

GLMS 2026 Annual Meeting: Attendee Guide

Welcome to the **Great Lakes Microscopy Society (GLMS) 2026 Annual Meeting** at Michigan Technological University. This guide provides essential information for your visit to Houghton, Michigan, from October 8–10, 2026.

Campus Navigation

- Michigan Technological University, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931
- Michigan Tech Campus Map: [View Interactive Campus Map](#)
- Primary Meeting Location: Great Lakes Research Center (GLRC), Room 201/202
 - Phoenix Drive (canal side)
 - [Google Maps link](#).

Public Transportation

Michigan Tech provides comprehensive shuttle services for students and visitors to navigate campus and the Houghton/Hancock area. Attendees are encouraged to download the TripShot app (Service Name: Michigan Tech) for real-time tracking.

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City Commuter Shuttle

Connects the Michigan Tech Memorial Union Building (MUB) with downtown Houghton and major shopping centers.

- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:15 AM – 5:15 PM.
- **Key Stops:** MUB, Downtown City Center, Tadych's Market Foods, Walmart, and Razorback Drive.
- [Fall/Spring semester schedules](#)

Husky Campus Shuttle (Evening)

The Campus Shuttle operates in a loop connecting major campus buildings and housing.

- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:15 AM – 5:15 PM.
- **Key Stops:** MUB, Downtown City Center, Mont Ripley, Keweenaw Co-Op, Tadych's Foods, Walmart, and Razorback Drive.
- [Fall/Spring semester schedules](#)

Houghton On Demand Bus (Day time)

The Campus Shuttle operates in a loop connecting major campus buildings and housing.

- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- **Call:** [906-482-6092](tel:906-482-6092)

Rates	In City	Out of City
Adults	\$5	\$6
Students	\$3	\$4
Seniors	\$2.50	\$3
Under 12	\$2.50	\$3
Disabled	\$2.50	\$3

Hancock On Demand Bus (Day time)

The Campus Shuttle operates in a loop connecting major campus buildings and housing.

- **Hours:** Monday – Friday, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
- **Call:** 906-482-3450
- **More info** at <https://www.cityofhancock.com/info-transit.php>

Accommodations in Houghton

A variety of lodging options are available, with the Country Inn & Suites serving as the primary block for the event.

Hotel	Distance to MTU	Details
Country Inn & Suites	2.8 Miles	Official GLMS Block: \$219/night (Group rate). To receive the group rate, call +1 (906) 487-6700 and use the group code "Great Lakes Microscopy Society." Reservations must be made no later than Sept 8!!
The Vault Hotel	1.1 Miles	Historic downtown boutique; approx. \$400/night.
Hampton Inn	1.1 Miles	Waterfront downtown; approx. \$400/night.
Holiday Inn Express	2.3 Miles	Modern amenities; approx. \$325/night.
Super 8 Motel	0.6 Miles	Closest to campus.

Note: For the GLMS group rate at Country Inn & Suites, reservations must be made at least 30 days prior to October 8, 2026.

Local Attractions (October 8–10, 2026)

October is peak foliage season in the Keweenaw Peninsula. Below are recommended activities for attendees.

Scenic Views & Foliage

- [Mont Ripley Fall Color Viewing](#): Ride the ski chairlifts for panoramic views of the Portage Lake Lift Bridge and autumn colors.
- [Brockway Mountain Drive](#): A legendary 9.5-mile drive in Copper Harbor offering 360-degree views of the forest canopy.
- [Porcupine Mountains](#): Michigan's largest state park, a popular destination for camping, hiking, snowmobiling, fishing and more. It also offers a stunning view of the Fall colors.

- [Stunning Scenic drives](#)

Museums & History

- [A.E. Seaman Mineral Museum](#): The official Mineral Museum of Michigan, located on the MTU campus.
- [Quincy Mine Tours](#): Explore the surface ruins and the world's largest steam hoist engine.
- [Delaware Mine Tours](#): Self-guided underground tour that takes you back in time to the 1800's when the mine was in operation.

Nightlife

- **Aurora Chasing**: With a New Moon occurring on October 10, skies will be perfectly dark. Visit **McLain State Park** between 10:00 PM and 2:00 AM for the best chance to see the Northern Lights.

Restaurants in Houghton & Hancock

- The Ambassador: 126 Sheldon Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. [Website](#)
- The Continental Fire Co. (Bonfire Restaurant): 408 E Montezuma Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. [Facebook](#)
- The DEN Restaurant: 210 Sheldon Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. [Website](#)
- The Library: 620 Sheldon Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. [Website](#)
- Copper Range Depot Family Restaurant: 301 W Lakeshore Dr, Houghton, MI 49931.
- Gino's Restaurant: 509 Sheldon Ave, Houghton, MI 49931. [Website](#)
- Suomi Bakery & Restaurant: 501 Quincy St, Hancock, MI 49930.

About the MCFF

The **Materials Characterization & Fabrication Core Facility (MCFF)** is Michigan Tech's hub for imaging and analysis, spanning over 16,000 sq. ft. across 10 specialized labs.

The facility is managed by a team of experts with over 100 years of collective experience, led by Director Elizabeth Fraki. The **Electron Microscopy Core Lab**, managed by Dr. Erico Freitas, features world-class instrumentation, including:

- **FEI Titan Themis STEM**: Atomic-scale imaging and in-situ analysis capabilities.
- **ThermoFisher Apreo 2 FESEM**: High-resolution surface imaging with EDS/EBSD.

For more information, visit the [MCFF Website](#).