

Final 15 Days — Daily Schedule (May 20 → June 4)

Flight home: Thursday June 4, 2026 **Days remaining (incl. today):** 16 **Hard targets:** (a) \$1,500 cash by June 4, (b) at least 1 remote offer in pipeline by June 4 **Stretch targets:** Kala SAFE close + AI consulting retainer + cash offer accepted

Related files: - `remote-job-targets.md` — application pipeline (Tier S, A, B, C) - `../la_target_list.md` — LA specialty engineering consulting targets (30 firms) - `networking-events.md` — full event calendar with fit codes

LA traffic rules (drive the gaps, not the walls)

LHH → most of LA is 30–50 min off-peak, 90–150 min in peak. Driving through rush hour is the single biggest time sink available — *never do it*.

Window	Status	Use for
5:00–7:00 AM	empty roads	LHH → LA (arrive before traffic)
7:00–10:00 AM	eastbound brutal	stay put — apply / cold outreach (East Coast prime)
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM	moderate	in-LA meetings, walk-ins, coworking
2:00–3:00 PM	window	LA → LHH if heading home
3:00–7:00 PM	westbound + eastbound brutal	stay put wherever you are — deep work, calls, no driving
7:00–10:00 PM	clearing	events, interviews, late dinners
10:00 PM – 12:00 AM	empty	LA → LHH if you went late

Heuristic: if you go to LA, stay all day. One round-trip = one full work day's worth of road.

Standard daily blocks (template — customize per day)

Time	Block	Activity
5:30–7:30 AM	East Coast outreach	LinkedIn DMs to hiring managers, cold consulting emails — highest reply rate window
7:30–9:00 AM	Apply blast	10 direct apps to Tier-A roles, tailored cover line each
9:00–11:00 AM	Deep work	contract delivery work / interview prep / portfolio fixes
11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	In-LA meetings (<i>LA days only</i>)	coffee meetings, walk-ins, coworking; otherwise more deep work
2:00–4:00 PM	Recruiter calls + screens	scheduled calls land here naturally (LA midday = ET late afternoon)
4:00–6:00 PM	Build / follow-ups	second wave of follow-up emails on AM apps; ship contract milestones
6:00–9:00 PM	Events / dinners (<i>when scheduled</i>)	networking, demo nights, founder dinners
9:00–11:00 PM	Kala block	async with Gianangelo, raise admin, investor follow-ups
11:00 PM – 12:00 AM	Log + plan	update application-log, tomorrow's apply queue

Phase plan

Phase 1 — LAUNCH (Days 1–4 · May 20–23)

Get every channel open. No income yet — pure pipeline setup. - Apply Toptal + Braintrust + A.Team (tonight) - Set job-board alerts on all 8 boards in `remote-job-targets.md` - 40+ apps submitted across 4 days - 30 LA consulting cold emails sent (from `la_target_list.md`) - Upwork profile live + 5 bids placed - Attend Investor Connect (5/20) + AI in Production LA (5/21)

Phase 2 — EXECUTE (Days 5–9 · May 24–28)

First wave of replies. Convert screens to second-rounds. Land first cash gig. - First Upwork or walk-in gig closed (~\$500–1,500) - 2–4 recruiter screens completed - 1–3 LA consulting calls booked - Toptal/Braintrust screen passed - LayerOne (5/24–25) — wildcard hardware/IoT crowd in Pasadena

Phase 3 — PEAK (Days 10–13 · May 29 – June 1)

Interview week. Close the cash gig. Push toward offer. - 2–3 final-round interviews - \$1,500 cash floor hit - 1 AI consulting retainer signed OR LOI from Tier-A startup - Space-based Abundance (5/30) — Pasadena tech wildcard

Phase 4 — CLOSE & PACK (Days 14–16 · June 2–4)

Accept best offer. Ship final milestones. Hand off contract work for remote continuation. - Best offer accepted (FT remote OR retainer LOI signed) - All open contracts can run from Chile (laptop, internet, time-zone tested) - Pack + ship anything physical that won't fly - Space Tech Expo (6/3) ONLY if zero close-out work remaining

Day-by-day

Tue May 20 — TONIGHT

Time	Block	Action
6:00–9:00 PM	Event	Investor Connect: Pitch & Networking — Audio Graph Beer Co. (Kala pitch + scout for consulting prospects)
9:30–12:30 AM	Apply blast	Toptal + Braintrust + A.Team applications (3 hrs); 5 YC startup apps via workatastartup.com

Wed May 21

Time	Block	Action
6:00–9:00 AM	East Coast outreach	LinkedIn warm reach to 15 hiring managers from yesterday's apps + post-event follow-up emails
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Apply blast	12 Tier-A direct apps (workatastartup + wellfound + himalayas)
12:00–3:00 PM	Deep work	Update resume bullets for next batch; set up Upwork profile + place 5 bids
3:00–7:00 PM	Build	Cold-email 10 firms from <code>la_target_list.md</code>
7:00–9:00 PM	Event	AI in Production LA — 160 Glendale Blvd (bring laptop, demo Nucleus Brain)
9:30 PM –	drive home	LHH return after 9:30pm = clear roads

Thu May 22 — first heads-down day

Time	Block	Action
6:00–9:00 AM	East Coast outreach	Follow up with every business card / LinkedIn add from last 2 nights' events
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Apply blast	15 apps + 5 LinkedIn DMs to LA Heads of Eng / CTOs at Series-A AI cos
1:00–5:00 PM	Deep work	Build a 1-page consulting one-pager PDF; prep Toptal screen if scheduled
5:00–8:00 PM	Recruiter window	first-screen calls land here; if none, ship more LA cold emails (target: 5)
8:00–11:00 PM	Kala	investor follow-ups from Tue event

Fri May 23 — first walk-in day

Time	Block	Action
6:00–9:00 AM	East Coast outreach	DMs + apps
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Apply blast	12 apps
12:00–5:00 PM	LA walk-in day	Drive Whittier/La Habra commercial strips: walk into 8–10 small businesses (law, dental, medical, real estate), offer 1-day "I'll add AI/fix your site" for \$750–1,500. Bring printed one-pager.
5:00–8:00 PM	Calls	follow-ups on walk-ins + recruiter screens

Sat May 24 + Sun May 25 — LayerOne weekend

Time	Block	Action
Sat morning	Deep work	8 apps (Saturday recruiters are dead but apps still get queued)
Sat afternoon → Sun	Event	LayerOne 2026 — Pasadena (hardware hacking / IoT — wildcard. Bring biz cards. Hardware OEM angle for Kala verification.)
Sun evening	Build	Process LayerOne contacts + ship Upwork milestone if accepted

Mon May 26 — interview prep day

Time	Block	Action
6:00–9:00 AM	East Coast	follow-ups on everything from last week
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM	Interview prep	LeetCode mediums (1 hr), system design refresh (1 hr), STAR stories (1 hr), portfolio polish (1 hr)
1:00–4:00 PM	Apply blast	15 apps — Memorial Day week is when hiring slows so go heavy NOW
4:00–8:00 PM	Calls + cold emails	second wave LA consulting outreach

Tue May 27 — LA day (in-person consulting push)

Time	Block	Action
5:30 AM	Depart LHH	beat traffic into Santa Monica
7:00–10:00 AM	Work from coffee shop	Verve / Blue Bottle in SaMo — apps while there
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	LA day	day-pass at WeWork or Industrious Santa Monica — pitch every founder in the room; walk into 3 Series-A offices nearby
4:00–7:00 PM	Stay put	deep work, no driving
7:00 PM →	Return LHH	clear roads home

Wed May 28

Time	Block	Action
6:00 AM – 1:00 PM	+	follow-ups + 12 apps
1:00–6:00 PM	Interview window	by now you should have screens stacking — block this entirely
6:00–11:00 PM	Build +	Kala

Thu May 29

Time	Block	Action
6:00 AM – 12:00 PM	+	12 apps + LinkedIn
12:00–6:00 PM	Interview window	tech screens land here
6:00–11:00 PM	+	

Fri May 30

Time	Block	Action
5:30 AM	Depart LHH	Pasadena trip
10:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Event	Space-based Abundance — Pasadena (wildcard tech crowd)
1:00–6:00 PM	Pasadena day	second day-pass / walk-ins around Caltech-adjacent tech corridor
6:00 PM →	Return	

Sat May 31

Time	Block	Action
8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Ship	clear contract milestones, prep for final week
12:00–6:00 PM	Decision day	review all open offers/leads; rank top 3; decide which to push for close next week

Sun Jun 1 — PEAK CLOSE WEEK BEGINS

Time	Block	Action
AM	Kala	weekly investor digest, raise update
PM	Final-round prep	tailored prep for top 3 opportunities

Mon Jun 2

Time	Block	Action
6:00 AM – 6:00 PM	Close mode	final-round interviews, offer negotiations, retainer signings — all calls go here
6:00 PM	Wrap-up	start packing non-essentials

Tue Jun 3

Time	Block	Action
6:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Accept	accept best offer, sign retainer if applicable, deliver final contract milestones
12:00 PM →	Pack	LHH cleanup, return library books/dad's stuff, set up remote-work cont. test (laptop + headset + tested connection from your Chile address)
Optional	Event	Space Tech Expo (Anaheim) — only if completely closed out, otherwise SKIP

Wed Jun 3 evening / Thu Jun 4 — DEPART

Time	Block	Action
Wed PM	Final pack	
Thu	Flight to Punta Arenas	

Daily metrics (track in [application-log.md](#))

Metric	Daily target	Weekly floor
Direct apps submitted	10	50
LinkedIn DMs to hiring managers	5	25
Cold consulting emails (LA list)	5	25
Recruiter calls completed	1 (by Day 5+)	5
Tech screens passed	n/a until Day 7	2
Cash earned	n/a until Week 2	\$750 (week 2), \$750+ (week 3)

Stall signal: if 2 consecutive days <40% of daily targets, take 90 min to diagnose (channel, message, timing) — don't push harder on what isn't working.

What to print before tomorrow morning

- 25 copies of consulting one-pager (Kinkos / FedEx in Whittier)
- 25 business cards (Vistaprint same-day, Whittier Mall) — name, "Engineer · Builder · AI Systems", phone, email, calendly
- Resume printed × 5 (for in-person events)

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