

COLLEGE OF THE ATLANTIC
SUMMER 2009
Visitor Information

CAMPUS LOCATION: College of the Atlantic, in Bar Harbor, is located on beautiful Mount Desert Island, Maine. This island is comprised of 270 square miles, of which 150 are home to the splendor of Acadia National Park. The college's 29 waterfront acres overlook the ocean and are adjacent to the Park. The village of Bar Harbor is within walking distance of the campus and offers a wide variety of shops, restaurants and night spots, as well as art shows, crafters, evening concerts and numerous other summer activities.

ACCOMMODATIONS: are in the college's dorms in primarily double rooms. Dorms are equipped with kitchens and living areas. All bathrooms are co-ed and shared by up to 6 people. Housekeepers clean the bathrooms and common areas daily, but participants are responsible for their own room during the program. All rooms have individual locks and front entrances to the houses are also locked. Rooms are equipped with twin beds, pillows and blankets. A linen package consisting of 2 twin sheets, 1 pillow case, 3 bath towels and 2 face cloths are also included. There is an overhead light in each room but if you wish to read in the evening we suggest you bring along a reading lamp. Remember, these are college dorm rooms and have only the basic furnishings. Another item you may want to bring along is a small mirror as the bathroom mirrors will be shared by others and not all rooms have them.

FOOD SERVICE: The meal plan includes breakfast, lunch and dinner weekdays (Monday-Friday). Meals begin with dinner on Sunday evening and end with dinner Friday evening. Campus meals are served cafeteria-style and diners are responsible for busing their own place setting. Box lunches or dinners will be provided as long as the kitchen has advance notice. All persons staying in campus housing are required to participate in the meal plan. People with special dietary needs should notify the summer program office at least one month prior to the start of their program.

CLOTHING/EQUIPMENT: Summer life at COA is very informal. Our coastal location provides plenty of ever-changing weather, including sunshine and days when we are wrapped in fog. During July and August, high temperatures usually range between 70 and 80 degrees F. This is often accompanied by a sea breeze.

Recommended Clothing: VERY CASUAL

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| *Jeans | *Jacket, Sweatshirt | *flashlight |
| *Rain gear | *Hiking boots (if you have them) | *camera |
| *Any medication | *Shorts | *clothes hangers |
| *binoculars | *warm sweater | *sneakers or comfortable outdoor shoes |
| *Shampoo, bug repellent, sun screen and other toiletries | | |

TELEPHONE/MAIL: Friends and relatives who need to contact you may leave a message with the COA receptionist (207-288-5015) during our business hours (8:30 - 4:00 pm) Monday through Friday. **After hours, the emergency number is 207-288-9001, this number is for emergencies only!** Campus houses (not bedrooms) are equipped with phones and you may be contacted directly in the dorms after hours and on weekends. Friends and relatives writing to you should address mail to you c/o Summer Programs, College of the Atlantic, 105 Eden St., Bar Harbor, ME 04609-1105

COMPUTER INFORMATION: All summer program participants are given a login and password that allows them to access college computers. **Your username =germans and password=summer1.** The COA computer lab is located in the lower level of Kaelber Hall and has a combination of 2 Macs and 9 PC's. It is open weekdays and evenings (by arrangement) groups for research, email, etc. The Thorndike library is located on the upper level of Kaelber Hall and has several public access computers that may be used for library research. It is open weekday afternoons during the summer. There are also two public access computers in the Arts & Sciences lobby.

WIRELESS SERVICE: COA offers summer program participants wireless computer service. Wireless service will be available in all the dorms, the Thorndike Library, Kaelber Hall, Gates Center, and the Arts & Science Building. Wireless service requires that you register your computer's hardware address at least one week prior to arriving on campus for your course or program. If you would like wireless internet service, free of charge, while you are at COA, please complete the computer form (copy enclosed) and mail it in at least one week prior to your arrival. Computers that are registered upon arrival will be assessed a \$10 fee. Please mail your form to: Network Manager, College of the Atlantic, 105 Eden St., Bar Harbor, ME -04609.

ISLAND BUS SERVICE: The **Island Explorer**, a **free** shuttle bus takes visitors virtually everywhere on Mount Desert Island. The Island Explorer features seven bus routes linking Acadia National Park and neighboring village centers. Clean propane-powered buses offer visitors and residents free transportation to hiking trails, carriage roads, island beaches and villages. Buses run continuously through the day and evening. For the convenience of our summer clientele, we have a bus stop on campus. Several former visitors found they did not have to use their cars at all during their stay. The Island Explorer is equipped with bike racks for those who wish to take a bike to one of the bike trails. For guests flying into the Bar Harbor Airport, the bus makes several trips daily between the airport and Bar Harbor which includes the stop at COA.

CAMPUS FACILITIES include: Thorndike Library: Collection includes over 35,000 books, 540 periodical subscriptions and newspaper subscriptions, foreign language tapes and recorded music.

Ethel Blum Art Gallery: Provides excellent space for display of artwork by students, faculty, and visiting artists.

Museum of Natural History: Showcases student work that explores Maine's natural heritage and offers students the opportunity to create highly innovative exhibits. The museum also offers outreach programs to school and community groups and runs a Summer Field Studies day program for children.

Pier: COA's 120 foot pier is used for marine and coastal studies as well as other courses with links to the sea. It also provides access to the water during the summer for guests.

Pebble Beach: A popular spot, families use COA's pebble beach for relaxing, wading, swimming, launching personal kayaks, etc.

Blair Dining Hall: Meals are served in the Blair dining hall overlooking the ocean and nestled between the Newlin Gardens and the terraces and rose parterre designed by Beatrix Farrand, one of the great landscape designers of the 20th century.

The Turrets: Designed as a summer cottage in 1893 by Bruce Price for John Emery of New York, The Turrets is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Turrets, with its gallery mirrored morning room, and Great Hall is home to classrooms and administrative offices including the Summer Program Office.

DIRECTIONS TO COA BY AUTOMOBILE: , Interstate 95 to Interstate 395 in Bangor, Route 1A from Bangor to Ellsworth, and Route 3, about 19 miles, from the Ellsworth shopping district. COA, located on the ocean-side of Route 3, is one-quarter mile beyond the Bay Ferry terminal.

DIRECTIONS TO COA BY PLANE: Regularly scheduled flights are available to Bar Harbor Airport (in Trenton) about 12 miles from campus and Bangor International Airport (in Bangor) about 55 miles from campus. There are several domestic carriers for Bangor International Airport and I recommend you contact your local travel agent. You can also check their website: www.flybangor.com. The Bar Harbor Airport is served by Colgan Airlines which is a branch of US Airways phone number 800-428-4322. Taxi service from Bangor International Airport is approximately \$90 and from Trenton \$20. Rental cars are available at both airports. There is no bus service between Bangor Airport and Bar Harbor. Following are names and phone numbers of local taxis that provide airport service: At Your Service Taxi Cab Co, 207-288-9222, AAA Taxi and Limousine Service 207-288-8294 and O'Pooch Taxi Cab 207-288-3898. Former students have also flown into the Portland Jetport (Portland, Maine, 150 miles), Logan Airport (Boston, MA, 250 miles), or Manchester, NH (250 miles) rented a car and driven to campus.

OPTIONAL SPORTS EQUIPMENT: Tennis courts are available for rent at the athletic field in Bar Harbor, and at area motels or at the Tennis Club in Ellsworth (about ½ hour back on Rt. 3). For those of you who play golf, you will find several courses in the area. We encourage you to bring your bicycles, kayaks, and canoes, but if space or transportation is a problem, all may be rented in Bar Harbor or COA can arrange kayak and bike trips for the group through our certified guides. A bike storage building is available for your convenience, **bring your own bike lock**. Kayaks may be launched from the college pier.

PETS: Pets are not permitted on the COA campus or in COA housing.

SMOKING: Smoking is prohibited by law in all campus buildings including dorms, classrooms, meeting rooms, labs, etc. Smoking on campus is permitted in outside designated areas only.

LAUNDRY FACILITIES: There are coin washers and dryers in two locations on campus. There are also two Laundromats in the village of Bar Harbor. **Hint:** If you anticipate doing laundry at COA, you must bring your own soap and quarters with you as COA does not have change or soap machines on campus.