**2015 Northern California GRE Boot Camp: Instructions for Participants**

Hello 2015 Northern California Physics GRE Boot Camp Participants,

Following is a collection of information that should be of use to you when you come to campus for the boot camp: either Friday Aug 21 or Saturday Aug 22, depending on whether or not you will stay in the dorms Friday night. Please bring these instructions, the agenda, and relevant maps with you when you come – either hard copy or on your smart phone or tablet.

You may find the agenda and maps at

<http://scipp.ucsc.edu/~schumm/bootcamp/bootcamp.html>

<http://maps.ucsc.edu/content/printable-maps>

You have your choice of which map to make use of; on my computer “UCSC Campus (black and white)” displays the best. Please note the location of the important buildings on the map before coming to campus. All of the places we will meet and eat are near the top of the map. There has been a change in location: the Cowell/Stevenson Dining Hall is where you will eat all your meals. The first building in which we will meet (Saturday morning before 8:45) is the Thimann Lecture Hall. The break-out sessions will be in various rooms in the Interdisciplinary Sciences Building (ISB).

Some other things to note:

* More information on where to park is given below, but please be careful not to park in reserved spots – you will likely get a ticket, which you would be responsible for (unfortunately I learned this the hard way).
* No notebooks, paper, pencils, etc., will be provided. There will be scratch paper interleaved within the problems of the exam, as you will find when you take the actual GRE. Bring whatever else you might think you need with you when you come.
* Calculator are not permitted when taking the GRE so don't expect to use one during the practice exams.
* You will take the full 2001 exam and half of the 2008 exam (problems 26-75) during the course of the boot camp.

Following are two separate sets of additional instructions, depending on whether or not you are staying in the dorms.

**For Those Staying in the Dorms**

A more detailed map of the College 9/10 area may be found at

<http://conferenceservices.ucsc.edu/maps/pdf/conference-services-central-office-call-for-hours.pdf>

You’ll be residing in a room in the College 9 dorms, in one of the three light blue buildings at the base of College 9.

* Arrival time is between 4:30 and 6:30 on Friday, August 22. When you arrive, find the entrance to College 9, Residence Hall 1 (one of those three light-blue buildings), outside of which there should be a registration table.
* If you arrive later, or on Saturday, go instead to the Conference Office, which is the red dot on the corner of one of the light blue buildings.
* You may park in the College 9/10 parking lots.
* If you arrive Friday, you will pick up your meal tickets, good ONLY at the **Cowell/Stevenson** dining center at the times listed on the agenda, when you register for your lodging. They will include all three meals on Saturday and two meals on Sunday (breakfast and lunch).
* If you arrive Saturday, your meal tickets will be given to you during the first practice exam, and will include two meals (lunch and dinner) on Saturday and two more (breakfast and lunch) on Sunday.
* You will need to bring your own bedding and linens (sheets/blankets or sleeping bag, pillow case, towels, etc.). Just like summer camp I guess!
* Note that Saturday and Sunday breakfast will be served in the College 9-10 cafeteria from 7:00 to 7:30. This is a bit early, but it was the time assigned to us. The initial practice exam will begin promptly at 8:45 in the Thimann Lecture Hall (Room 1). Please get there a few minutes early.

**For Those Not Staying in the Dorms**

* You may park for free in the Core West Parking Structure or in the lot to the west (left) of the Cowell Health Center.
* You will be given tickets for three meals (Saturday lunch and dinner, and Sunday lunch) during the first practice exam.
* Note that the first practice exam will be held Saturday morning at 8:45 in Thimann 1. Please arrive a few minutes early so that we can start right at 8:45.