Welcome to Splash, a weekend-long extravaganza of lectures, workshops, and seminars for middle and high school students. This guide will help you find your way around and plan your free time during Splash.

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\(^1\)You must have purchased meal tickets in advance to attend student meals. Extra meal tickets will be sold at the help desk in Lobby 10.
Checking in

Most students will check in by going to building W31 (du Pont Gym) on Saturday morning before their first class. Registration will be open in W31 from 8:00am until 11:00am; if you arrive after 11:00am, registration will reopen in Lobby 10 at 11:30am and remain there for the rest of the weekend.

Building W31 is located at the southwest corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Vassar Street. Please enter through the main doors facing Massachusetts Avenue.

Lobby 10 is along the main hallway (“Infinite Corridor”) of MIT and is an open space with views of the Charles River. The easiest way to get to Lobby 10 is to walk directly into the main entrance of MIT (77 Massachusetts Avenue) and walk straight down the corridor. Signs across campus (and helpful volunteers) will direct you there as well.

Everyone must have a completed medical/liability form before they can participate in Splash. These forms must be signed by a parent or guardian. If you forgot to bring your forms, you can pick them up from tables in Lobby 13 or at the help desk in Lobby 10.

If you registered online, you should also bring your printed registration receipt—check-in will take longer if you don’t have it. If you did not pay online, have $30 (cash or check only) ready to turn in. Make your checks out to MIT ESP.

At check-in, we will give you a few important pieces of paper: a schedule with your classes and their rooms, your meal ticket if you bought lunch online, a badge holder, and a name tag. Please hold on to these—they are very important for finding your classes and for making class changes.
Finding your classes

Splash is a huge event, with hundreds of different classes running over the course of the day. We have reserved classrooms all over MIT to host all of these classes, so you may have to walk through several different buildings to get to your next class. Don’t worry about rushing between classes—our teachers will start their classes 5 minutes after the hour and end at least 5 minutes early. Also, don’t be afraid to ask anyone you see in the hall for directions.

Almost all of the classes for Splash meet on the “main campus” of MIT—that is, they are in the area between Massachusetts Avenue, Vassar Street, Ames Street, and Memorial Drive. Each building has a number and almost all of the buildings are connected.

Classrooms are numbered by the building they are in, followed by a dash and the number of the particular room within that building. The first digit of the room number refers to the floor that room is on. For example:

**Room 26-310** is on the 3rd floor of building 26, which is to the left off the far end of the Infinite Corridor. Note that the 3rd floor of building 26 connects to the 2nd floor of building 8.

**Room 4-146** is on the 1st floor of building 4; walk down the Infinite Corridor and turn right across from “Café 4” to get there.

Take a look at the map of the MIT campus on the next page to see where on the campus your classes are. Take any route you desire to get between classes, but we’d prefer that you stay near the Infinite Corridor—it’s harder to get lost and there will more people to help you find your way.
Meals

We are offering student lunch for purchase from 12pm–2pm on both days, and student dinner at 6pm on Saturday. Meals are only available for students. If you signed up for meals when you registered online, you will receive your meal tickets with your schedule when you check in. Extra meal tickets can also be purchased on a first-come, first-served basis at the help desk in Lobby 10.

Lunch will be held in Walker Memorial (building 50 on a map), a short walk outside from buildings 6 or 14. Volunteers and signs will help you find your way. Vegetarian options will be available, but we cannot accommodate any other dietary restrictions. Meal tickets are in limited supply, but if you do not get the chance to purchase a meal ticket, there are plenty of other places to eat around campus. There are two lunch blocks, so please look at your schedule to see which one you are assigned to.

We look forward to seeing you at lunch. It should be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to talk to your friends, teachers and ESP administrators.

Where to eat otherwise

MIT has plenty of places to eat if you aren’t participating in our group meals. For starters, the Student Center (building W20), across Massachusetts Ave from the main MIT entrance, has a number of places to obtain food. In this building you’ll find:

- LaVerde’s: Small supermarket that sells good sandwiches and salads—drinks are in the back.

- Anna’s Taqueria: Fast and cheap Mexican restaurant with burritos, quesadillas, and tacos.
Cambridge Grill: Salads, smoothies, deli and grilled sandwiches, and made-to-order pizza.

There are several places to eat if you walk north on Massachusetts Ave toward Central Square: Fresco’s Café, Chicago Pizza, Thailand Café, and the much-beloved Toscanini’s Ice Cream. You can also explore Kendall Square, which is near the subway station at the east end of the campus. Feel free to go anywhere in Cambridge or Boston to eat.

Finding your parents

You’re here at Splash to take lots of awesome classes, but your parents can also have fun too! There’s a good chance they will be at our Parents’ Program (building 32) for part of the day.

Make sure to plan where to meet your parents at the end of the day—we recommend Lobby 7.

If you need to find your parents during Splash and don’t have a cell phone, come to the help desk in Lobby 10—we can call them for you.

Splash shirts

T-shirts will be sold in Lobby 10 for $15 after 12:30pm.
MIT map

The map in the centerfold of this booklet should help you find your classes and places to eat. If you have a computer, you can also use the MIT electronic mapping system (http://whereis.mit.edu) to find any place on the campus, or Google Maps (http://maps.google.com) for restaurants and other locations around MIT.

Getting help

Splash is a crazy event! We know that MIT is a big and unfamiliar place, that you may have to find your way around without your parents, and that not every class will be just what you expected. There are several ways for us to help you sort these things out:

• Ask your teachers! They can talk to you about almost anything.

• Anyone wearing a red “ESP Security” shirt can help you out. Don’t be afraid to ask how to get to your next class!

• Schedule changes can be made in room 4-163.

• Visit our help desk in Lobby 10 for all other questions.

• You can call Splash headquarters at (617) 253-4882. Please call this phone number only if you can’t find anyone else to help.