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## Hostelling International Chicago

Chicago's Best Value  
Spring 2007

Dear Emily,

Spring is in full bloom in Chicago and summer is coming fast! The city is alive with outdoor activities and people enjoying all that the city has to offer. My first few months with HI-Chicago have been great! Check out our website to learn about the awesome festivals and concerts coming to Chicago this summer, and [book your stay with us!](#)

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### Hello travelers!

Are you a group leader? If so, I am ready to help you make the best of your next trip to Chicago. Our services go above and beyond great accommodations. We have lots of ideas for what to do, and I have worked out many special deals with Chicago's best attractions, just for you.

### Hostel Highlight



This issue's Hostel Highlight is HI-Chicago's new breakfast! April 1st was the start date of this new addition to your stay at HI-Chicago! Breakfast includes an assortment of muffins, bagels, cereals, fruit, juice and coffee. Everyday we provide information in the dining area of all the great events going on at the hostel and in the city of Chicago, so you will not miss out! Don't miss this tasty FREE breakfast served every morning from 7-9 am.

Give me a call or send an email, and let's get to work on your trip to Chicago.

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### Discover Chicago! Spring is Here!

Chicago's first annual [LOOPTOPIA](#) is May 11th! America's first dusk-to-dawn cultural and artistic spectacle encompassing Chicago's historic Loop neighborhood with musical and theatrical performances, unique shopping and dining opportunities, indoor programs, outdoor exhibitions, architectural tours, artistic installations and mesmerizing light displays.



Don't miss the [Cinco de Mayo Festival](#) in Douglas Park May 3-6. This is an annual festival of Chicago Hispanic culture filled with a parade, live music, carnival rides and food vendors! Once inside the park, head to Sacramento Drive between Ogden Avenue and 19th Street.

It is officially fabulous weather for an afternoon with [Bobby's Bike Hike](#)! I recently enjoyed an afternoon with tour guide Jeremy through the Chicago lakefront neighborhoods tour. The bike tour is a great way to explore the city, or stop by for a rental and enjoy the day on your own! Location is: River East Docks, 465 N McClurg Court, don't miss it. plus, hostellers get the best discount in town!

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### Discover Chicago! Book Now for Summer Festivals!



[Lollapalooza! Lollapalooza!](#)  
[Lollapalooza!](#) Tickets are on sale now for this 3-day music festival extravaganza, so don't miss out. The hostel books up fast with Grant Park just down the street, so make your [reservations](#) asap!

[Belmont/Sheffield Music Festival](#)  
June 2nd and 3rd! The 23rd annual affair features national, regional and local bands, plus food, beer, crafts and more. Come and hang out in this great neighborhood area and celebrate summer!

[Niki in the Garden!](#) Located at the Garfield Park Conservatory, 300 N. Central Park Ave. Don't miss this outdoor sculpture exhibition by internationally acclaimed artist, Niki de Saint Phalle, while you are in Chicago! The exhibit runs May 4 -October 31, 9 am - 5 pm daily, 9 am - 8 pm Thursdays.

[Make your reservations today...](#)

with our Cultural Kitchen and Exchange Neighborhoods programs. Please consider making a donation to help us reach more youth with these strong cultural education programs. Your donation will help more travelers and youth alike to realize that "We are all different people, but if we are understanding about other people we can become a better, more peaceful world." Araceli, Hancock High School Student

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**Girl Scouts Getaway to Chicago!...by Arielle Semmel**

This summer, Girl Scouts from near and far will be exploring the Windy City with HI-Chicago's Getaway packages. Getaways introduce troops to Chicago through unique adventures like a tasty lunch in Chinatown, a photo scavenger hunt through downtown, a hilarious improv comedy show, a volunteer opportunity with a local organization, and more! Each of the four Getaway packages on offer also leave plenty of time for girls to add their own activities, like shopping on the Magnificent Mile or discovering the Field Museum. To learn more about HI- Chicago's Getaways, [click here](#).



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**A note from Hostelling International USA's CEO and Executive Director**

The HI-Chicago hostel is on the move! We are all proud at Hostelling International USA of the continued growth and performance of our hostel serving the Chicago community:

- The hostel was recently named the 2006 Best Large Hostel in the World by an independent Internet booking service, based on ratings from hostel users over the previous 12 months.
- The number of hostellers served by HI-Chicago grew from 59,000 in 2005 to 84,000 in 2006 a 42 percent increase in just one year.
- Partnerships with the Chicago Public Schools, the Chicago Convention and Tourism Bureau and the Chicago Loop Alliance continue to benefit the hostel and the community.

Join me in celebrating a wonderful hostel that is making a meaningful difference in the lives of young people. I encourage you to make a visit to the HI-Chicago part of your future plans.

Russell Hedge  
CEO and Executive Director

**Circle the Globe with Hostelling International**

This feature helps point you toward amazing destinations and their hostels. Wherever you go around the globe, chances are you will find one of over 4000 [Hostelling International hostels](#).



Take a trip up to Madison, Wisconsin and enjoy the comfy atmosphere of [Hostelling International Madison](#). This small, 17 bed hostel is located in the heart of Madison, just steps from the Capitol and the ever popular State Street.

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Madison is a charming city, filled with a great energy from being both the state capitol, and home to the University of Wisconsin, Madison. This inexpensive city offers great outdoor experiences with over 200 parks, multiple glacier lakes and bicycle trails galore! Not to mention it is the Madison Hostel 10 year anniversary, so say Congratulations! Don't miss out, book your bed today for \$18 a night! Family rooms are available, along with Internet access, laundry and a common area to relax. See you in Madison!

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