

Workshop Travel Tips:

Driving all the way:

Driving to Marshfield is an easy option for most people living in the Midwest (and sometimes farther away). Put the hotel address (750 S Central Ave, Marshfield, WI 54449) into MapQuest.com or RandMcNally.com for exact directions to our workshop location.

Flying all the way:

To reach Marshfield by air, you must fly to a larger airport then take a connecting flight to the CWA airport in Wausau, WI. To get from the airport to the hotel, you must make advance reservations with the hotel (\$45 per person/per way) to be shuttled to and from the workshop. It's about a 40 minute drive. Call 715-486-1500 for shuttle reservations.

The most commonly used Midwest airports that have connecting flights to CWA are: Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP), Chicago O'Hare (ORD), Chicago Midway (MDW), Detroit (DTW), Madison (MSN), Green Bay (GRB), and Milwaukee (MKE).

Please keep in mind that the smaller connecting flights are affected by local weather such as thunderstorms. Connections often run only once per day and can be cancelled without much notice. Our experience has shown that connecting through Chicago O'Hare can be difficult because, if you are stranded there, it's over 260 miles to drive to Marshfield. Minneapolis/St. Paul (MSP) is only 175 miles away. If you can take your direct flight to Minneapolis, we recommend that over Chicago.

The Fly/Drive Combo:

Some knitters prefer to fly into a major airport (see list, above), then rent a car and drive to Marshfield. This can often be less expensive considering the cost of the connecting flight and hotel shuttle. If this is an alternative that interests you, we recommend contacting other knitters in your area of the country (found on the participant list) to coordinate flights and share car rentals.

Cristie's Tips for Air Travelers:

If you do become stranded in Chicago, consider taking the Van Gelder bus to Madison where you can rent a car and continue to Marshfield. That bus runs 12 times per day; Van Gelder's phone number is: 800-747-0994

Carry a knitting bag to advertise that you are a knitter; you may see other knitters along the way, and it's often advantageous to travel together.

If you are stranded at any point in your trip, call the Holiday Inn (715-486-1500) to alert them. Give them your cell phone number so they can try to connect you with any other knitters in your same situation. The hotel will let the Schoolhouse Staff know that you are running late.

Staff can be difficult to reach on the arrival day, though we are typically at the hotel setting up.