

**FIELD TRIP SAFETY REGULATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES
TROY STATE UNIVERSITY**

Waiver of Liability

Institutions such as the Dauphin Island Sea Lab require waivers before allowing participation in field activities. Students must sign the waiver of liability before the field trip begins.

Prior Medical Clearance

Notify the instructor of any health or physical concerns before the first lab of the semester. Examples include allergies to bee stings, allergies to plants, pregnancy, motion sickness, disabilities that might prevent hiking, lifting, etc. Students should provide notes from their physicians confirming that they are able to perform the various activities of the field trip without risks to their health.

Reducing Risks/Hazards

We have listed below representative procedures for reducing hazards and risks on field trips. Special instructions will be provided as appropriate.

1. Wear appropriate dress for the field: long pants, closed-toed shoes, seasonally appropriate jackets, boots, etc.
2. Do not wear perfume, hair spray, after-shave, etc. because it could attract bees or other insects.
3. During the field portion of this course, students may encounter both plants and animals that could potentially cause physical injury. The instructor will try to minimize contact with these plants and animals. Students should not try to pick any plant or try to capture any animal unless instructed to do so by their instructor. After entering the field students should not touch their face, eyes, nose or mouth until their hands have been thoroughly washed.
4. Other potential hazards can be encountered in the field. These include unsteady footings, holes in the ground, objects that can scratch or puncture the skin such as thorns, sharp branches, and broken glass. Students should not wander from their instructor, and should be aware of potential hazards in their surroundings.
5. Do not smoke or chew tobacco. Eating and drinking will be allowed only with the specific permission of the instructor.
6. Do not use test kits, collecting materials, or other equipment until instructed to do so by the instructor, who will demonstrate the proper technique for use of the equipment.
7. Report any incidence of broken glassware or spilled chemicals to the instructor immediately.
8. The laboratories and field trips are closed to individuals not enrolled in lab. Students may not bring guests, children, or other individuals into the lab or on field trips. Pets are never allowed.
9. Failure to adhere to these regulations will lead to dismissal from the field/laboratory session with the appropriate penalty. Repeat offenders will be dismissed from class and given a course a grade of "F".

Medical Emergencies

Major injuries will be treated immediately at the nearest hospital emergency room. The instructor will summon an ambulance or arrange for private transportation. The student must file an accident report in all cases.

Disclaimer

Students who are unwilling or unable to follow the safety regulations may drop the course during the first week of the semester without penalty.

I have read the field trip safety regulations and agree to abide by them at all times while on the field trip and during travel to the field trip site.

Name _____ (print) Student # _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Class # _____ Section # _____

Form date: Aug. 21st, 2000