



2023 Symposium Logistics

June 13 (TEPIs only) and June 14 (Tiny Earth students and TEPIs)
University of Wisconsin-Madison, Wisconsin Institute for Discovery
Discovery Building, 330 N. Orchard St., Madison, WI 53715

Welcome to the Tiny Earth Summer Symposium!

We are excited to meet you this summer in beautiful Madison, Wisconsin! Below is the information about travel to the event, what to expect, and what to bring..

Event Schedule

Tuesday June 13 (instructors only): 9am - 5pm

Wednesday June 14 (instructors & students): 9am - 4pm

Getting to Madison

You are responsible for arranging and paying for your own travel. The symposium will be held at the [Discovery Building](#), where [Tiny Earth is headquartered](#) on [the University of Wisconsin-Madison](#) campus in [Madison, Wisconsin, USA](#). UW-Madison is the flagship university for the state, and Madison is the Wisconsin state capitol.

Madison is served by [Dane County Regional Airport \(MSN\)](#).

The following regional options may provide less expensive options than flying into Madison. The regional bus stop is a few blocks away from the Discovery Building. It's an easy 10-15 minute walk or short taxi ride.

- Milwaukee's [Mitchell Airport](#) is a little over an hour away with bus service to campus through [Badger Bus](#). (approx 1.5 hrs)
- From Chicago/O'Hare, take the [CoachUSA/VanGalder](#) bus. Choose the campus / Lake Street stop in Madison. (approx 3 hrs)
- Additional bus service is available regionally via [Greyhound](#).
- If you have a group, it may be most cost-effective to rent a vehicle. See below about parking.

Conference Site: Discovery Building, UW-Madison, 330 N. Orchard Street, Madison WI

Transportation to/from Airport or Bus Station

Use a taxi, Uber/Lyft, or [Madison Metro city bus](#) (\$2 per ride) to travel from the airport or bus station to the UW-Madison campus. The Discovery Building is next to several city bus stops, and a few blocks (10-15 min walk) from the regional bus stop. The [free campus bus \(route 80\)](#) stops at the regional bus terminal on campus and goes to the residence halls and Discovery Building.

Campus Transportation

UW-Madison is a highly walkable and beautiful campus. For additional transportation, try the [Bicycle ebike rentals](#), [free campus buses](#) (especially [bus route 80](#)), or [Madison Metro city buses](#) (\$2 per ride). While the residence hall is located near the Discovery Building, please remember to dress for ever-changing Wisconsin

weather. Thunderstorms and hot, muggy days are common this time of year! The event site is air conditioned and will be comfortable.

Driving and Parking

If you are traveling in your own vehicle, you will be responsible to arrange and pay for your own parking. Parking is very limited at UW-Madison, so you are encouraged to get a permit more than two weeks in advance of the event. [Visitor parking options are available at UW-Madison](#). Be sure to mention that you will be staying at the residence halls in the Lakeshore Dorms area. Additional parking is available in [UW Parking Lot 80 below Union South](#), which is directly across the street from the Discovery Building conference site. Contact Union South directly at 1-608-262-2511 or events@union.wisc.edu for pricing and availability. You may also check visitor parking with the [City of Madison](#).

Lodging and Meals

Lodging will be provided at no cost to the first 150 registrants at a UW-Madison Housing residence hall. You will be provided with sheets, blanket, pillow, pillow case, two bath towels, and a washcloth. Communal bathrooms are down the hall from the dorm rooms. The residence hall is a 10-15 minute walk from the conference site. Check in at the residence hall by 8pm. We may be able to accommodate early check-in and late departures upon request. Depending on how many requests we get for additional nights, the additional cost may be at your expense (approx \$35/night). Watch for an additional form in May to inform us of your travel plans so we can make the final reservations.

If you prefer to stay at a hotel, it will be at your own expense. We recommend the [Fluno Center](#), which is the campus conference center. Other nearby options include [Hampton Inn](#), [Graduate Hotel](#), or [Doubletree Hotel](#). They are all a 10-15 min walk from the conference site and reasonably priced.

Breakfasts will be provided at the residence hall cafeteria between 7:00 - 9:00 am daily for those staying overnight in the residence halls. **Lunch** will be provided at the conference site on Wednesday for students and TEPs. Lunch will also be provided for TEPs on Tuesday. **Coffee, iced tea, snacks, and water** will be available throughout both days. **Dinner** is on your own. There are dozens of reasonably-priced restaurants in the building, on campus, and in the nearby downtown area. Evening is a great time to explore the campus, Lakeshore Path, student unions, and the Capitol / State Street area!

We are usually able to accommodate **dietary restrictions**, so please provide that information when requested in the coming weeks. There are multiple cafés in the building for additional flexibility (at your own cost), in addition to ample outdoor eating areas if you prefer to not eat indoors. One of the two student unions is across the street from the conference site.

COVID-19 Guidelines

Your health and safety is our top priority. We cannot know what local requirements will be in place at the time of your arrival, so please prepare for rapidly changing restrictions. We will convey any local ordinances, campus mandates, or building restrictions to you as soon as we know them, and they may change. We strongly recommend that you are up-to-date on your vaccinations but will not require proof of vaccination for entry. **We may require masks or at-home covid tests before entering the event and will make the decision closer to the event date.**