How To Get Started in Second Life

1. Go to http://slurl.com/secondlife/12th%20Man/2/65/26 (or http://bit.ly/5Orr95). You’ll see a picture of the connected Aggieland and 12th Man Islands that belong to TAMU:

2. Click here to download the program on your computer. Make sure your computer can handle Second Life by looking at the minimum requirements. Room 116 HELD has Second Life on their computers, as does the SCC. To find the program at the SCC, click the Start button in the bottom left hand corner of SCC desktop, then type Second into the search box. Drag the program onto your desktop or just double click on the name.

3. Click on the orange SIGN UP button and fill in the form:

You can always change your avatar’s look, hair, clothes, etc. later.

4. Now pick your avatar’s name. You get to choose your first name, but you must pick your last name from the list. Once you have done this, you cannot change your name. However, you can always create another avatar later with a different name.

5. Finish up with a security question and click on the yellow button to create your account.

You’ll get an email asking you to activate your account. You might get a message asking you to become a Premium member, but don’t bother. At this point, open up the website from Step 1 and click on Teleport Now. The program will load. Type in your avatar’s name and password. Click on the blue Log In button and you’ll be taken to the TAMU Orientation to learn necessary skills for operating in Second Life. Use your arrow keys to turn around and walk. Alternatively, you can simply open the Second Life program, type in your avatar’s name and password, and type or copy/paste 12th Man/2/65/26 into the Start Location box, click on the blue Log In button to get to TAMU Orientation.

6. Note: Just like the web, Second Life has places for mature audiences only. If you ever get into an uncomfortable place, there is a search box in the upper right hand corner. Type Aggieland, click on the magnifying glass and you’ll see Aggieland Region and Texas A&M University Second Life Campus in the search list. Click on the Teleport button for either one and you’ll immediately be teleported back to dear old Aggieland.

7. For more information with direct links, go to our public class website. My chemistry place is located at 12th Man/210/236/26 or go to http://bit.ly/8ve21V