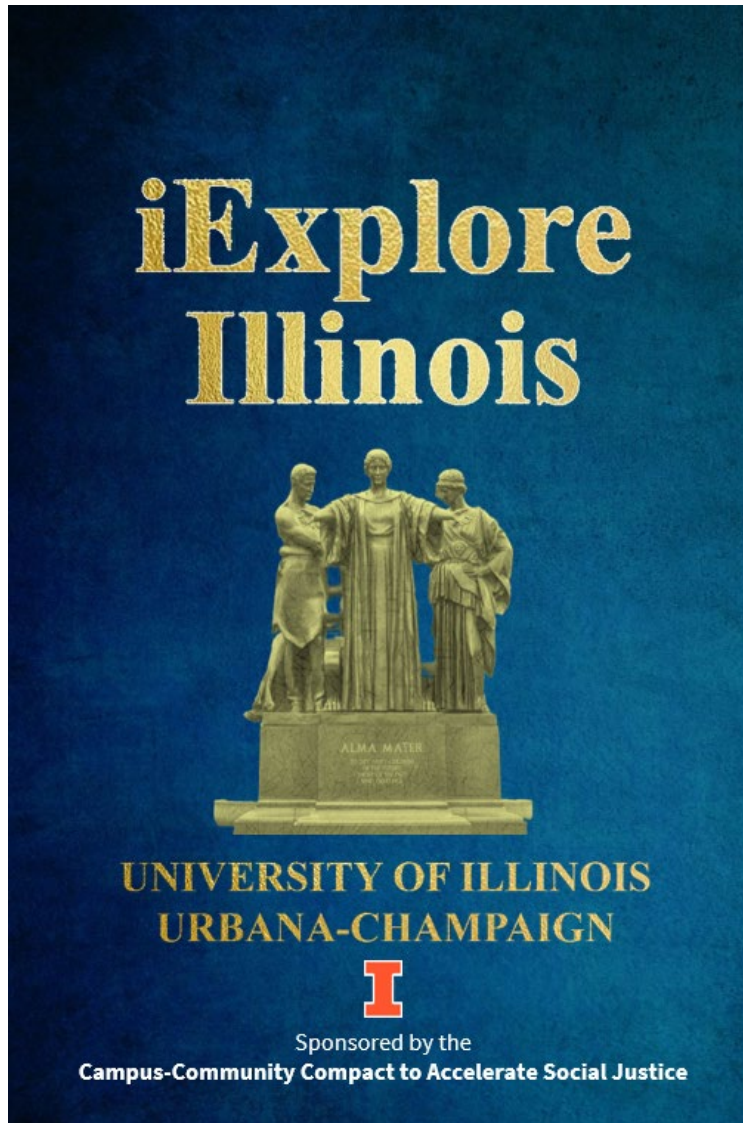


# 2023



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# iExplore Illinois

Hello,

Thank you for your interest in **iExplore Illinois!** These next few pages will serve as a guide to finding a destination(s) and date(s) that works for your summer schedule.

There are several campus units who have limited dates available which are indicated on the calendars from May to August. The rest of the destinations are somewhat flexible. If you wish to explore those sites, I will connect you to their coordinator(s) so you can find a date(s) that works.

A few items to note:

- These activities are provided to you FREE of charge.
- You are responsible for your own transportation.
- Please have at least one chaperone per 10 iExplorers.
- The number of iExplorers indicated under each unit is the MAXIMUM. Anything less would be acceptable.
- Please try to group iExplorers by grade levels: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.

Once you have decided on destinations and/or dates you'd like to visit, email me at [mgonz28@illinois.edu](mailto:mgonz28@illinois.edu) and I will connect you with the unit coordinators. If you are flexible on dates, I can set up a meeting to help you and the campus coordinator create the ideal schedule and experience.

Happy iExploring!

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## **Beckman Institute for Advanced Science and Technology**

### [Better together: team science](#)

405 N Mathews Dr, Urbana  
Dates available upon request  
30 iExplorers  
Grades K – 12  
1 – 2 hours depending on age group

iExplorers become scientists on their visit to the Beckman Institute. Once there, they can look inside the brain with medical imaging, build their own Illini-orange molecule, test the pH of a lemon, and practice tackling big problems as a team.

#### Activity:

Additional activities include a fact-checking game in the interactive Illinois MRI Exhibit (home to the first-ever human MRI scanner!) and a choose-your-own-adventure-style journey through the life of Arnold Beckman. All visits are customizable by grade level, interests, and number of students.

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## **Campus Recreation**

### [ARC Tour and Archery Tag](#)

201 E Peabody Dr, Champaign  
Anytime between now and May 12, M-F, after school, limit one group per week  
25 iExplorers  
Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
1.5 hours

Tour one of the country's largest on-campus recreation centers and check out the 35-foot climbing wall, 1/5-mile indoor rack, swimming pools, 35-person sauna, racquetball courts, and more!

#### Activity:

Play a fun game of Archery Tag, much like Dodgeball, but with bows and arrows. Don't worry – arrows are soft foam on the end and they don't hurt at all. Good times!

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## **Carl R. Woese Institute for Genomic Biology**

### [Genomics for Everyone](#)

1206 W Gregory Dr, Urbana  
Dates available upon request  
20 iExplorers  
Grades PreK – 12  
1 – 1.5 hour

Tour of lab facilities at research building

#### Activity:

Explore a wide variety of science and science-inspired art activities related to basic biology, plant science, animal behavior, human health, environmental conservation, evolution, etc.

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## **Center for Innovation in Teaching & Learning (CITL)**

### [Experience Lasers, VR, and 3D Printing at the Innovation Studio](#)

505 E Armory Ave, Champaign  
Room 172 Armory Building  
Red door on east end  
June 13, June 27, July 11, & July 18  
10am, 11am, 1pm, & 2pm  
20 iExplorers  
Grades 3 – 5, 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
1 hour

During your visit we will talk about what the Innovation Studio is, who uses the space, what's it like to work here, and you'll get a chance to try our VR and laser etch a keychain.

#### Activity:

Try out virtual reality, laser etch a keychain, learn more about 3D printing, and more!

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## **College of Veterinary Medicine**

### [Vet Med Tour and Lab Activity](#)

2001 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana

June 1, 14 and 27

July 5, 18 and 19

August 1, 8, 10 and 15

9am – 1pm

20 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

1.5 – 2 hours

Participate in a question-and-answer session with veterinary students and have an interaction with an ambassador animal from our wildlife clinic.

Activity:

Visit the Clinical Skills Learning Center to participate in various activity stations.

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## **Department of Intercollegiate Athletics**

### [Memorial Stadium](#)

1700 S Fourth St, Champaign

May 1 – 4, 15, 22 – 26, 31

June - dates available upon request

\*Limited availability - first come, first serve

40 iExplorers

Grades K – 12

1 – 1.5 hour

Tour of Memorial Stadium

Activity:

Meet at Grange Grove and get a sneak peek of the 77 Club, Colonnades Club, press level, through Fighting Illini Center for Excellence (FICE) and end up on the football field. Touchdown!

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## Facilities & Services

### [Abbott Power Plant](#)

1117 S Oak St, Champaign  
Dates available upon request  
30 iExplorers  
Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
1 hour

Tour of Abbott Power Plant with a demonstration of how we support the campus demand for energy (steam and electricity).

Activity:  
Question and answer with machine operators and maintenance.

### [Solar Farm](#)

North of Curtis Rd between First St and Dunlap Ave near Savoy  
Dates available upon request  
30 iExplorers  
Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
30 minutes

Tour the 54-acre solar array on the South Farms of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign and learn about this clean energy source which features bifacial solar panels, single-axis trackers, pollinator habitat, and zero waste construction practices.

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## Illini Union

### [Student Center, Meeting Space, Hotel, Instructional Facility and More!](#)

1402 W Green St, Urbana  
Dates available upon request  
15 iExplorers  
Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
1 – 2 hours depending on age group

Get a peak “behind the scenes” of one of the most iconic buildings on campus. See the different spaces where numerous activities and events take place. You’ll participate in a couple of the more popular events on campus and you’ll even have a chance to walk away with a prize.

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## **Illinois Public Media**

### [What's in the news?](#)

Campbell Hall  
300 N Goodwin Ave, Urbana  
July 24, 1pm-3pm  
July 27, 9am-11am  
15 iExplorers  
Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12  
2 hours

Get a behind-the-scenes look at Illinois Public Media, the home of WILL's television and AM/FM radio stations which broadcast the region's PBS and NPR channels.

#### Activity:

What's it like to bring the news to our community? iExplorers will get hands on experience creating a news story in the WILL television studio. Students will learn about the various stages of the process such as creating a script, operating studio equipment like the teleprompter, cameras, and audio equipment, and presenting their story in front of the cameras on the various studio sets.

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## **Illinois Street Residence (ISR)**

### [Lunch and Residence Hall Room Tour](#)

1010 W Green St, Urbana  
Dates available upon request  
30 iExplorers  
Grades K - 12  
1.5 hour

Eat lunch at the largest non-military dining hall in the country. Featuring 9 mini-restaurants, 1,300 seats, and a private room used for cooking demonstrations and presentations, you will be amazed at the size and beauty of this space and variety of meal choices.

#### Activity:

Following lunch, small groups may participate in a quick residence hall room tour and get a glimpse of residential college life.

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## Japan House

### Tea Ceremony

2000 S Lincoln Ave, Urbana

August 1 and 2

1pm, 2pm, 3pm, or 4pm

15 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

1 hour

Japan House would like to introduce a new initiative to encourage explorers from 6-12 schools to come and experience a Japanese tea ceremony. Japan House would like to offer a traditional tea ceremony for explorers to have a chance to be immersed in an authentic environment of Japanese aesthetics and practices.

#### Activity:

Explorers will have the opportunity to sit in Japan House's tearoom and then participate in making and serving a bowl of tea to a classmate.

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## Krannert Art Museum

### SEEK. SEE. STRETCH. Tour at KAM!

500 E Peabody Dr, Champaign

Dates available upon request

15 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

1.5 - 2 hours

In the SEEK. SEE. STRETCH. Tour, iExplorers will be led through engaging discussions and small group activities centered around artworks in Krannert Art Museum's exhibitions, including Art Since 1948; Encounters: The Arts of Africa; and Pattern and Process.

#### Activities:

- iExplorers will engage in independent looking and an art-making session.
  - Participants will explore the museum on their own and spend time with an artwork that speaks to them.
  - In response, they will create original artworks using a variety of materials.
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## **Krannert Center for the Performing Arts**

### [From Backstage to Design: The Theatre Creation Process](#)

500 S Goodwin Ave, Urbana

Dates available upon request

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

12 - 15 iExplorers

\*Can potentially double and split group

1 hour

Take an in-depth backstage tour of the Krannert Center for the Performing Arts and see what the life of a theatre artist looks like! Visit the theatres, shops, and rehearsal spaces and walk through a day in the life of a theatre student.

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## **School of Integrative Biology**

### [Plant Biology Greenhouse](#)

1201 S Dorner Dr, Urbana

Dates available upon request

15 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

Approx. 45 minutes

Tour the Plant Biology Conservatory and Collections to see banana shrubs, a cacao tree, carnivorous pitchers, and many more tropical plants!

Activity:

View common plant insect pests under microscopes.

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## **Siebel Center for Design**

### [What is Human Centered Design?](#)

1208 S Fourth St, Champaign

Dates available upon request

20 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

1 - 1.5 hours

Tour the Siebel Center for Design (SCD)! SCD is unique among design centers in the United States. Our mission: To practice, model, and teach design thinking, using human-centered design to re-imagine our campus, community, and the collective world. The building features collaboration studios, a media studio and recording booth, classrooms, and the SCD "Shop" which includes a makerspace and production shop.

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## Activities:

- iExplorers will be led through a brief and interactive exercise designed to teach them about using empathy and iteration to practice human-centered design.
  - iExplorers will be given stickers and a keychain for participating.
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## University Archives

### [Can I Live Here? The Push to Desegregate Campus Housing](#)

University Archives

142 Main Library

1408 W Gregory Dr, Urbana

Dates available upon request

12 iExplorers

Grades 9 – 12

1.5 hour

iExplorers will take a deep dive into a pivotal moment in university and local history. They will piece together the full story of desegregating Campus Housing through the examination of historical documents.

#### Activity:

iExplorers will use archival materials to complete a timeline that highlights the events discussed and any events of interest discovered through the student's study of the historical documents.

### [There's a Pineapple on My Head: A Biographical Tour and History of a Campus Icon](#)

Foellinger Auditorium

709 S Mathews Ave, Urbana

University Archives

142 Main Library

1408 W Gregory Dr, Urbana

Dates available upon request

12 iExplorers

Grades 6 - 8, 9 - 12

2 hours

iExplorers will learn about the difficult beginnings and near destruction of one of the most recognizable campus buildings, Foellinger Auditorium.

#### Activity:

A brief tour of Foellinger Auditorium that concludes with a walk to the University Archives in the Main Library. While at the University Archives, the iExplorers will study historical documents covering over a 100 years. They will learn how one pioneering woman stepped forward to save the auditorium from destruction.

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## University Library Preservation Services

[Food, fungus, and fire - Oh my! Preservation challenges to our library collections](#)

Grainger Engineering Library  
1301 W Springfield Ave, Urbana  
OR  
Main Library  
1408 W Gregory St, Urbana  
Dates available upon request  
30 iExplorers  
Grades 6 – 8, 9 – 12  
1.5 - 2 hours

Larger groups will be held at the Grainger Engineering Library, smaller groups will be held in the Main Library, but the session will primarily focus on the hands-on activities.

### Activity:

iExplorers will learn how our library's preservation program cares for the more than 14 million items in our collection. After a brief introduction to our program and what "preservation" means, our iExplorers will form teams to compete in a preservation trivia game show. We will present images of books damaged through mishandling and neglect and challenge the iExplorer contestants to guess what happened. Next, iExplorers will learn how pests can damage our collections and have a chance to identify some real creepy crawlies that we have caught within our libraries.

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## May 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 DIA (BOOKED)	2 DIA	3 DIA	4 DIA	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 DIA (BOOKED)	16	17	18	19	20
21	22 DIA	23 DIA	24 DIA	25 DIA	26 DIA	27
28	29	30	31 DIA			

### **ARC**

Available after school, Monday – Friday, from now until May 12. Limit one visit per week.

### **DIA**

Memorial Stadium Tours – Limit to three to four tours total after school.

## June 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 VetMed 9a – 1p	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 CITL Innovation Studio 10a, 11a, 1p, 2p	14 VetMed 9a – 1p	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 CITL Innovation Studio 10a, 11a, 1p, 2p VetMed 9a – 1p	28	29	30	

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## July 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2	3	4	5 VetMed 9a – 1p	6	7	8
9	10	11 CITL Innovation Studio 10a, 11a, 1p, 2p	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 CITL Innovation Studio 10a, 11a, 1p, 2p VetMed 9a – 1p	19 VetMed 9a – 1p	20	21	22
23	24 Illinois Public Media 1p-3p	25	26	27 Illinois Public Media 1p-3p	28	29
30	31					

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## August 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 VetMed 9a – 1p Japan House	2 Japan House 1p, 2p, 3p, or 4p	3	4	5
6	7	8 VetMed 9a – 1p	9	10 VetMed 9a – 1p	11	12
13	14	15 VetMed 9a – 1p	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

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