Travel for REU2004

Recall that part of the “package” of the REU program is to provide you with one round-trip travel expense between your home or school and Cornell.

Air Travel
The National Science Foundation guidelines require you to use US carriers in coach class seating for air travel. Even within that restriction the amount of money for air travel can vary greatly, so we ask you to plan ahead and look at options to minimize the cost to the program without incurring undue hardship on your part (no sleeping overnight in airport waiting lounges!).

Ithaca has an airport with the primary carrier being USAir. There is good service between here and Pittsburgh and Philadelphia. Syracuse has a much larger airport with many carriers and direct flights and often less expensive fares (more competition!). It is about 75 minutes by car to the SYR airport, and a taxi/limo would cost about $60, which of course is part of the travel reimbursement.

Automobile
We will reimburse mileage up to 1000 miles (that’s round-trip or 500 miles each way) at roughly $0.37/mile (the rate changes a bit from time to time), as well as covering the cost of tolls.

Residents at Ujamaa park in the CC lot. The 10-week cost would be ~$170 [final cost known in a few weeks], and the LEPP REU would pick up half of that expense as part of your travel package. CC permits do not allow one to park at Newman (J) or Wilson (W) lots, and these are pretty expensive. The B lot is close to Wilson and is less expensive, but not free. Again, we do not have a price yet. I would strongly urge those staying in Ujamaa to walk to the lab during the day and only use your car if you come back in the evening when parking is unrestricted.

If you plan to park at either Ujamaa and/or Wilson Laboratory you should contact Cornell Transportation Services before you arrive (607-255-4600) to arrange for permits.

Other Modes of Travel
Ithaca does have frequent bus service from NYC (about a 5 hour ride). Amtrak goes to Syracuse, although frequently has delays. Be sure to keep receipts!!
Cornell Housing Occupancy

The Ujamaa residence can be available starting Saturday, 5 June, although a Sunday start is preferred by Cornell Housing. The facility must be vacated by 10:00 AM Saturday, 14 August.