Goals and General Plan (Version 11/07/05)
MSCOPE
2005 Autumn Quarter

All but one program meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoons, 1:30-4:30 PM. On campus we will start our meetings in KPTC 213. We hope to move into our working room (RI-151) by the end of October. Check for changes or updates at: http://mps.uchicago.edu

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    | Friday: 09/30 | KPTC 213, 1:30-3:30 PM                 | >Opening Meeting at U of C  
|      |            |                                        | >Introduction to Program, Participants and Partners  
|      |            |                                        | >Hot topic for museums: ID  
|      |            |                                        | >Preconceptions in Science Education  |
| 2    | Saturday: 10/08 | SciTech Hands-On Science Museum, Aurora, Illinois, 10 AM – 3 PM | >Orientation visit to SciTech  
|      |            |                                        | >Scope out interpretive labeling opportunities  |
| 3    | Friday: 10/14 | Museum of Science and Industry, 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM | >Orientation visit to MSI  
|      |            |                                        | >Tour some exhibits, get Ids and also start a first observation project  |
| 4    | Friday: 10/21 | KPTC 213, 1:30 – 4:30 PM               | >Debby Mir: Interpretation as a Concept  
|      |            |                                        | >First Draft Labels Discussed  
|      |            |                                        | >Evaluation Assignments  |
| 5    | Friday: 10/28 | RI-151, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM              | >Introduction to GeoWall  
|      |            |                                        | >Museum Issues Discussion: Shapiro, How do we Judge Exhibit Success?  
|      |            |                                        | >Prototype Interpretive Labels Due  
|      |            |                                        | >Discuss MSI observation assignment  |
| 6    | Friday: 11/04 | MSI – Founders Room, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | >Exhibit Evaluation (Todd Geiske, MSI)  
|      |            |                                        | >Review Evaluation Projects (Carina Eizmendi, SciTech)  |
| 7    | Wednesday: 11/09 | Spertus Museum, South Michigan Ave., 5:15 – 8:00PM | >Visit Spertus Museum (Sunday for others)  
|      |            |                                        | >Discussion with Morrie Fred  |
| 8    | Friday: 11/18 | MSI, 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM                 | >Evaluation and Label Projects—Progress Review  
|      |            |                                        | >Museum Issues Discussion: Weiss, Social Context for Science Meaning Making in Museum Space  
|      |            |                                        | >Introduction to Project Opportunities at MSI (Shannon Forsythe)  
|      |            |                                        | >Discussion of Museum Annual Reports  
|      |            |                                        | >Big Project Assignment Presented (Sweitzer)  |
| 9    | Friday: 11/25 | Thanksgiving Week -- No Meeting        |                                                                                  |
| 10   | Saturday: 12/03 | SciTech, 10 AM – 2:30 PM              | >Presentations of Term Projects  
|      |            |                                        | Final, evaluated labels  
|      |            |                                        | Evaluation project results presented  
|      |            |                                        | >Brainstorm Big Project Ideas  |