

**2007 AITP National Collegiate Conference**  
**March 29-31, 2007 and hosted by Central Michigan University!**

AITP Student Chapter Leaders:

Are you getting pumped up for the conference? I know that I am. There are only a few weeks left before it's finally here, so make sure that you and your chapter are on track with planning for your trip to Detroit. If you're wondering what you need to do to plan your trip, you should check out Kevin Jetton's "7 Easy Steps to a GREAT 2007 AITP National Conference." He's laid it all out for you so you know what to do, when and how to do it, and what to expect from the conference!

Since I grew up in the Metro-Detroit area, I'm pretty aware of what weather to expect come the end of March. Don't worry, you probably won't have to bring your thickest winter jacket and gloves, but don't come here in just shorts and a t-shirt, either! You might want to save those clothes for a return visit in the summertime.

If this is your first time to Detroit then you're definitely in for an awesome experience. Actually, a great way to get accustomed to the city is to sign up for the "Detroit Code: Can You Break It?" amazing race around Detroit! In fact, CMU's AITP Secretary Aaron Oosterbaan had never been to Detroit until just recently, but after spending a day in the city, he learned all about what it had to offer, including the creative, artistic, fun atmosphere that distinguishes it from many other cities.

Even if you have been to Detroit before, this is no picnic scavenger hunt – it will involve creative thinking and great teamwork for each team of four students to do well! The Detroit Code will take place from 7 to 9 PM on Thursday night, ending with a reception until 11:00 PM.

What exactly is the Detroit Code? Well, if you've seen CBS's hit TV show, "The Amazing Race," you will have a pretty good idea. Even if you haven't, you will be able to catch-on quickly. The Detroit Code will be a race around the city of Detroit, exploring different stations along the Detroit People Mover that you may choose to use as your secondary mode of transportation besides your own two feet. Everyone will start at the same time and then take off following one of four different sets of clues, so don't bother trying to piggy-back onto another team that looks like they know what they're doing!

With your team's "Passport" you will travel to various locations and businesses and learn about the many different things that make Detroit an amazing city to live and/or work in. But just showing up at each location is only part of it – there are many different ways to collect points along the way. The teams that collect the most points along the way are awarded the top prizes, not those who finish the quickest.

As proof that you visited each clue location you will use your digital camera to have a picture taken of your whole team. You will collect points for pictures, clues answered correctly, and many other things. Make sure that you pay attention to where you're going so you can take advantage of all the opportunities to score extra points! It is okay if you get a little lost – there will be an emergency hotline exclusively for "Detroit Decoders" to call if you need help getting back on track.

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Are you getting your team together yet?! Well, you should! This is going to be a great event to start off one of the most exciting conferences in the history of AITP! If you have any more questions you can check out CMU's NCC website at [www.aitpncc2007.org](http://www.aitpncc2007.org) where there will be regular updates on Detroit Code details under the "Conference Details" tab. While you're there, check out the other sections of the website and learn more about Detroit. You never know what knowledge could give your team the upper hand when it's time for the Code to start!

Thanks a lot and I'll see you later this month in Detroit!

Sincerely,

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