

**BIOCHEMISTRY BOOT CAMP**  
Swalm Chemical Engineering Building, Room 100  
May 22 - 24

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

All events are scheduled to take place in *Swalm 100* (first floor) unless otherwise noted. For updates and more information, please visit <http://fitzkee.chemistry.msstate.edu/bootcamp/>.

*Monday, May 22*

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- 8:00 am “No-Frills” Breakfast  
Bagels, doughnuts, coffee, and juice
- 9:00 am Introductory Remarks Nick Fitzkee
- 9:05 am **Session 1:** Protein Structure TBD  
Primary, secondary, tertiary structure; origins of function
- 10:20 am Break
- 10:30 am **Session 2:** Protein Properties and Online-Databases Nick Fitzkee  
ExPASy, Entrez
- 11:50 am Group Photo
- 12:00 pm Break for Lunch (on your own)
- 1:30 pm **Session 3:** Introduction to UNIX TBD  
Filesystem, running programs, X-windows, working with text files
- 2:50 pm Break
- 3:00 pm **Session 4:** Using GNUPlot for Model Fitting Nick Fitzkee  
Model basics, uncertainties and errors, chi-squared
- 4:30 pm Discussion and Day 1 Wrap-Up Participants  
**Take Home Lab:** GNUPlot for Chemists
- 5:00 pm Break for Dinner (on your own)

Tuesday, May 23

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9:00 am	<b>Session 5:</b> Laboratory Safety	Matt Thomas, EHS
10:30 am	Break	
10:40 am	Chemical Waste Disposal at MSU	Ben Sharpe, EHS
11:00 am	Break for Lunch (on your own)	
1:00 pm	<b>Session 6:</b> DNA Structure and Properties Basic properties, predicting melting temperatures	TBD
2:20 pm	Break	
2:30 pm	<b>Session 7:</b> The PDB and Molecular Visualization Using PyMOL for analysis and figures	Nick Fitzkee
3:30 pm	<b>Session 8:</b> Keeping a Lab Notebook	TBD
4:50 pm	Discussion and Day 2 Wrap-Up <b>Take Home Lab:</b> Practice Using PyMOL	Participants
5:00 pm	Break for Dinner (on your own)	

Wednesday, May 24

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9:00 am	<b>Session 9:</b> Basic Bioinformatics Homology, sequence alignment, and BLAST	Nick Fitzkee
10:20 am	Break	
10:30 am	<b>Session 10:</b> Literature Databases and EndNote	TBD
11:50 am	Discussion and Day 3 Wrap-Up	Participants
12:00 pm	Depart	