GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS FOR GEOLOGY FIELD TRIPS

Our class will take several field trips to study geologic features in the surrounding area this term. In order to do so safely, you need to be aware of several things:

1. **Highway Safety** – Since we must avoid trespassing on private property, and since road construction has left us with nice geologic features exposed along the side of the road, we may walk adjacent to busy roads. You must remember that these are public roads, and vehicles have the right of way. Thus it is imperative that you stay off the roads, and watch for approaching traffic.

2. **Sunburn** – Many people are sensitive to solar radiation, and must protect themselves from exposure to the sun. Consider the use of an appropriate sunscreen and clothing, including sunglasses. Excessive exposure to the sun’s rays can lead to skin cancers, such as melanoma. Bring a full water bottle to stay hydrated.

3. **Clothing and Footgear** – In addition to the clothing described above, you should wear and bring clothing appropriate for the weather conditions expected on the day of the field trip. This might include warm-weather or cold-weather gear, as well as a rain jacket and umbrella. You may have to climb moderately steep slopes and uneven ground. Sandals, flip-flops, and leather-soled shoes are not intended for such terrain. Instead, always wear lightweight hiking boots or sneakers with a good tread.

4. **Allergies** – If you are allergic to certain things and require inhalers and/or appropriate antihistamine medication, you must bring such inhalers and/or medication with you on our field trips.

5. **Bites** – Studying outside increases exposure to bites from bees, ticks, mosquitoes, and other animal bites. If you are allergic to bee stings, or even suspect that you might be, please check with your physician, and bring a bee sting kit with you on field trips. Kits are available by prescription only and for use only by the person named on the prescription. Note that you must bring such a bee sting kit with you if you have a documented allergy to such stings. Also, some ticks can transfer Lyme disease to humans through bites to exposed skin. Ticks typically hide in shady, moist ground litter but adults are often found above the ground clinging to tall grass, brush, and shrubs. Lastly, some mosquitoes may transfer West Nile virus through bites to exposed skin. You can reduce exposure to bites from animals by using repellant and reducing the amount of exposed skin with clothing. Check your body for bites during and after field work; visit the Student Health Services if you are concerned about a bite.
STUDENT AGREEMENT

I have read and understand the material described under Guidelines and Expectations for Geology field trips, and understand that I am primarily responsible for my personal safety. I further understand that I must bring the material described above, e.g., inhalers, bee sting kits, etc., if I know I have such a medical condition or allergy, or if one is listed in my medical records. I understand and agree that Instructors do not have medical personnel available at the location of the Activity. I understand and agree that Instructors are granted permission to authorize emergency medical treatment, if necessary. I understand and agree that Instructors assume no responsibility for any injury or damage which might arise out of or in connection with such authorized emergency medical treatment. Finally, if I have a medical condition that might make it difficult or impossible for me to complete the assignment for a field trip, I will discuss it with my instructor as far in advance of the field trip as possible.

Signature___________________________________

Name______________________________________

Student ID____________________

Date__________________________