



## STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES: STUDENT CLASS TRIPS

Student expectations while in the field or transporting to and from activity:

- Carry a picture ID (Michigan Tech or Driver's License) with you at all times.
- Wear seat belts when being transported in Michigan Tech vehicles.
- Wear life jackets when on a boat (including canoes) unless exempted by a Licensed Captain or Crew.
- Wear appropriate foot attire. A minimum expectation is a sturdy lace-up walking shoe; flip flops and sandals must be approved in advance by the instructor.
- Wear appropriate field attire which may include appropriate shirts, long pants, and a hat as well as sunscreen and insect repellent.
- Wear or carry appropriate clothing for rain or cold weather, including layered clothing and a waterproof jacket.
- Use caution when entering the water. Wear appropriate close-toed shoes (sandals and Tevas must be approved in advance by the instructor), hip waders or chest waders with a wading belt. Wear a life jacket, use a wading staff and have a throw rope for safety when working in deep or swift moving water.
- Follow the same laboratory rules and regulations for personal protection equipment when using reagents or chemical test kits in the field.
- Bring water and snacks appropriate to the length of the field trip. Students with special medical dietary needs should plan for delays that may prevent them from getting back to campus at planned time.
- Pay attention to hazards from stings and bites from insects and small animals; promptly inspect your body for ticks when returning from the field.
- Inform your instructor if you have allergies to poisonous plants, stinging insects or any other allergens encountered outdoors. If necessary, bring an Epi-Pen, into the field for emergencies.
- Work in pairs or designated groups. You are encouraged to carry your personal cell phone for emergencies but recognize that cellular service may not always be available.
- Immediately leave the field and seek shelter in a sturdy building or vehicle during inclement weather (high winds, hail and, especially, lightening).
- Remember that you are representatives of the Department of Biological Sciences and Michigan Tech and should act with professional decorum at all times.

I have read and understood all of the foregoing safety precautions. I understand that there are risks to myself and others. Therefore, I agree to abide by the above rules and I will behave in a responsible manner.

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Name (Print)

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Date

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Signature