Travel Directions

Traveling by Car:
The easiest way to get to Lakeside is by car. A car is also useful, but not essential, in order to get around locally, because the Laboratory is located some miles from restaurants, theaters, bars, etc.

Directions from Omaha (app. 200 miles)
- Take Interstate 29 North to Sioux City
- Take Highway 75 North to Le Mars
- Take Highway 60 North to Sheldon
- Take Highway 18 East to Spencer
- Take Highway 71 North to Milford
- Take Highway 86 West

From Des Moines (app. 200 miles)
- Take Interstate 35 North to Highway 20
- Take Highway 20 West to Fort Dodge
- Take Highway 169 North to Algona
- Take Highway 18 West to Spencer
- Take Highway 71 North to Milford
- Take Highway 86 West

From Sioux Falls (app. 90 miles)
- Take Interstate 90 East to Lakefield, MN
- Take Highway 86 South into Iowa

From Minneapolis (app. 175 miles)
- Take Interstate 35 South to Interstate 90
- Take Highway 86 South into Iowa
- Take Interstate 90 West to Lakefield, MN
- Take Highway 86 South into Iowa

From Highway 86, which runs on the west side of West Okoboji Lake, the silver water tower on the opposite (west) side of the road from the Laboratory will let you know you have arrived. The northern entrance, adjacent to the resident manager’s house, is normally open. Watch for a lighted stone entry with directions inside the gate. When you arrive you need to check in at the Laboratory Office, which is across from the resident manager’s house. There is plenty of free parking.

Traveling by Bus/Plane:
Those arriving by bus or plane will be met at the airport or bus station, but this must be pre-arranged with the resident manager. The nearest commercial airport is Sioux Falls Regional Airport (FSD) in Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport should not be confused with the Sioux City, Iowa airport (SUX). The route to Lakeside lab is better from FSD than from SUX. The Sioux Falls Regional Airport is approximately 90 miles from Lakeside and is serviced by Northwest Airlines and Northwest Airlink, Delta Connection, America West, United Express and Allegiant Air. There is an additional charge of $110.00 for shuttle service to or from the airport, as well as an additional charge for shuttle service to or from the bus station.