

2008

# LoCal RE Summer School

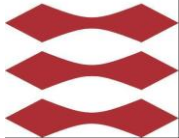
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Information

*Welcome to the 2008 LoCal RE summer program. This program was initiated to allow students from California and Denmark to meet and study in a collaborative and interdisciplinary format. It is our hope that this program will inspire and prepare you to find sustainable solutions to climate change and the world's energy problems. Climate change is the largest challenge facing humanity in modern times and it is of highest importance that we find energy solutions that will lead not only to climate change mitigation, but solutions that will lead to environmental, economic and social well being.*

*Doing this four week intensive program we wish to present to you the technological, economic, and social opportunities and challenges facing a rapid transition to renewable energy. You will get insight to both theoretical and practical issues through lectures, panel discussions, field trips and problem based learning. We hope that you will leave this program inspired and motivated to continue research and/or work in the field of renewable energy.*

*We have outlined some practical information that we hope will help you get the most out of this program as possible. We are looking forward to your participation.*

*The LoCal RE team.*



## Practical Information

### Dates

The program will take place from July 28<sup>th</sup> to August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

### Arrival information

**NOTE: These are preliminary arrangements. Further details will follow.**

US students will be picked up from Copenhagen on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. Further details about pick up location and time will follow. You will be staying in Copenhagen the first evening. We are currently arranging for accommodation. On Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> of July you will be picked up in Copenhagen and taken to our first destination, Sømimestationen. You can read more at [www.soeminstationen.dk](http://www.soeminstationen.dk) (In Danish only).

For Danish students, please take the train to Holbæk from where you will be picked up. Please advise us in advance when you will arrive. In order to facilitate transportation, we suggest that you organize yourselves to arrive in groups.

**Please send us your arrival information.**

### Lodging

You will be staying at three different places during the program. This is the schedule for all four weeks:

Week one: Sømimestationen in Northern Zealand. [www.soeminstationen.dk](http://www.soeminstationen.dk)

Week two: Maribo Hostel in Lolland. [www.danhostel-maribo.dk](http://www.danhostel-maribo.dk)

Week three: Maribo Hostel in Lolland. [www.danhostel-maribo.dk](http://www.danhostel-maribo.dk)

Week four: Lyngby Hostel north of Copenhagen. [www.lyngbyhostel.dk](http://www.lyngbyhostel.dk)

**Please bring your own sheets and linen.**

### Food

The first week meals will be prepared by groups of students. Each group will be in charge of planning meals, buy groceries and prepare the meals. More details will follow at the information meeting taking place on Sunday July 27<sup>th</sup>. We will try to accommodate dietary constraints but the general rule is that the more open you are to the kinds of food you will eat the easier it will be for your fellow students to prepare meals.

**Please advise of any dietary constraints in advance (See attached form)**

### Transportation

We will provide transportation options for all field trips, social activities, grocery shopping and research related activities. Any transportation on your free time will be at your own expense.

## Social Activities

We are planning a number of social activities during the program. We have attached a form including suggestions for activities. Please mark the activities that you would be interested in.

For evening entertainment we encourage students to bring games or musical instruments. We would also like to show a number of documentaries. Please suggest any movies/documentaries you find would be relevant.

## Alcohol Policy

Alcohol regulations in Denmark are quite liberal, but we encourage you to limit your alcohol consumption. You will be representatives of your respective institutions and countries and are expected to act in mature and responsible way.

## Computers

The program will NOT provide any computer equipment. Please bring your own laptops. All lodging facilities have wireless internet. For US students please note that you will need an adapter to use your laptop in a Danish power outlet.

## Checklist

<p><b>Essentials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Passport (US students)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Credit card (Visa/Mastercard)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Laptop (Adapter)</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Camera</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Travel insurance (US students)</li></ul> <p><b>Clothing</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Raincoat</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Shorts</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Long pants</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Warm jacket</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Outdoor shoes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Indoor shoes</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Bed sheets/pillow case</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Towel(s)</li></ul>	<p><b>Personal Items</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Medicine</li></ul> <p><b>Optional</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input type="checkbox"/> Games</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Music instruments</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> DVD Documentaries</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Camcorder</li></ul>
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# US Student Information

## Requirements for students traveling to Denmark

### Airport:

The national airport in Denmark is called Copenhagen Airport (CPH). It is advised that you find a ticket to Copenhagen. Companies that fly from San Francisco include Delta, United, KLM, SAS and several others.

### Currency:

Danish Krone (Euros accepted but usually at very unfavorable exchange rates)

### Visa Requirements:

For US Citizens there are no visa requirements for stays of less than three months. For non-EU or non US citizens please check visa regulations for your country at [http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming\\_to\\_dk/visa/who\\_needs\\_visa.htm](http://www.nyidanmark.dk/en-us/coming_to_dk/visa/who_needs_visa.htm).

### Travel Insurance:

It is highly recommended to obtain travel insurance before going to Denmark covering personal liability, injury and death as a minimum. There are several agencies providing insurance services such as STA travel.

### Weather:

Is very unpredictable. Bring clothes for both warm and cold weather as well as waterproof outerwear. The summer in Denmark can be warm and sunny, cold and rainy but always windy – hence the wind turbines.

### Electricity:

Denmark is following European standards which mean that you need an adapter to plug any electronic device in to an outlet (You can get 10 of these adapters on Ebay for app. 10\$). Also the European system operates at 220 Volts/50 Hertz. Make sure that your electronic devices can operate at that voltage. (Most laptops will)

### Mobile Phones

If you wish to use your mobile phone in Denmark make sure that it can operate on GSM 900 and/or 1800. In the US such phones are usually referred to as Quad band phones. Check rates for using your phone in Denmark with your service provider.

If your cell phone works in Denmark it may be an idea to purchase a prepaid sim card to use with your cell phone. They are for sale in most convenience stores. Prices per minutes range from 15-50 cents per minute.

### Sales Tax

All prices in Denmark include a 25% sales tax. Some of these may be refundable when you leave the country. Check for flyers in the airport.