

## Other Important Information

***Don't Get in Over Your Head!*** The classes in which specific models are taught are NOT the place to learn basic folding. Please select your classes with your existing skill level in mind. Folding is fun, but if you take a class that is too difficult you will not enjoy it, and you might impede the others in the class. To take an intermediate class you should know how to fold a bird base from memory, and be good at inside reverse folds, outside reverse folds, and sink folds. To take a complex class, you should be an experienced folder, be comfortable folding from diagrams, and be able to follow intricate sequences of precise moves.

**Refreshments:** We will be providing coffee, tea, cold water and juice. There are several inexpensive restaurants and delis nearby where you can get reasonably priced snacks and meals.

**Gold Mine and Silent Auction:** The Gold Mine will have paper, books, and lots of other origami-related items. In addition, there is a silent auction where you can bid on the items you want. In previous years we've had hand-made jewelry, unique or limited edition tee and sweat shirts, hand-made paper, out-of-print and imported books, and lots more. Who knows what exciting items we'll have this year! If you would like to contribute an origami-related object or service, call the Home-Office. We cannot accept origami models, but will welcome most other items.

**Shopping:** The website will soon have a list of paper and equipment stores in New York where you can shop for that special sheet or tool, and coupons for several of them where we've negotiated discounts. But don't forget that The Origami Source will be on-site at convention, where you can shop for origami paper and books, and benefit OrigamiUSA at the same time.

**Volunteers/Teachers:** Those who will be teaching or volunteering more than one hour per day during class time, and who registered for the convention by May 25<sup>th</sup>, will be able to get their class tickets early. Your authorization letter will be available at sign-in for you to indicate your first and second choices. Note that only a limited number of tickets for each class will be available for early assignment, and these tickets will be issued in sequence based on your priority number.

**After Hours Folding:** Please note that we can remain in the Hospitality Area until midnight on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Those who haven't had their fill by then can move to the lounge at Co-Ed Dorms, and fold until exhaustion. You do not need to be staying at the dorms to be able to join this activity, although you must wear your convention ID.

**Help!** We'll need lots of help at the Home-Office at the American Museum of Natural History during the days before the convention. If you can come on Thursday or Friday, June 24 or 25, we have much to do and we'll be working all day. We'll also need help at FIT at various times to set-up and break-down Convention '10. Please call the Home-Office at (212) 769-5635 before you come.