

# iSchool Student Welcome Week

The iSchool student groups would like to invite you to welcome events leading up to the first day of classes. These events will be casual get-togethers where you can get to know new and current students at the iSchool. These are not recruitment events, and you do not need to be interested in joining the hosting organization in order to attend.

Feel free to come to any or all of the events.

Also, if you haven't seen them already, check out the Tips page on the SASI Web site at <http://www.ischool.utexas.edu/~sasi/tips.html> and the [UT School of Information Incoming Students page](#) on Facebook.

## Wednesday, August 17th

With the beginning of the fall semester, the iSchool hosts a reception to welcome incoming students. During this event, all of the iSchool student organizations set up welcome tables where new students can purchase merchandise, ask questions and sign up to get involved. Immediately following the orientation reception, SASI officers will invite all students to join them at the Dog & Duck pub adjacent to the iSchool to continue the welcoming festivities. This is a great chance for incoming students to get to know each other and meet current students.

## Thursday, August 18th

Join the Society of American Archivists - UT Student Chapter for a trip to see Austin's famous bats! The Congress Avenue Bridge is the summer home of one of the largest urban bat colonies -- about 1.5 million emerge from under the bridge every night at sunset between March and November. We'll be meeting up at Aussie's Grill and Beach Bar (306 Barton Springs Road) at 6:30 p.m. to have a few drinks and get to know each other, then walk two blocks over to the Congress Avenue Bridge. If you can't make it to drinks beforehand, we'll be heading to the SOUTHEAST side of the bridge (next to the Austin American-Statesman building) around 7:45. You might want to bring a blanket to sit on and some bug spray. For more info about Austin's bats, see <http://www.batcon.org/index.php/get-involved/visit-a-bat-location/congress-avenue-bridge>. Look for the folks in the Texas Archives T-shirts.

## Friday, August 19th

ArTex is the arts-based student group at the iSchool. Join us for a guided tour of *About Face: Portraiture as Subject* at the Blanton Museum of Art. We'll meet at the iSchool at 2:00 p.m. and walk together to the Blanton. The tour begins at 2:30 p.m.

## Saturday, August 20th

iSchool You, the School of Information's podcast, will be hosting a bar night at the Texas Chili Parlor on Saturday, August 20th, at 8pm. The Texas Chili Parlor is located a few blocks away from the iSchool at 1409 Lavaca Street (Lavaca and 15th). Join us!

## Sunday, August 21st

The UT chapters of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) and the American Society for Information Science and Technology (ASIS&T) will host a casual get-together at [Caffé Medici](#) on Sunday, August 21 at 11:00 a.m. It'll be a time for new students to relax with experienced iSchoolers over good coffee before the semester begins. Caffé Medici is located at [2222B Guadalupe St.](#)

## Monday, August 22nd

Come take a dip! The American/ Texas Library Association Student Chapter (ALA/TLA) would like to invite you to a pool party at Ramsey Pool ([4301 Rosedale Avenue](#)) on Monday, August 22nd at 4:00pm. Bring your suit or just come to hang out; everyone is welcome. Parking is available on the street or the #3 bus stops fairly close by. The Cap Metro Trip Planner at <http://capmetro.org/planner/> is a great way to figure out the bus schedules. See you there!

## Tuesday, August 23rd

During orientation week, UT hosts an event called Gone to Texas, which is a massive celebration of all things UT. Students are given burnt orange t-shirts, taught the school fight song, and immersed in Longhorn culture. Before this event, all students, teachers and staff are invited to the Dog & Duck to get to know the new iSchool students. SASI officers will then escort all new interested iSchool students to the Gone to Texas event. For more information on Gone to Texas, visit the event page at <http://www.utexas.edu/events/gtt/>.