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Soldier Field dinner on NATO agenda

Also, first lady will host South Side gathering

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While Chicago's summit host team is in Brussels this week schmoozing NATO officials, the White House released a couple of details about plans to entertain dignitaries during the May meetings. They include a dinner at Soldier Field and a trip to the South Side with first lady Michelle Obama.

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In a statement Wednesday, White House officials said NATO leaders would attend a "working dinner" at Soldier Field on Sunday, May 20, the first day of the summit. Officials are still planning the details of the event.

Earlier in the day, Michelle Obama is expected to host an outing for NATO leaders' spouses to the Gary Comer Youth Center on the South Side. The youth center, at 7200 S. Ingleside, is an architecturally significant building that provides extracurricular programs for school kids in the Grand Crossing neighborhood, where the late Lands' End magnate Gary Comer grew up.

The May 20-21 meeting will bring about 50 world leaders to Chicago, including heads of state from the 28 North American and European countries that make up the North Atlantic Treaty Organization.

It was originally planned as a double-summit weekend in Chicago, with Group of 8 economic meetings planned for May 19-20. Mayor Rahm Emanuel and his host committee have been billing the NATO summit as a marquee event since President Barack Obama moved the G-8 to Camp David last month.

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