

Welcome Commuters!

Congratulations to all of the first-year commuter students; you've just joined an amazing community of talented and inspired students,

faculty, and staff! The next four (or more) years will undoubtedly prove to be a whirlwind of adventures, learning, and fun that you will never forget, and today is the start of it all!

Welcome back to all of our returning commuters. The 2010-11 academic year is almost underway and we hope you're as excited to be back to campus as we are! This year should be an especially great one for all of our commuter students. We recently opened a new commuter lounge, and we've been busy planning fun events to unite commuter students across campus.

As your new commuter assistants, we're excited to get to know you and to help you have a fantastic Michigan Tech experience. Please don't hesitate to contact us, we can be reached by emailing commuters@mtu.edu, and we can't wait to hear your ideas and opinions about parking, campus events, networking, and any other topics that impact your experience as a commuter on campus.

Let's make this a wonderful academic year.

Sincerely,
Jessica Banda and Alyssa Wood
Commuter Assistants 2010-11



Alyssa Wood

Pictured Above (left)

Alyssa is a 4th-year business management major. She has been a commuter for three years and her favorite thing about commuting to campus is the exercise of walking to class. She is involved in Delta Phi Epsilon and Student Commission and she choose Michigan Tech in order to be close to home.

Office Hours (MUB 106)
Monday from 11:00am-1:00pm
Wednesday from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Jessica Banda

Pictured Above (right)

Jess is a 4th-year Scientific and Technical Communications Major with a minor in Journalism and a certificate in Global Technological Leadership. She has been a commuter for all four years and her favorite thing about commuting to Michigan Tech is the freedom to explore the Keweenaw on her drive to and from campus!

Office Hours (MUB 106)
Wednesday's: 11:00am-1:00pm
Friday's: 10:00am-11:00am

Up and Coming Events

K-Day

**Friday September 10
12:00-4:00pm**

K-day, short for Keweenaw Day, is an annual free event filled with fun activities, live music, and tasty treats! As a celebration of the new school year, classes end at noon for an afternoon of entertainment at the beach. The event is hosted at McLain State Park, which is 13 miles north of campus.

Several organizations will have booths at K-day; if you're looking to get involved you don't want to miss it! If you'd like to carpool to K-day with other commuters please e-mail commuters@mtu.edu or put your name and e-mail address on the K-day sign-up sheet in the new commuter lounge (MUB 106)



Homecoming

**Sunday September 26-
Saturday October 2**

2010 is Michigan Tech's 125th anniversary and Homecoming is sure to have some extra spirit this year! Homecoming week is a great time to be a Husky with tons of fun activities like: window decorating, Tug of War, a Relay Race, a Bonfire, a Parade, a Pep Rally, and of course the big Hockey Game against Nipissing.

If you'd like to participate in these fun events with a team of commuter students please e-mail commuters@mtu.edu as soon as possible. To find out more about Homecoming visit www.homecoming.mtu.edu



Fall Career Fair

Tuesday October 5

If you're looking for a co-op, internship, or full time position—you can't beat this career boosting day! It's never too early to visit the career fair. Even first-year students are encouraged to attend to get valuable networking experience.

The event may be a month away, but over 120 corporations have already signed up to attend and career fair preparation events will be starting soon. Career services will be hosting a number of events to prepare students for the fair including: Résumé Blitz, Interview Idol, and Benefits of a Co-op or Internship. To find out more about these events and the fair visit:
www.career.mtu.edu

Helpful Hints

As a commuter student it can be easy to find yourself away from home without something you may need! To help prevent this problem, we've compiled a list of useful objects to have with you at all times.

Things to keep in your backpack

1. Graphing Calculator
2. Snack
3. Water bottle
4. Tech ID
5. Extra cash – forgot lunch?
6. Flash drive
7. Small stapler
8. Cell Phone & charger

Things to keep in your Car

1. Spare tire
2. Jack
3. Battery charger /or jumper cables
4. Flash light
5. Flares
6. Blanket
7. Gloves
8. Shovel
9. Snacks
10. Ice Scraper
11. Insurance Information and Driver's License

Don't Be Shy

Do you have something to add? Would you like to suggest future article ideas? E-mail us at commuters@mtu.edu or stop by MUB 106 during our office hours (see page 1).



Just for you, commuters

Hungry?

Get a commuter meal plan!

If you'd like to take advantage of Michigan Tech's unlimited, buffet-style dining hall eating, you might consider the Top Dog Express Meal Plan. The plan can be used in any residence hall dining hall and the more meals you buy, the less they cost (see prices below).

10 meals/\$80
25 meals/\$190
50 meals/\$375
75 meals/\$525

If you prefer to eat in Michigan Tech's retail dining outlets such as the MUB food Mall, the Aftermath Café, the Campus Café, Mont Ripley Ski Hill, Athletic Concessions, Fusion, or the Library Café you might prefer the Big Dog Express Meal Account. The plan allows you to deposit money on your Tech Express ID card. When you deposit money, Michigan Tech adds a percentage to your account—the more money you deposit the higher the percentage (see below).

Deposit \$25-\$99.99 and receive 3%
Deposit \$100-\$199.99 and receive 4%
Deposit \$200 or more and receive 5%
For more information visit
www.dining.mtu.edu

Home Away From Home

If you ever find yourself with a break in between classes and you don't want to make the trek back to your apartment or house... don't worry because we have the place for you. This summer we opened a new lounge for commuters, in the Memorial Union Building, room 106 (right across from the Campus Store).

The lounge will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00am-5:00pm and you can use it to study, access computers, rest, have lunch or visit your commuter assistants. Jessica will be in the lounge every Wednesday from 11:00am-1:00pm and every Friday from 10:00am-11:00am. Alyssa will be in the lounge every Monday from 11:00am-1:00pm and Wednesday from 11:00am-12:00pm.

Distance from...

Distance from Parking Lot to the EERC
Lot 9 to the EERC= 6 minutes
Lot to the EERC= 6 minutes
Lot 32 to the EERC= 6 minutes

If you'd like to park in the lots listed above, you'll need to purchase a parking pass for \$25 per semester. To purchase the pass, stop by the Student Service Center on the first floor of the Administration Building or register online at:
www.mtu.edu/registrar/students/parking-vehicle/commuter.

When registering, remember to have the following information: License Plate Number, Make, Model, and year of your vehicle, and your M Number.