

Dear Neuroscience Retreaters-

Well, time flies and our second annual UNC Pierre Morrell Neuroscience Retreat is this week! All of us on the retreat planning committee are super excited, and are looking forward to hearing about great science and hanging out with everyone in a fun and new setting. Before we pack up and head to the [Haw River State Park](#), there are a few details regarding the event that I would like to share with you.

Location:

Haw River State Park
339 Conference Center Drive
Browns Summit, NC 27214
Phone: 336-342-6163
haw.river@ncparks.gov
Latitude: 36.250646
Longitude: -79.756360

Time:

Events and Talks start at 10:00 AM on Thursday May 18th. The retreat ends after lunch on Friday May 19th.

Getting there:

As stated above we will be staying at the Haw River State Park Conference Center. The easiest way to get to the venue from UNC is [here](#) and printable directions are attached separately as a PDF to this email. If you have not yet arranged transportation to the retreat, please contact the retreat committee ASAP.

Arriving:

There is plenty of parking at the conference center, park anywhere and walk into the main building which includes the lobby and main conference room. All of the talks and presentations will be in the Grove Auditorium and all of the meals will be in the Cafeteria. Check in will be from 3-3:30pm so please leave your bags in the car until it is time to check in.

Accommodations:

You should by now have your roommate buddy assignments. Please treat them nicely! You can get your key at the front desk in the main building. The rooms are motel style with two double beds and a bath. Linens are provided. One of the employees there said some people choose to bring their own sleeping bags, but this is optional. The accommodations should be perfect for the event, but don't expect the Carolina Inn! This is a retreat after all, think of it more like nerd summer camp.

Attire:

We recommend you bring clothes fit for whatever the weather conditions permit, and you air on the side of 'rustic adventurer' instead of 'business casual'. activities you may want to participate in (see below).



Figure 1: Suggested retreat attire. a. Less like this b. more like this. c. Significantly more fun has previously been had wearing retreat attire compared to work clothes.

You should also bring clothes for any outdoors Please see **Fig. 1** for additional details.

Activities:

We have awesome activities planned – a first year student data blitz, two scientific sessions, a plenary lecture, meals, and much more! There will be a few free hours to hike the retreat grounds, canoe, play frisbee, or participate in an organized soccer match (teams to be determined). There will be a sign up sheet for soccer and canoeing at lunch on Thursday.

Appropriate conduct at the retreat:

The purpose of the retreat is to hang out and learn more about each other and our science. **We are 98.2% sure fun will be had, but remember, this is still a UNC-related event.** All retreat attendees are expected to maintain the same level of respect for their colleagues and peers as they would show in the lab, office, or classroom.

Meals:

Coffee and water will be available *ad libitum* throughout the retreat.

PLEASE NOTE: the vegetarian options will be specifically for those who indicated vegetarian preferences in the survey.

Thursday Morning	Assorted Pastries
Thursday Dinner	Turkey/Vegetarian Taco Bowls Spanish rice, black beans, pineapple, tomato, and fire roasted corn
Thursday Dinner	Chicken/Tofu Florentine Oven roasted potatoes, sautéed fresh veggies, dinner rolls, salad bar, dessert
Thursday Poster Session	Beer, Wine, and Snacks
Friday Breakfast	Scrambled Eggs & Sausage/Veggie Gravy Hash browns, yogurt, cereal, milk, fresh fruit
Friday Lunch	Pork/Veggie BBQ Platter Mac & cheese, collard greens, corn bread, salad bar

Agenda:**Thursday, May 18, 2017:**

10:00 AM - 11:50 AM -- 1st Year Data Blitz
 11:50 AM - 12:00 PM -- Certificate: Mentor of the Year
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -- Lunch
 1:00 PM - 4:30 PM -- Free Time
 4:30 PM - 6:00 PM -- 1st Oral Session

- Andrew Crowther
- Lipin Loo
- 10 min. Break
- Kate Riessner

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM -- Dinner
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM -- Plenary Session feat. Dr. Kafui Dzirasa
 8:00 PM - 10:00 PM -- Poster Session
 10:00 PM+ -- Campfire

Friday, May 19, 2017:

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM -- Breakfast
 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM -- Checkout
 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM -- 2nd Oral Session

- Alison Earley
- Iain Stitt
- 10 min. Break
- Hiroyuki Kato

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM -- Lunch