
STEM Networking & Learning:
Tech App in Chi-town
Friday, December 4 - Saturday, December 5
4:45 am - 11:15 pm

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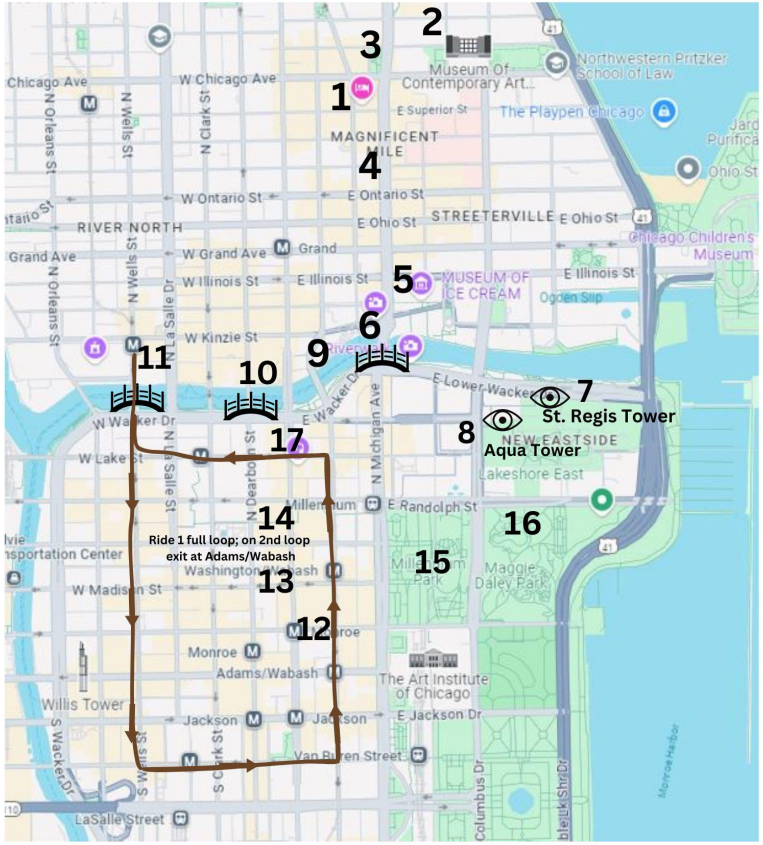
1. Life 360 Accounts connected to my circle
2. Minibus to Springfield - leave Pana at 4:45 am
3. Train from Springfield to Joliet 6:11 am - 8:24 am
4. Bus pickup from Joliet train station to Lockport Township High School-East Campus (4000 student population)
5. Collaboration with Kate Fahey & Tech Staff on Xerox IT Solutions Chrome Repair Programs
    a. Hands On Practicum with school tour (coffee shop visit)
    b. Collaboration on programs best practices
6. Lunch provided by Xerox IT
7. Bus return to Metra station in Joliet
8. Metra train (Rock Island line: Joliet - LaSalle St) 1:30 pm - 2:40 pm
9. LaSalle Metra station - Use 24 hr Metra pass to Freehand to drop off bags/check in
    a. Architecture Examples (Skinner - Walking Tour)
10. Coffee Break 4 - 4:30 pm - Starbucks - largest roastery in WORLD
11. Water Tower Place (Lego Store/7 stories) 5:00 - 7:00 pm
12. Dinner 7:15 - 9:15 pm - Quartino Italian Reservation
13. Bridges/Waterfront/Cloud Gate at Night (Weather permitting)

Saturday, December 5, 2026

1. Target - Breakfast supplies (eggs, bacon, fruit, milk, coffee, pancakes, syrup)
2. Morning Breakfast shifts **7:45 am and 8:15 am (30 minutes each)**
3. Luggage Drop off at Hotel Front Desk **8:45 am**
4. Deko Coffee on Randolph - Architecture & Design Comparison
5. Metra Electric Line - Millennium Station to 56th Street **40 minutes**
6. **Museum of Science and Industry** (open 9:30 am - 4 pm) **10:30 am - 3 pm**
7. Metro back to hotel/Union Station **40 minutes**
8. Brown Line Metro - Architectural Styles of H. Washington Library
9. Chicago Theatre Sign / Bridge types & Styles (weather permitting) (Skinner - Walking Tour)
10. Train back to Sfield **7:10 pm - 10:16 pm**

Chaperones:

Amanda Skinner, PHS
Laura Hubbartt, PES
Eric Rivera, Xerox IT Solutions



1 Giordano's Pizza
2 Water Tower Place
3 Chicago Water Tower
4 Starbucks Roastery
5 Tribune Tower
6 Wrigley Building
9 Trump Tower
10 Marina City
11 Merchandise Mart
Metro - Brown line
12 Palmer House
13 "Gothic Target"
14 Marshall Field & Co.
"Macy's" Storefront
15 Cloud Gate "the Bean"
16 Maggie Daley
Ice Skating Ribbon
17 Chicago Theatre Sign

Fri/Sat's Walking Tour Adventure

Numbers in Chronological order to visit

Black - Entry to place **Green - outside only**

Saturday's Visit - Griffin MSI



Why Chicago?

Life Skills - Navigating Multiple Modes of Transportation

- Amtrak, Metro, Metra, Bus
- Bridges - Dearborn, DuSable, Wells (bascule bridges and their history)

Architecture

- Trump Tower, St. Regis Tower, Marina City Complex
- Wrigley Building
- Aqua Tower - 3rd tallest building in Chitown - Female architect
- Starbucks (Chitown's ONLY spiral escalator-only a few hundred in world AND largest roastery in the world)
- Tribune Tower (Embedded on outside are artifacts from all over the world)
- Iconic Chicago: Cloud Gate (Known as the Bean) and Chicago Theatre Sign (State St)

History

- Water Tower - one of handful of buildings that didn't burn in Chicago Fire of 1871
- Macy's storefront displays - First to ever host an in-person Santa & have intricate window displays over the holidays
- Palmer House - $1 million Tiffany doors (signature of the hotel) and world's first brownie created here in 1893
- Griffin Museum of Science & Industry