

University of Victoria
School of Earth and Ocean Sciences
Summer Field School Courses (EOS 300 & 400)

ASSUMPTION OF RISK & MEDICAL DECLARATION

I _____ (*name of participant*) understand that Field Schools (EOS 300 or 400) undertaken as part of programs offered by the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences/University of Victoria ('SEOS/UVic') may expose participants to elements of risk. I also acknowledge that accidents may occur while in the field and can happen without fault on either the part of the participant or SEOS/UVic. I am aware that necessary and appropriate safety precautions will be undertaken in an effort to minimize risks. Despite these precautions, I acknowledge that loss or damage of personal property, injury or even death may still occur and that, by participating in a Field School, I accept these risks.

Examples of the types of hazards to which you may be exposed while participating in a Field School include, but are not limited to:

- ◆ TERRAIN: injury or death resulting from falls, falling rocks/deadfall, flying rock chips, drowning or natural disaster.
- ◆ EXPOSURE: illness, injury or death resulting from exposure to cold (*i.e.*, hypothermia), heat (*i.e.*, heat stroke), or sunlight (*i.e.*, sunburn).
- ◆ WILD ANIMALS: injury or death resulting from interaction with wildlife including, but not limited to: bears, cougars, wolves, ungulates, rodents, snakes, insects (including ticks), or parasites.
- ◆ TRAVEL: injury resulting from the operation of a motor vehicle.
- ◆ TRIP DEFERAL: Alteration, including delay, extension or cancellation of a field trip due to unforeseen circumstances (*e.g.*, wildfire, road closure, weather)

I also acknowledge that the remoteness of some Field School locales has the potential for delaying/preventing access to prompt medical help.

Furthermore, I agree to observe all rules and practices that may be employed to minimize risk of injury. I agree that my safety is primarily my responsibility. I agree to stop and seek assistance if I do not believe I can safely continue to participate in any activity. I agree to wear or use proper protection or gear as dictated by the activity and/or instructors. I agree not to participate in any activity under the influence of drugs or alcohol or if that activity may pose a hazard either to myself or other participants. I agree that if I fail to act in accordance with any of these stipulations that I may not be permitted to continue to participate in that activity or, potentially, the field trip itself.

I hereby certify that I have full knowledge of the nature and extent of the risks inherent in participation in a Field School and that I am voluntarily assuming all such risks, specified or otherwise. By signing below, I also authorize SEOS/UVic's agents to act on my behalf in the event of a medical emergency:

Signature of participant:

Date:

Date of Birth:

Name of witness (please print):

Signature of witness:

Date: _____ **Phone #:** _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone # (H): _____ Phone # (W): _____

Relationship: _____ Cell #: _____ E-mail: _____

HEALTH INFORMATION

Personal Health #: _____ Family Doctor: _____ Doctor's Phone #: _____
(CareCard)

1. Do you have medical condition(s) or health concern(s) of which the School should be made aware? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If **yes**, please explain: _____

2. Do you regularly take prescription medication (other than birth control)? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If **yes**, please explain: _____

3. Do you have *any* allergies to foods, pollen or insects of which the School should be made aware? ☐ YES ☐ NO

If **yes**, please explain: _____

4. Have you had a tetanus vaccine/booster within the last 10 years? ☐ YES ☐ NO

5. I have my 1st aid training and am willing to assist in the event of a medical emergency. ☐ YES ☐ NO

6. I have special dietary requirements (vegetarian, celiac, etc.): _____ ☐ YES ☐ NO

7. I have out-of-province medical insurance coverage (EOS 450 only). ☐ YES ☐ NO

The University of Victoria collects the personal information on this form pursuant to the University Act, RSBC 1996, c.468, section 27(1)(c) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, and university policies and procedures. The information is collected by the School of Earth and Ocean Sciences for the purpose of the administration and operation of their field trips and will be destroyed upon their completion.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the field trip is a rewarding experience for everyone, participant conduct must be in compliance with University policies and procedures and the Academic Calendar (see <http://www.uvic.ca/universitysecretary/policies/>) and meet a minimum standard of behaviour at all times. Failure to meet this standard will result in disciplinary action that could, ultimately, result in the student being sent home at his/her own expense, the forfeiture of all fees paid, the assignment of a grade of 'N' for the course and/or the requirement to pay 100% of the participation fee should the student be allowed to re-take the course. Any of the following shall be considered violations of this standard:

- engaging in any activity that could or does threaten the safety of one's self or another participant
- interference with another participant's ability to enjoy and learn from the experience
- disrespectful or intimidating behaviour towards others including fellow students, TA's or the course instructor
- consumption of alcohol during instructional time (*i.e.*, in the field or vans)
- alcohol consumption, outside of instructional time, to the point where it leads to disruptive or unsafe behaviour, results in damage to property or subsequently impairs one's ability to participate at the required level (*e.g.*, being intoxicated or 'hung-over' the next day).
- possession, consumption or distribution of any illegal drug
- smoking in vehicles, assigned accommodation or any area where prohibited
- specimen (rock, mineral, fossil, flora or fauna) collection within parks or where prohibited
- perpetration or involvement in any behaviour that could or does damage the reputation of the School and/or University

Participation in any of SEOS' field trips should be seen as a privilege, and participants should consider themselves representatives of the University at all times.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to abide by the above code:

Date: _____ Signature _____