Goals and General Plan  
MSCOPE 2006 Autumn Quarter

Goals for the 1st Quarter
- Introduction to museum practices and the basics of informal science education
- Introduction to partner museums and visit one other Chicago museum
- Complete short project in interpretation – label writing for SciTech
- Complete short project in observing museum visitor behavior – evaluation for MSI
- Participate in several topical discussions about museums and informal science learning
- Develop and present proposal for big projects

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| 1    | Monday: 10/02 | Univ. of Chicago  
RI-151  
3:00-5:00 PM | Opening Meeting at U of C  
> Introduction to Program, Participants and Partners |
| 2    | Sunday: 10/08 | SciTech Hands-On  
Science Museum  
Aurora, Illinois  
11 AM – 3 PM | Orientation visit to SciTech  
> Ronen: Public understanding of Science + Science show  
> Carina: Intro to exhibit design  
> Scope out interpretive labeling opportunities |
| 3    | Thursday: 10/12 | Museum of Science and Industry  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Orientation visit to MSI  
> Introduction people & museum  
> Tour exhibits and demonstrations  
> Museum IDs |
| 4    | Friday: 10/20 | Lyman Woods  
5:00 – 9:00 PM | Visit Lyman Woods Nature Center at Downers Grove  
> Education at Community-level Institutions |
| 5    | Friday 10/27 | Museum of Science and Industry  
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM | Evaluations Workshop  
Discussion #1: Audience expectations and experiences in science museums.  
> Discuss Evaluation Projects  
> Review Label Projects |
| 6    | Friday 11/03 | Univ. of Chicago  
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | > Discussion #2: Controversies in science museums  
> Evaluation draft due |
| 7    | Friday 11/10 | Univ. of Chicago  
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | Evaluate labels at SciTech during the week  
Start MSI evaluations |
| 8    | Monday 11/20 | Univ. of Chicago  
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM | Start thinking about Big Projects  
> Introduction to Demonstrations & educational programs @ MSI  
> Areas of interest for SciTech.  
> Brainstorming |
| 9    | Friday 11/24 | Thanksgiving Week -- No Meeting |
| 10   | Friday 12/01 | Museum of Science and Industry  
1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | > Presentations of Term Projects  
Final Labels on Display  
Evaluation Projects Presented  
> Entertain Big Project Ideas |