

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

ASSUMPTION OF RISK & MEDICAL DECLARATION

I _____ (*name of participant*) understand that Field Schools (EOS 300 and/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 School 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 School 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

Canadian students: please carry your provincial health care card with you at all times. Non-Canadian students: you are strongly advised to obtain health coverage while in Canada.

1. Do you have a medical condition(s) or health concern(s) which is/are likely to affect your ability to participate in any aspect of the Field School? 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, gluten-free, etc.): _____ YES NO

The University of Victoria is committed to treating personal information in accordance with FIPPA and the university's privacy policy. The collection of personal information by the University of Victoria is in accordance with section 26 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA) and the University Act. The university uses the personal information for the purposes of providing educational and related services. For a detailed listing of the collection purposes see Schedule A, Procedures for the Management of Personal Information.

CODE OF CONDUCT

In order to ensure that the Field School 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 or marijuana during instructional time (*i.e.*, in the field or vans)
- alcohol or marijuana 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
- collection of specimens (rock, mineral, fossil, flora or fauna) 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 Schools 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 _____

PHOTO / VIDEO RELEASE

Students, staff, and faculty may be photographed or filmed while conducting field work on SEOS/UVic field schools.

I hereby grant to School of Earth and Ocean Sciences/University of Victoria ('SEOS/UVic') the right to reproduce, use, exhibit, display, broadcast, distribute, and create derivative works of the photographed and/or filmed images of me, taken for use in connection with the activities of SEOS/UVic or for promoting, publicizing, or explaining SEOS/UVic or its activities.

This grant includes, without limitation, and without reimbursement, the right to publish such images in the SEOS/UVic newspaper, alumni magazine, and PR/promotional materials, such as marketing admissions publications, advertisements, fundraising materials, and any other SEOS/UVic-related publication. These images may appear in any of the wide variety of formats and media now available to SEOS/UVic and that may be available in the future, including but not limited to print, broadcast, videotape, DVD, and electronic/online media.

Date: _____

Signature _____