

Rules and Code of Conduct

UGA Geology Field School

We try to keep regulations to a minimum and depend on common sense, courtesy and non-confrontational communication to resolve problems. However, there are a few simple rules listed below that must be agreed to by all participants in the program. These rules apply at all times in the field school, including when we are based in Cañon City, when we are on field trips, and when we are in transit to and from Athens. Failure to follow these rules may result in expulsion from the class. Acceptance to the UGA Geology Field School is conditional upon your signed acceptance of these rules.

Illegal drugs. The possession or use of illegal drugs is prohibited and will result in immediate expulsion.

Alcohol. Students must abide by local drinking laws, including those that concern legal drinking age. Alcohol consumption in UGA vehicles is prohibited. Drunkenness and other behavior problems caused by alcohol use are grounds for expulsion. We do not prohibit the legal consumption of alcohol in moderation and when appropriate.

Tobacco. Use of tobacco in any form is not permitted in or around the vehicles or in buildings at the Abbey in Cañon City. In any conflict between users and non-users of tobacco, the rights of the non-users shall take precedence. *Smoking outdoors is prohibited whenever there is danger of fire, such as when outlawed by the Forest Service, owing to dry conditions.* There have been several occasions when smoking has been banned on our field trips, owing to Forest Service fire regulations.

Safety. The safety of other students and staff of the UGA Geology Field School must be the prime concern of everyone. Any individual who places others at risk, physically or legally, as a result of unsafe behavior or behavior in violation of instructions is subject to penalties or expulsion, at the discretion of the senior staff. Risk is determined by the individual that feels unsafe.

Academic integrity. The UGA Geology Field School is an academic course offered by the University of Georgia. As such, the University of Georgia rules and regulations regarding academic integrity, as defined in the Student Handbook, shall apply.

Cooperative behavior. All participants in the UGA Geology Field School are expected to cooperate, to perform assigned housekeeping tasks, and to show courtesy and tolerance toward other students and staff. Behavior which causes animosity or disrupts the academic mission of the program will not be tolerated. The instructors will make every effort to point out and correct any such problems that may arise. If the senior staff determine that the behavior of any individual is jeopardizing the program for others, and that this behavior is not being corrected, they may expel

that individual from the program. The senior staff retains final authority over the continued participation of all individuals in the program.

Expulsion policy. Grounds for expulsion include, but are not limited to, use or possession of illegal drugs, drunkenness or disruptive behavior related to alcohol use, endangerment of students and staff, and uncooperative or disruptive behavior. Should the need for expulsion arise while we are in Cañon City, the student will be sent home with their belongings at their own expense. If cause for expulsion occurs while we are on the road, the student will be sent home at the earliest opportunity with the belongings currently in their possession and at their own expense. Any belongings remaining in Cañon City will be returned to the student at a later date. In the event of expulsion, no refund of tuition will be issued and a grade of W or WF will be assigned.

I have read the UGA Geology Field School Rules and Code of Conduct and agree to the rules and procedures specified therein:

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____