM – 11:45 AM

JAKS TAP 901 West Jackson Boulevard (300 South) and Peoria St. (900 West)

AUTO: Drive to Jackson Boulevard (300 South) just West of Halsted Street (800 West). There is street parking in the area.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- ∞ **EL** - Take the BLUE line – Forest Park – CTA EL to UIC/Halsted. Walk up middle staircase which leads to Peoria St. (900 West). Walk North on Peoria Street 1½ blocks to Jackson Blvd. (300 South).
- ∞ **Bus** - Take the Halsted Street bus (#8) to Jackson Blvd. (300 South) & walk West to Peoria Street (900 West).

SUNDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING – SHOWTUNES & VIDEOS

SIDETRACK 3349 N. Halsted Street (800 West)

AUTO: Drive to Belmont Avenue (3200 North). Go to Halsted Street (800 West). There is valet parking on the street, or you can try to find parking in the area, parking stickers are required on some of the streets so watch out for signs for neighborhood parking.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

- ∞ **EL** - Take the RED or BROWN line EL to Belmont Avenue (3200 North). Walk East to Halsted Street (800 West). Walk North on Halsted Street to *Sidetrack*.
- ∞ **Bus** - Take the Clark Street bus (#22) to Roscoe Avenue (3400 North) walk East to Halsted Street (800 West).
- ∞ **Bus** - Take the Halsted Street bus (#8) to Roscoe Avenue (3400 North).

MONDAY SEPTEMBER 1, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM POT LUCK AND DANCING
EBENEZER LUTHERAN CHURCH 1640 West Foster Avenue (5200 North)

AUTO: There is plenty of street parking in the vicinity of the church.

Take Lake Shore Drive to Foster Avenue (5200 North), head West to the church.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:

∞ **Rapid Transit - EL Train**

Take the RED Line EL to the Berwyn Avenue stop (5300 North). This is one block North of Foster Avenue (5200 North). You can transfer to a #92 Foster bus at the EL stop. The bus will be facing East but it turns around and runs West on Foster Avenue to Paulina Avenue (1700 West) (in front of the Church), or you can walk West the 5 blocks to the church from the EL.

∞ **CTA BUS:**

Take the Clark Street #22 to Foster Avenue (5200 North). Walk 2 blocks West to Paulina Avenue (1700 West) to the church.