



ARGfest -o-Con

Official Info Pack

Chicago, Illinois, USA

July 21 – 23, 2006

This Is Not A G_onvention

Hotel Info

Holiday Inn Chicago-O'Hare/Kennedy
8201 West Higgins Rd
Chicago, IL 60631
773-693-2323

Transportation - <http://www.transitchicago.com/>

You can plan your route out using the trip planner at this website if you're planning on going off on your own or if you are staying at a different hotel.

Schedule

All events are, of course, optional if there is something else you would rather see or do.

- **Friday** - Arrival day! ☺
 - Dinner at Gino's East at 7pm
8725 W. Higgins Road, Chicago, IL 60631 / 773-444-2244
 - ARG Museum
- **Saturday Day**
 - Group outing to the Science and Industry Museum.
Official ARGfest Hotel residents: Meet in the lobby at 10AM.
Others can schlep out to the Hotel or simply meet near the main admissions hall of the museum at 11:30AM.
- **Saturday Night**
 - Kopi Café before dinner – “one of Krystyn's favorite little coffee shops ever.”
5317 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640 / 773-989-5674
 - Dinner at Reza's at 7pm.
5255 N Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60640 / 773-561-1898
 - *Too Much Light Makes the Baby Go Blind* at The Neo-Futurarium
Arrive: 10:20pm – Be prompt!
Cost: \$8 - \$13 depending on the roll of the die
Address: 5153 N. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, IL 60640
- **Sunday** - Departure day! ☹
 - Several of the museums are open on Sunday
 - Other attractions open such as Navy Pier, the zoo, etc.

Local Tourist Attractions

Art Institute* - <http://www.artic.edu/aic/>

Entry Fee: suggested donation of \$12

Hours: Monday—Wednesday, Friday, 10:30—4:30 Thursday, 10:30—8:00 Saturday-Sunday, 10:00—5:00

Field Museum* - <http://www.fieldmuseum.org/>

Entry Fee: Regular admission price is \$12.00 (students \$7.00). Platinum admission which includes entry into the King Tut, Sue, Underground Adventure and Evolving Planet exhibits is \$28.00 (students \$25.00). For more variations on admission pricing see the Field Museum website.

Hours: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily. Last admission at 4 p.m.

Museum of Science and Industry* - <http://www.msichicago.org/>

Current special exhibits are about Leonardo da Vinci and famous robots.

Entry Fee: Regular admission price is \$11.00. Museum + Omnimax admission is \$17.00. Leonardo exhibit is an extra \$10.00, but if we can swing a group rate it will be \$8.00.

Hours: Mon - Sat: 9:30 to 5:30, Sunday: 11:00 to 5:30

Hancock Observatory* - <http://www.hancock-observatory.com/>

Viewing deck 1000 feet above Chicago.

Entry Fee: \$9.95

Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. (last ticket sold at 10:45 p.m.)

Shedd Aquarium* - <http://www.sheddaquarium.org/>

Neat if you like fish and stuff

Entry Fee: All access pass - \$23.00

Hours: 9 am – 6 pm, Thursdays 9 am – 10 pm

Adler Planetarium* - <http://www.adlerplanetarium.org/>

Entry Fee: Admission w/ 1 show is \$16.00, admission w/ 2 shows is \$20.00

Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m

Navy Pier - <http://www.navy pier.com/>

A big pier with expensive food, a mall, and a few rides. There are dinner cruises there that last a couple of hours and end with a fireworks show over Lake Michigan. The Sunsplash Festival will be happening this weekend.

Entry Fee: Free unless you buy a cruise or go on rides

Hours: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday, 10 a.m. - 12 midnight Friday, Saturday Fireworks at 9:30

Sears Tower - <http://www.the-skydeck.com/>

Entry Fee: \$11.95

Hours: 10 am - 10 pm (less crowded after 4pm)

Millennium Park - makes for an interesting walk or picnic for those who have never been to Chicago and is a good meet-up place.

Entry Fee: Free

Hours: 6am - 11pm

Lincoln Park Zoo - <http://www.lpzoo.com/>

Entry Fee: Free

Hours: 9am - 7pm (buildings close at 6pm)

Tips

- If you are a student, be sure to bring your student ID along with. Some of the attractions give great discounts to students.
- Citypass - If you are planning on visiting more than one of the museums, a citypass could save you a lot of money. For \$49.50 you get general admission into the Field Museum, Science and Industry, the Hancock, Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium.

