

September 30, 2009

RE: UW-GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP TO CENTRAL WASHINGTON

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As your student begins their geologic journey this year, we will start the process by embarking on a 2-day field trip exploring the unique geology of Washington State.

We will leave Shorewood on Friday, October 16 at 8:00 am and drive over Highway 2 to outside Coulee City, stopping at geologic points of interest along the way. We will see evidence for how faults have altered the landscape, evidence for catastrophic glacial flooding, and we will see thick sequences of rock formed from volcanic lava flows. We will then travel to Sun Lakes State Park where we will stay the night in the group campground (That's right! Camping in actual tents!). On Saturday, we will continue our tour on the small roads of Central WA, visit Frenchman's Coulee and the Ginkgo Petrified Forest at Vantage. We will make our way back to Shorewood via I-90 and plan to be back at campus by 5:00 pm Saturday, October 17.

I would like to officially invite you to join us on this great trip. You can learn about the geology of our state, and have a fun weekend with your student in their last year of Shorewood! If you are interested in being a parent volunteer, please contact me by **Wednesday, October 7th**. I am asking parents to pay \$30 each to cover camping and food expenses (Yes, you get to eat the food the students cook!). Parent volunteers will also be asked to undergo a WA State Patrol background check (it's fast and free). One catch, since the bus will be filled to capacity, you'll have to drive your own vehicle (and we might ask you to help haul some gear). If there are enough parents wanting to go, we might be able to arrange carpooling. A packing list is on the back of this page that works for both students and parents.

We are anxious for everyone to have a wonderful time and be able to see real examples of the geology they will be learning about all year. In case of emergency, we will have a teacher cell phone with us at all times (206-459-2544). Feel free email me with questions!

Sincerely,

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FIELD TRIP PACKING LIST

Besides your sleeping bag, ground pad, and tent...everything else you bring should fit into one carry-on sized bag.

Sleeping bag
Ground pad
Tent
Pillow (optional)
Warm clothing (it will be cold!!!)
 Clothes to layer (fleece, sweats)
 Warm hat
 Gloves
 Warm coat
 Warm socks
Extra change of clothing
Raincoat
Comfortable walking shoes
Toiletries
Camp chair (optional and only if it fits in the bus once everything else is packed)
Dishes (very important!!!)
 Plate/bowl
 Fork/spoon/knife
 Mug (you do want hot chocolate, don't you?)
Water bottle (Filled!!! There are limited places to get water once we start.)
Pen/pencil for field trip packet
Notebook (optional)
Camera (optional)
Sunglasses/sunscreen (just in case...)

Anything you're suppose to bring according to your food committee (i.e. stove, kettle, lantern, pans, cooking tools, etc.)