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Dear D-Team Student,

Congratulations again! This packet contains all your “official” ARML information to date, as well as the problem set 0 and homework policy that you should already have received over email. We look forward to seeing you on March 26!

A few extra notes and things:

1. Missing practice. Missing practice is bad, and you’re only getting this letter because you told us that you didn’t expect to miss any. However, we understand that there are rare emergencies that prevent you from doing mathematics (emphasis on rare!). If that happens to you, make sure that you (a) let one of the coaches know ASAP, via email, about the emergency, (b) make arrangements to obtain practice materials, and (c) submit your problem set NO LATER than the day after the practice via fax or regular mail to coach Castillo directly (not coaches Karafiol or Condie). His contact info is on the HW policy. In any case, if you miss more than one practice, you should expect to be dropped from the team, since you simply won’t be ready to compete in Iowa.
2. T-Shirt suggestions—please bring a nice clean copy of one design. Past designs have included
  - Recursing “CAASMT” (think Sierpinski triangle)
  - “There are 10 types of mathematicians: those who know binary and those who don’t.”
  - Skyline
  - Polyhedra
  - Comics (with permission): Foxtrot, Harris, etc.
3. Please email coach Karafiol the following information: a favorite recent math problem, a favorite hobby, and something else interesting or unusual about you that someone wouldn’t be able to guess just by looking at you. Examples of the last include: having broken the ice to swim in a frozen Charles River, having been bitten by a kangaroo, having spent three years of your life in Nepal.
4. Eat dinner before coming to practice #1. There will be a snack break, but it’s hard to do math on an empty stomach.
5. Start making arrangements with whoever (your parents, or your school, as is often customary) to pay your ARML fee. It would be nice to have these taken care of by March 26!

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Sincerely,

Coaches Karafiol, Condie, and Castillo