

# Information for Parents

Splash! 2006

Nov. 18-19

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Welcome to **Splash! 2006**, a weekend-long extravaganza of lectures, workshops, and seminars for middle school and high school students. Your children will have a great time attending multiple classes and activities of their choosing (out of 300+ choices), which are run almost entirely by volunteer MIT students. As parents, you are generally not allowed to go into the classes, but there's plenty to do – both at Splash and around MIT.

If you need help or have questions during the program, look for the nearest person wearing an ESP or Splash T-shirt. These are volunteers who can generally help you with finding rooms, places to eat, ESP administrators, etc. If you can't find a volunteer, call the ESP office at **(617) 253-4882**. The office phone will forward calls to a director's cell phone during the program.

## Registration/Check-in

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Most of you have pre-registered for classes on our Web site. Splash registration is from **8:00am to 9:00am in Lobby 13**, which is connected to Lobby 10 (refer to the map in the student guidebook). The lobby will be divided into two sides with our volunteers in the middle. To get there from Lobby 10, walk between the elevators. The hallway will split in front of the MIT Museum exhibit room. Follow the signs to the appropriate lines based on your last name. The students will need to present their registration receipt (printed from our Web site), turn in signed liability and medical forms, and pay the \$20 fee if they have not done so already. A volunteer will give your student their name tag and room assignments in return, and you'll be ready to go. We hope this process will proceed as quickly and smoothly as possible.

If your kids still need to sign up for classes on Saturday morning, go to the Bush Room (10-105). Signs will lead you there from Lobby 10. In this room we will have displays of open classes, as well as printed catalogs for you to look at. Volunteers will help enter your kids' selections into our computer system and tell them where they need to go. If you need to register after 9:00am on Saturday or otherwise change classes during Splash, ask for assistance at our help desk in Lobby 10.

## Parents' Lounge

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This year's Splash parents' lounge is in W20-308, the Coffeehouse. It is located on the third floor of the student center, at the top of the stairway, above the food court. There will be a few activities and classes for parents throughout the weekend. At other times the parents' lounge will be a place for parents to mingle with each other, ESP administrators, and with teachers. We encourage you to drop by at any time.

## Help Desk

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The Splash Help Desk will be in Lobby 10 all weekend: Saturday 8:00am to 11:00pm, and Sunday 8:00am to 8:00pm. This desk will have ESP volunteers who can help you with almost anything, and it will have copies of all relevant handouts – MIT maps, course catalogs, etc. **Students who arrive after 9:00am Saturday should come to Lobby 10 for late registration.**

## Around MIT

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In your spare time this weekend, take some time to tour the campus and enjoy what MIT has to offer. First, there are many places to eat and shop around MIT. The Student Center W-20 (across Mass. Ave. from the main entrance at building 7) has four restaurants. Several restaurants and shops can be found along Mass. Ave and Main St. in Cambridge. Additionally, the MIT Coop bookstore and gift shop at Kendall Square (Saturday, 10am-6pm) and the Student Center (Saturday and Sunday) will be offering an MIT student discount to participants with a Splash ID card or registration receipt.

Other activities at MIT during Splash include movies in the 26-100 lecture hall at 7pm and 10pm on both days; a women's basketball meet in Rockwell Cage at 1pm on Saturday; and the Foot of the Charles rowing regatta. You can visit <http://events.mit.edu> for a listing of many more events.