

GEOLOGY 302

BLACK HILLS FIELD COURSE -- REVISED FALL, 2003

ANNOUNCEMENT AND REGISTRATION FORM

In Fall, 2003, the NDSU Geosciences Department will again offer its 2-SH field experience course on the geology of the Black Hills region. This course is open to ALL undergraduates in geology, as well as to others interested in this field. *Participation by first-year students is strongly encouraged.*

Geology 302 offers opportunities for studying geologic structures and relationships in the field, plus mineral, rock, and fossil collecting. Travel is anticipated to be by charter bus. Overnight accommodation will be in tents (student provided; arrangements will be made in class); motels will be used only during cases of weather-related emergencies. Provisions for meals will be the obligation for each participant; there will be daily stops for grocery supplies.

The course includes a seven-day field trip as follows (tentative itinerary):

Sept.	13	Fargo to Glendive, Montana
	14	Glendive to Devils Tower, Wyoming
	15	Devils Tower to region of Sturgis, South Dakota
	16	Sturgis to Custer, South Dakota, via Mt. Rushmore
	17	Jewel Cave, Mammoth Site, Evan's Plunge (swimming in hot springs)
	18	Custer to Pierre via Badlands National Park
	19	Pierre to Fargo

Pre-trip organizational classes will be held Tuesdays, 5:00 to 5:50 p.m. in Stevens Hall 136.

Projected expenses per participant (excluding tuition):

\$260	Course fee. This covers your guidebook, transportation, camping costs, and all entrance fees into paid admissions. This fee will be paid in two payments of \$200 and the remainder (\$60). These fees are <u>non-refundable</u> except if a waiting list for course registration should develop. The exact fee will be based on the actual enrollment. Any surplus will be distributed among enrollees.
\$50+	Food.
\$15-25	Emergency money (weather-related room expenses, etc.)

Enrollment is limited to 35 participants on a "first-pay, first-served" basis.

To enroll:

1. Enroll in Geology 302 (2 SH).
2. Pay a non-refundable deposit of \$200 by **Wednesday, September 4th**. This ensures your place

on the trip and may not be transferred to anyone else without prior approval of instructor. *Payment in cash is encouraged (field expenses must be so paid by D.P.S.; you will be provided with a receipt).* Students awaiting financial aid payments should see me independently before that date. Payment should be made to Dr. Schwert or to Ms. McQuay at FLC 314.

3. Pay the remainder by **Monday, October 6th** - earlier, if at all possible.

IMPORTANT NOTES

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. The possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages is specifically prohibited for the duration of the field trip (*NDSU Geosciences Department policy; North Dakota State University policy*). Penalties include suspension of student from field trip and failure of the course, with student to find own return transportation to Fargo.
3. 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.

No 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.

Students with medical conditions should alert Dr. Schwert (in private) and inform him of steps to be taken in the event of a medical emergency.

4. This course is an official university function. Students on an NDSU meal plan may request a partial refund from Food Services.
5. Excuse slips for your other instructors are available from D.P.S. Students are advised to make arrangements with their instructors *as early as possible*. This is not only a matter of courtesy, but it may be a matter of whether or not you will be excused from any examinations that week.
6. Fee refunds will be provided only if the trip is full and if D.P.S. can “sell” your trip registration to another student.
7. The course grade will be evaluated on the satisfactory submission of the field notebook and associated projects, as well as on each individual's field cooperation and attitude. Project evaluations are based relative to your experience in geology.

GEOLOGY 302 REGISTRATION

(PLEASE SUBMIT THIS FORM WITH YOUR FIRST PAYMENT)

NAME: _____

LOCAL ADDRESS: _____

LOCAL TELEPHONE: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

PAYMENT:

- \$200 trip deposit either in cash (preferred) or by check payable to:
"NDSU GEOSCIENCES DEPT."

- \$60 balance is due by October 4th. Please submit all payments to Dr. Schwert or to Ms. McQuay at FLC 314.

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

1. I will pay the balance by October 4th (unless alternative arrangements have been made with Dr. Schwert).
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.
4. I maintain medical coverage outside of the policy provided in this course fee.
5. I have read and agree to comply with the alcoholic beverage policy of the NDSU Geosciences Department.

(Your Signature)