

GEOLOGY 496
COLUMBIA PLATEAU FIELD COURSE
SPRING SEMESTER, 2011

ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM

In Spring, 2011, the NDSU Department of Geosciences will sponsor a 2-credit, field experience course. This 8-day, “spring break” course will center on the geology and soils of the Columbia Plateau and Channeled Scablands of eastern and central Washington State. Travel dates: March 12-20.

Travel to/from Spokane, Washington, will be on Amtrak from Fargo (22 hours, each way). Field travel will be in rental vans. It is anticipated that accommodations will include 1 night of hotel, 5 nights of camping (tents, student-provided) at public and private campgrounds, and 2 nights in coach seats on Amtrak. In March, snow and cold can be expected, even though the winter so far has been amiable. In cases of weather-related emergencies, alternative accommodations in motels may be sought at extra cost (below). Provisions for meals will be the obligation for each participant – we will make grocery stops daily if possible.

Students will meet before the class on specific Wednesdays (exact dates to be announced), 5:00 pm in Stevens 134. Students will also contribute a guidebook chapter and present a field talk during the field trip.

Projected expenses per participant (excluding tuition):

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| \$380 | <u>Non-refundable</u> course fee, required in advance. Course fee covers your train transportation, van transportation, and hotel/camping costs, text materials, and the cost of admissions to all parks and fee areas. |
| \$75+ | Food and beverage. |
| \$50 | Emergency money (weather-related room expenses, etc.) |

Enrollment is on a “first-pay, first-served” basis.

Payments of course fees will be accepted at Stevens Hall 218 (Ms. Phyllis Murray) beginning immediately.

For further information, please contact Dr. Bernhardt Saini-Eidukat, NDSU Geosciences (701-231-8785; bernhardt.saini-eidukat@ndsu.edu) or Dr. Allan Ashworth, NDSU Geosciences (701-231-7919; allan.ashworth@ndsu.edu).

To enroll:

1. If taking the course for credit, enroll in Geology 496.
2. Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$100 by Wednesday, January 26. This ensures your place on the trip and may not be transferred to anyone else without prior approval of instructor. All deposits will be collected by NDSU Geosciences at Stevens 218.
3. Pay a second fee of \$280 by Friday, February 25.

IMPORTANT NOTES - PLEASE READ!

1. The Department makes no guarantee regarding the quality of campgrounds, the availability of showers, toilets, or water, the regularity of meals (or other forms of “regularity”!), weather-related conditions, etc. Come prepared for the worst of conditions.
2. Enrollees are reminded that they MUST have a good medical/disability policy of their own.

At all times, students should use all precautions possible to assure a safe trip. As faculty, we cannot supervise the activities of each of you at all times, and we trust that you have the maturity and judgment to conduct yourselves wisely, courteously, and safely.

Only a partial refund can be provided to enrollees who must leave the trip for medical or other reasons. As this course is tightly-budgeted on a “break-even” basis, anyone leaving the trip for any reason will be responsible for paying their own transportation back to Fargo.

3. Participants who do not wish to share a hotel room *en masse* (4 to 5 per room) at Spokane will need to provide lodging at their own cost: \$38/room per night for one bed/one person, or \$42 for one bed/two persons. You must contact BSE as soon as possible to include this arrangement in the group reservations.
4. The course grade will be evaluated on the quality of each student's classroom and field participation, the quality of each student's field presentation, and the quality of a notebook of field observations.
5. Students are responsible for their own transportation to destination points. No refunds can be made due to one's failure to arrive at the train station on time.
6. *The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited for the duration of the academic portion of the field course.*

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(PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR FIRST PAYMENT*)

(Please note that for Security Clearance purposes for our visit to the Hanford Nuclear Reservation, we are asking for certain additional information to allow your badging).

NAME IN FULL, AS ON DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PASSPORT: _____

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: _____

ADDRESS ON DRIVER'S LICENSE: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

LOCAL TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

PAYMENTS:

- ☐ \$100 trip deposit in either cash (a receipt will be provided) or in the form of a check payable to "NDSU GEOSCIENCES DEPARTMENT." (This applies to all participants).
- ☐ The balance is due as scheduled on the announcement. **Please submit all payments to Dr. Saini-Eidukat or to Ms. Murray, Stevens Hall 218.**

In registering for this course, I agree to the following:

1. I will make the remaining fee payments, as scheduled on the announcement.
2. I understand that these fees are NON-REFUNDABLE except in the event of the development of a course waiting list.
3. My registration for this trip may not be transferred to another individual except by permission of the instructor. Beyond certain dates, this will be impossible to do.
4. I carry my own medical insurance coverage.
5. I have read and agree to comply with the alcoholic beverage policy.
6. I agree to represent North Dakota State University in a responsible manner.

(Signature:)

(Date:)