



FAQs

What are the dates of the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel? The itinerary of activities includes June 11-14, 2018. Check-in will take place on Monday, June 11, 2018 between 12:30-2 p.m. at Linden Hall. Check-out will take place on Friday, June 15, 2018 before 11 a.m.

Can anyone attend Criminal Investigation Elderhostel or are there requirements? We are encouraging those 50 years and older to attend and participate in the program. We are allowing others who are not participating in the program to stay and eat meals for an additional cost.

Are minors permitted to attend the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel? No. this program is designed with an audience of 50 years and older in mind. However, with adult supervision, minors able to exhibit appropriate behavior that will not be disruptive are welcome to stay as a guest participating in the meals and residential experience for an additional fee. All minors staying overnight will need to have adult supervision.

How many people will be in attendance? The Criminal Investigation Elderhostel is limited to 20 participants.

How can I pay for registration? Registration is available online. The program cost is \$450 if registered by March 1 at 11:59 p.m. March 2-April 6 at 11:59 p.m. or until filled; the program cost is \$495.

The guest cost is \$225 (food and housing only, does not include the program) if registered by March 1 at 11:59 p.m. March 2-April 6 at 11:59 p.m. or until filled, the program cost is \$255 (food and housing only, does not include the program).

Do I have to stay in the Residence Halls? The cost of the housing is included in the program fee. You may forfeit staying in the Residence Halls; however,

there will be no change in the pricing. We have reserved Linden Hall for this program. For those of you who may have lived in Linden hall as an undergraduate, you will find some pleasant renovations. Linden hall is now air-conditioned! You will have your own room as part of a suite, which means that you will have a connecting bathroom with one other room (there are doors that separate the bathroom from each of the other two rooms).

Are any meals included in the conference fee? Yes. There are three meals a day at Walnut Hall (Wally's) on Tuesday-Thursday (June 12, 13, and 14) and dinner will be provided on Monday, June 11. Breakfast will be provided on Friday, June 15, 2018. Thursday evening's BBQ will be held at the BSU Foundation's David Park House.

Materials & Equipment All of the materials and equipment that will be needed for the event will be provided for you. Please feel free to bring your camera along so you can share your experience with your friends! Selfies are encouraged! **#BSUELDERHOSTEL2018**

Can I mail in a check? Yes. Please verify with the summer program director at agora@bemidjistate.edu the amount you need to pay. Our mailing address is:
Bemidji State University
1500 Birchmont Dr. NE #4
Bemidji, MN 56601

Is there a dress code? Casual. As is true to actual investigations, you will be getting dirty while completing some of the required field work. With that noted, please make sure and bring along clothing that you do not mind getting dirty. With latent printing, if you get the latent print powder on your clothing, you will not be able to remove it, thus you may consider it "ruined". These events will not be surprises so you will have ample time to plan your clothing choices appropriately. In addition, as you know that we will be working outside some of the time, bring clothing that is appropriate to the expected temperatures as well as the possibility of having to do some work in the rain. Know that laundry appliances (washers and dryers) are available to those staying in the dorm at no charge!

Bemidji in June: Our temperatures may range from 50 at night to the 80s during the day. It is best to dress in layers. You will be transitioning between air-conditioned buildings to the outdoors and field trips.

Where do I go on the first day of the conference to check in? You will check-in at Linden Hall for your room key and Criminal Investigation Elderhostel materials between 12:30-2 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018. **[Bemidji State University Map](#)**. Parking is available in the lot behind Linden Hall. In addition, parking is available on the street and subject to city ordinances as posted. The primary location for workshops is Bensen Hall and is within walking distance of Linden Hall on campus.

How do I get to Linden Hall from the Bemidji airport? Participants of Criminal Investigation Elderhostel will be provided transportation for field trips included in the itinerary. All other transportation is the responsibility of the participant.

Do the conference organizers provide transportation to and from hotels and campus? We are unable to provide transportation between area hotels and the campus. We do offer affordable housing accommodations on campus, which is within walking distance of the classrooms and dining hall. Participants of the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel will be provided transportation for field trips included in the itinerary.

Do you have recommendations regarding flying to Bemidji? Book your flights early. There are two flights into Bemidji (BJI) from Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) each day on **Delta**.

In order to arrive in time to check into Criminal Investigation Elderhostel and attend the opening workshop on June 11, **it is wise to arrive on the noon flight (12:19 PM)** rather than the 11pm flight. Return departures to MSP are limited to 5 AM or 12:30 PM. Seating is limited. MSP / BJI round trip is \$300+ but *may be substantially less for those connecting to other destinations on Delta*. **Book your flights early!**

How do I get to the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel from the Twin Cities? Give yourself at least 4 hours to get to Bemidji from the Twin Cities. The easiest way is to take Highway **94 west to the Clearwater/Clear Lake exit** (before St. Cloud), go north for a couple miles to Highway **10 West** to Little Falls, and take the **371 exit north** to Cass Lake, then Highway **2 west** to Bemidji. The **first exit to Bemidji** will take you through town, past Paul and Babe and along the waterfront to Bemidji State University.

Linden Hall is across the street from Diamond Point Park with plenty of parking. This will be your conference check-in location. For a campus map, please click the following link: [Bemidji State University Map](#). Printed maps will also be available at the Conference Check-in.

I hear the parking at/near Bensen Hall is limited. Should I carpool? The lot adjacent to the Bensen Hall accommodates parking for staff, faculty, and Criminal Investigation Elderhostel participants. In the event that it fills up, there is additional parking on the street near the Bensen Hall, Linden Hall and in Diamond Point Park. In addition, the Bangsberg Hall Parking lot is located at the south end of campus has a surplus of parking available. However, if convenient, carpooling is encouraged.

Are there kitchen facilities in the dorms? Yes. Linden has a small communal kitchen with a refrigerator and limited utensils available to Criminal Investigation Elderhostel participants.

What about drinking water? There are water bottle filling stations in most campus buildings and residential facilities.

Is Bemidji State University wheelchair accessible? Yes. Prior to arrival, event organizers will collect any information regarding accessibility needs.

Will commemorative merchandise be sold or given out at the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel? The Bemidji State University bookstore will have limited hours during the week of the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel where you can purchase university merchandise. Each Criminal Investigation Elderhostel participant will receive a BSU t-shirt.

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I am staying in Linden. What do I need to bring? You do not need to provide your own sheets, but you may want to bring an extra blanket or a favorite pillow. A towel and washcloth are provided, but again, you may want to bring your own. Linden Hall can be quite cool and you should consider bringing an extra blanket.

Campus Housing Check-in will take place in Linden Hall between 12:30-2 p.m. on Monday, June 11, 2018.

Check-out of the residence halls. All guests must turn in their keys to the express check-out box located at the Linden Hall front desk by 11 a.m. on Friday, June 15, 2018. Any keys not returned by this time will be subject to a \$50 re-core fee.

Can I submit ideas for future Elderhostel programs? Yes. We encourage feedback. Participants will be invited to fill-out an evaluation at the end of the Criminal Investigation Elderhostel for an opportunity to share ideas or interests.

I have other questions that aren't addressed here. Who can I contact? Angie Gora 218-755-2851 or agora@bemidjistate.edu