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To: Introduction to Natural Science (INS) Students

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We hope you are having a great summer! We are excited about teaching INS in the fall and look forward to meeting you. This letter covers some useful information as you prepare to take INS with us this fall.

Our tentative schedule is given below. Please note that this may change. First class meeting time is on Monday of week 1 at 9 a.m. Location will be announced as soon as it is available. For up to date information about this program, please check the program web site at <http://academic.evergreen.edu/curricular/ins/0607/>

Tentative Fall Quarter Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9:00-10:30 Chemistry lecture	9:00-12 Biology discussion	9:00-10:00 Math/Bio/or Chem lecture	NO CLASS	8:30 –12:00 Labs
10:30 –12:00 Chemistry workshop		10:00-11:00 Math/Bio/or Chem lecture		1:00-4:30 Lab/seminar
	1:00-2:30 Math lecture	11:00-12:00 Math/Bio/or Chem lecture		
	2:30-4:00 Math workshop	12-1 video/exams		

Textbooks:

Please bring the following texts to class during the first week. If you don't have the texts, you will fall behind very quickly and it will be very hard to catch up.

- Pre-calculus 7 edition by Michael Sullivan, ISBN: 01314-3120-X Publisher: Prentice Hall
- Biology 7 edition, by Jane B. Reece, Neil A. Campbell, ISBN: 08053-7146-X Publisher: Addison-Wesley
- Chemistry And Chemical Reactivity by John C. Kotz, Paul Treichel, Gabriela C. Weaver ISBN: 05349-9766-X Publisher: Thomson Learning
- Lab notebook for chemistry, Notebook #2001, Scientific Notebook Company, available through the campus bookstore (please do not purchase a different notebook)

All of these textbooks will be available at the TESC bookstore. You may also purchase them elsewhere (except the lab notebook for chemistry). If you choose to purchase these textbooks elsewhere, be careful to purchase the editions listed above, since the topics and problems change in each edition. The textbooks for biology and chemistry will be used all year. In winter and spring quarters, we will use an additional physics textbook: “Physics”, 6th Edition by Cutnell and Johnson, Publisher: John Wiley & Sons.

Scientific calculator: You will need a scientific calculator (one that performs exponential, logarithmic, and trigonometric functions). You do not need a graphing calculator for this program, but you may use one if you prefer. Programmable calculators are not allowed in exams.

Safety glasses: These are required in labs. They can be purchased on campus from the Evergreen Chemistry Club or through the TESC bookstore.

In preparation for INS the best thing you can do is to improve your mathematics skills. Don't forget to relax and enjoy the sun this summer!

Sincerely,
Dharshi, Mike, Ben and Mario