



Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Society of Women
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Dear Parents,

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) at MIT is pleased to invite your daughter to participate in Women in Science and Engineering (WiSE). WiSE is a mentoring program dedicated to opening avenues into the scientific community for high school girls in grades 9 to 11. We hope to provide your daughter with opportunities to explore her academic and career interests.

WiSE participants will benefit from a close relationship with MIT mentors. Girls are specifically matched with undergraduate mentors with similar interests and who can serve as resources. Participants attend four, day-long WiSE sessions with their mentors. Each session features academic programming, such as lectures and lab tours, in the morning and career development programming, such as college panels and mock interview practice, in the afternoon.

To kick off this year's program, we will be holding a conference on **Saturday, October 24th, 2009**. On the morning of the conference, girls will attend the Fall Majors Fair, hosted by MIT SWE, to learn about the exciting career options in the areas of science and engineering. After a lunch break and an introduction to the WiSE program, the girls will have the chance to meet the WiSE mentors. Our goal is for each girl to find a mentor with whom she can contact with any questions ranging from specific majors to the college admissions process.

To register your daughter for the WiSE program, please fill out the attached permission form and publicity release form, and mail them to the following address so that we receive the forms by **Monday, October 12th, 2009**:

Women in Science and Engineering
c/o MIT Public Service Center, 4-104
77 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, MA 02139

The forms may also be faxed to (617) 258-9357.

Logistical information about the program is as follows:

- The WiSE conference will take place at MIT on **Saturday, October 24th, 2009 from 8:30am to 3:30pm**. Mentors will be waiting on the steps of 77 Massachusetts Avenue to escort the girls to the day's first activity. Pick-up will also be at this location.
- MIT is easily accessible by public transportation. If transportation is a problem, please contact the Public Service Center.
- Breakfast, lunch, and afternoon snacks will be provided by WiSE and SWE.
- In the case of an emergency on the day of the conference, call Kimberly Li at (908) 307-6230, Sumi Sinha at (603) 553-5700, or the campus police at (617) 253-1212.



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- **Please note:** In order for your daughter to participate, a WiSE permission slip and publicity release form **must** be completed and returned to us. **Before each session, we will call to confirm your daughter's registration and expected attendance.**

We are also enclosing a flier for WiSE; please feel free to make copies and distribute them in your neighborhood, community, and school! If you have any questions, please contact Kimberly Li at (908) 307-6230 or Sumi Sinha at (603) 553-5700 by phone, or by email at swewise@mit.edu.

We hope that your daughter will choose to join the WiSE community; opportunity and excitement await!

Sincerely,

Kimberly Li & Sumi Sinha
2009 WiSE Coordinators