



Welcome

Dear Coach,

Congratulations to you and your team for advancing to the 2018 World Finals-what an exciting time! While you are busy preparing for your trip to Iowa, our team is thoughtfully making preparations for your arrival. Please take a few moments to review this guide to Ames and ISU. We have included a few must-know tips for your stay, including information about all the fun you can have when you are not competing. Best of luck to you and your team—we look forward to seeing you in May!

Sincerely,

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AMES, IOWA

Located in the heart of the Midwest and Iowa, Ames is the source for tradition, discovery, diversity and of course, Iowa State University and the Cyclones. Located just 40 minutes south of Ames, the Des Moines International Airport is served by several commercial airlines. Ames offers downtown boutiques, 33 woodland parks and 55 miles of bike and pedestrian trails.

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

ISU was the nation's first land grant college and has since established itself as a world leader in such diverse disciplines as engineering, veterinary medicine, and agriculture. With over 36,000 students from more than 115 different nations, Iowa State offers cultural diversity and brings distinct international flavor to the Midwest.



CYtes

OF AMES AND IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY.



Ames, Iowa...#1 of College Cities and Towns in America...#1 Best Town in Iowa...#7 of the Happiest Small Places in America...#5 of the Most Beautiful College Campuses in the World...where else would you want to be? Nowhere. Because Ames IS an exCYting place to be! After you arrive and you are in-between competitions and your pins are all traded, what should you do? Check out these *CYtes of Ames!*

WIND, WAVES & LIGHT EXHIBIT

Reiman Garden's exhibit, Wind, Waves and Light by George Sherwood, will feature 11 sculptures designed to explore space, time, and the dynamic relationship of objects in motion. The choreography of each piece is governed by a set of basic movements, facilitated by an arrangement of aerodynamic surfaces connected by rotational points. The sculptures are made of stainless steel, and the reflective qualities integrate each sculpture into its environment. Wind speed and direction, shades of light, time of day, precipitation, and seasonal color transform the qualities of light and movement of the sculptures. For more information visit www.reimangardens.com/exhibition.

FIND CY

Go on the hunt for Iowa State University's and Ames' favorite mascot, CY! Locate the CY that wears a suit of mirrors in downtown Ames...find the "What I Love about ISU" CY at Reiman Gardens...and just where is the "CY the Dentist Guy" statue with the giant toothbrush? CyclONE City was founded as a "tour" of life sized CY statues placed throughout the Ames community to raise funds for local charities and ISU scholarship. 29 themed CY statues can be found around town. For more information visit www.cyclonecityames.com.

AN ARTFULL CAMPUS

University Museums: Iowa State University is home to the largest campus public art program in the United States with over 2,000 major public works of art. Visit the Christian Petersen Art Museum, Farm House Museum, Art on Campus Collection and Elizabeth and Byron Anderson Sculpture Garden located all across the campus. For more information visit www.museums.iastate.edu.





DO DOWNTOWN

With more than 50 locally owned specialty retail shops and restaurants, the Main Street Cultural District is the perfect destination to enjoy strolling along the beautiful sidewalks, visiting with the friendly shop owners and grabbing a bite to eat at any of the local restaurants. The Octagon Center for the Arts, providing gallery exhibits, art classes for children and adults and an art shop featuring Iowa artists. Enjoy a hands-on card making activity and take a guided exhibition tour to learn more about the art and artists represented in the current gallery exhibit. For more information visit www.downtownames.org

CAMPING OUT IN CAMPUSTOWN

Ames' Campustown district has a fun and unique atmosphere for diverse dining and shopping. Try the Pizza Pit pizza, a college student's dietary staple. Grab a Starbuck's coffee and pair it with an Arcadia Cookie or sample a few of the food vendors along Welch Ave during the evening. Find your ISU and Cyclone souvenirs at Dogtown University or Campustown Spirit. You are sure to get the full collegiate experience no matter where you go. For more information visit www.amescampustown.com.

NEED SUPPLIES?

For a quick prop freshen up, here are just a few of the convenient options available to get just what you need!

- University Bookstore, 515.294.5684, Iowa State Memorial Union
- Hobby Lobby, 515.232.3500, 620 Lincoln Way
- HyVee Drugstore, 515.233.9855, 500 Main Street
- Lowe's Home Center, 515.233.0404, 120 Airport Road
- Target, 515.663.9500, 320 South Duff Avenue
- Wal-Mart, 515.441.8131, 3015 Grand Avenue or 534 South Duff Avenue, 515.956.3536
- Sam's Club, 515.233.9750, 305 Airport Road
- Union Copy Center, 515.294.0008, Room 0303 Memorial Union



Ames is a *smart* choice to visit. Check out all there is to do at www.cytesofames.com or call us at 515.232.4032.