

2020 Northern Gulf Coast Regional Contest Lodging & Meal Information

Hosted by the Dauphin Island Sea Lab
April 24-26, 2020

On-Campus Dorm Information

Dorm reservations open February 18 (**for registered teams**) until full.

The Dauphin Island Sea Lab has 2 dormitories on campus that will be used for the ROV Competition teams. DISL will support room costs for all teams staying in our dorms Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25. Check out will be on Sunday April 26 following the awards ceremony. Teams wishing to stay Sunday evening should contact Rachel McDonald at rmcdonald@disl.org to inquire about options. Teams staying off campus do so at their cost.

- Dorm availability is on a **first-come first-serve basis** to **registered teams**. Each team is NOT guaranteed dorm space.
- Teams are allowed **up to 5 rooms**. Schools/organizations bringing more than one team may reserve 5 rooms per team (for up to 3 teams, 15 rooms max).
- This event is focused on students. Please limit mentors/chaperones staying in the dorms to no more than necessary.
- **On April 1**, all remaining rooms will be opened up to teams needing additional rooms on a first-come first-served basis.
- Mentors will be responsible for making room assignments and will receive their dorm information (dorm name, floor, and room numbers) at check-in.
- Dorms are limited to students in the 5th grade and up (Sea Lab policy). Please contact Rachel McDonald at rmcdonald@disl.org if you have a student participating at a lower grade level that needs housing.

How to Reserve Dorms:

- Email Rachel McDonald at rmcdonald@disl.org with your team name and number of rooms requested (max. 5 rooms per team).
 - Please include any disabilities or conditions that will require special accommodations for any team members.
- A confirmation email will be sent as a receipt of your registration. If you do not receive this confirmation, we did not receive your email and **you are not registered**.

Housing FAQs:

- **My team is larger than what will fit into 5 rooms. Are there any other places to stay?**
Of course! The nearest hotels are located in Tillman's Corner (approximately 30 minutes from Dauphin Island and just south of Mobile) and right off of I-10 at exit 15B. Hotels include La Quinta Inn and Suites, Holiday Inn, Baymont Inn and Suites and EconoLodge. If teams or parents are interested in staying on Dauphin Island, the island has a large selection of home rentals, a B&B and several condominiums that can be rented for short term stays.
- **Can parents or other guests (i.e. bus drivers, spectators, siblings, etc.) stay in the dorms?**
The dorms are reserved for team members and team mentors/chaperones only. Housing for other guests is the responsibility of the team mentor or individual. If a student requires special accommodations or assistance due to a disability or condition, exceptions will be made on a case-by-case basis.
- **What do I need to bring for my stay in the dorm?**
The dormitory rooms each have 2 twin beds, an air conditioning unit, closet and desk. Dorms have community-style bathrooms. Visitors will need to bring their own linens (sheets, towels, blankets, pillows, etc.) and all bathroom necessities. Items **NOT** allowed include pets, alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs or tobacco products (DISL is a tobacco free campus), firearms, pellet or air guns, knives, and small appliances (hot plates, mini fridge, microwave, etc.).

Virtual Dorm Tour: To take a virtual tour of the Challenger dorm (one of the two dorms we will be using), please visit <https://www.disl.org/about/virtual-campus-tour>.

2020 MEAL INFORMATION

Meals will NOT be covered for the students and mentors/chaperones participating in the competition. A cafe on campus will be available for teams who request to purchase meals. Meal costs are listed below.

- Breakfast- \$6.50 per person
- Lunch- \$8.50 per person
- Dinner- \$11.50 per person

The DISL cafe will be open for the following 5 meals (if requested). Total per person cost for all 5 meals is \$44.50.

- dinner on Friday, April 24
- breakfast and dinner on Saturday, April 25
- breakfast and lunch on Sunday, April 26

The café will not be open Saturday April 25 for lunch as teams will be in Mobile at the Bishop State pool for the pool demonstrations.

**The DISL cafeteria requires a minimum of 30 people making reservations to open for a meal. If there are fewer than 30 individuals who make a reservation for a meal, teams will be notified by April 15 so that alternative meal plans can be made.

Meal payment: Due to the number of teams and individuals attending our competition we ask that all teams pay as a group. Additional guests such as parents or bus drivers may purchase their food individually in the Café. Please see additional info below.

- **Payment is due in advance or at check-in.** A team invoice will be prepared and emailed to you with the number of meals you have reserved for your team. Check and card are accepted.
 - Teams can purchase all 5 meals or a partial number of meals for each person on your team. This can include your students, mentors/chaperons and parents.
 - Meals can also be purchased individually in the cafeteria, but please limit this to additional guests such as parents or bus drivers who you are not including in your team total.

Other Meal options: A limited number of restaurants and gas stations are located on Dauphin Island. Many of these serve breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. There is also a larger selection of restaurant and fast food options in Tillman's corner and Mobile.

Food in the Dorms: Mini fridges, microwaves, hot plates, Keurigs, coffee pots, etc. are **NOT** allowed in the dorms. Snacks and drinks that do not require any of the previous listed small appliances are allowed.

How to make a Meal Reservation:

- Meal reservations can be made from **now until April 15**. Final numbers will be due April 21. The total number of meals sent to the ROV competition coordinator, Rachel McDonald, on or by April 21 will be the amount charged to your team.
- Please email the following information to **Rachel McDonald** at rmcdonald@disl.org to create your meal reservation:
 - School/Organization name for invoice
 - Your name and email address for the invoice
 - Team name
 - Number of total meals by type for each day. The café will be open for dinner on Friday April 24, breakfast and dinner on April 25 and breakfast and lunch on April 26.
 - Any allergy or dietary needs for any team members
- Invoices will be sent out to the teams in advance of the competition. Please include in your reservation request if your school/organization needs your invoice by a certain date.
- A confirmation email will be sent as a receipt of your reservation. If you do not receive this confirmation, we did not receive your email and **you do not have a meal reservation.**