

Art Club  
**Chicago Trip 2014**

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Thanks to a grant from student government, you will go for cheap! \$25 dollar deposit due in October. If you've been active in Art Club, we'll give some of that back as cash, on the train.

You're on your own for food (we've got breakfast if you can haul yourself out of bed in the morning ☺) and shopping. If you go to attractions that aren't part of our scheduled career excursions, you'll need money (usually cheaper with your school ID).

**Thursday, Nov. 6:**

Meet in Mahan lot (or in front) by 5:10 p.m. You can have no more than 2 pieces of luggage, weighing no more than 50 lbs.

We leave on AMTRAK from the Jackson MI station (we get to Jackson courtesy of an AC bus). Ever ridden the train? Cool! (Play cards, sleep, do homework; club car for eats/drinks). You'll have a transit card to use in Chicago, too, and a basic mass transit map. Take the "L" –Chicago is famous for its elevated trains. They're connected to subways, too.

You can hang with one of our pre-planned outings until you get the hang of it. It's really easy to get around: if taking off on your own, get transit routes from [cta.org](http://cta.org) or [goroo](http://goroo.com).

**Art student?**    **ArtEx points:** you can get up to 3.

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**Our hotel:**

We get into historic Union Station and take the bus to our lodgings. **We stay downtown.**  
Last year, we stayed here:

Best Western Grant Park  
1100 S Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL, 60605

Buses run north on Michigan Ave. on side of street closed to lake;  
and South on the other side of the street.

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**Friday**

**Breakfast provided for you (by us) in hotel lobby at 8:30 am.**

**Career Side Trips:**

**Art Therapy:** leave hotel lobby at **10:30** for **Adler School of Professional Psychology** (1 N. Dearborn; map, directions in packet; about 15 minutes). [You have time to walk to the Cultural Center and see the exhibits if you are there not too much after 9:00 a.m.]

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**Studio Art geek?** Visit 20-something AC art alum Robin Dluzen, painter, in her studio in Lincoln Park. How do you *really* get to be an artist in a city like Chicago? Robin is an entrepreneur putting together a career as a painter, arts writer (she’s published in national magazines), and gallery work.

**Education?** (sociology/social work/CJ) Visit AC art alum and art teacher Allison Beaulieu at her quite beautiful inner city public elementary school. Allison has been there perhaps 10 years and is now a lead teacher.

**Design/illustration interest:** TBA. Last year we got a behind-the-scenes tour of WMS, which makes top of the line video gambling machines in their gorgeous new LEED Platinum-certified building (with workout rooms, a rooftop terrace with outdoor kitchen, composers’ studios, animator clusters, new machines to try, and resident philosophers (!). It just happened to be across from Hot Doug’s world famous Chicago hotdogs, where we had lunch.

### Other Art Activities

Consider visiting the **Art Institute & Millennium Park**, just north of hotel on Michigan Ave. Take your picture reflected in “The Bean” (Cloud Gate by Anish Kapoor).

**Chicago Cultural Center FREE** (except café, bakery, & shop) 78 E. Washington St.; some galleries open 9 am, all open by 10am. Closes 6 pm. Art shows. Also great architecture, Tiffany glass dome, giftshop, etc.

**Friday evening:** you’re on your own. You might enjoy the open galleries in **River North**—and can get some free food at the receptions, probably. **Giordano’s Pizza** is in that neighborhood, and some **blues clubs**. Also, for INTD, great furniture and design shops—go before 5 p.m.

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S.O.F.A. [Sculptural Objects, Functional Art] at Navy Pier. This is a HUGE international art exposition. And Navy Pier is fun, too—you walk through a history/museum of Chicago stained glass on your way to S.O.F.A. <http://www.sofaexpo.com/> \$12 for students, but often people had out complimentary tickets before you get to the ticket booth.

Also at the Pier: food, shops, movies, carnival rides, botanical garden.

**Courtesy shuttles** will run between SOFA / Navy Pier, the MCA Chicago, and the River North gallery district during the fair weekend. Details in your packet. For a schedule of booth events, artist talks, etc.:

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### Saturday

**Leftover breakfast & fresh coffee/cocoa provided for you (by us) in hotel lobby at 9:00 am.**

\***Museum of Contemporary Art Chicago.** It’s a short bus ride or long walk. For a free ticket, be at the museum no later than 12:45 – 1:00 p.m., at the desk inside the Education/Theatre entrance at ground level (not up the big steps). One ArtEx point is only possible by attending this. You’ll be free to roam the Museum, once we’re checked in. Has a Wolfgang Puck café, if you want lunch there.

**Dinner at the food court Union Station. Head for our gate by 5:15 pm (unless the train is advertised late). Train is supposed to leave at 6:00 pm. It boards sooner.**

