Field trip expectations: answers to frequently asked questions, reminders

**When?**  **Saturday, October 17th, 2015.** Arrive in front of Lapham Hall on Maryland Avenue by 7:30 am. The coach bus leaves at ~7:45 am and typically returns by ~6:00 pm. The drive to and from the Devil’s Lake/Rock Springs area is approximately two hours each way.

**Where?**  The three major stops where we will offload from the bus are at Parfrey’s Glen, Devil’s Lake State Park, and Rock Springs, Wis. We plan to be outside the entire time at each stop, although you will have the option to eat your lunch on the bus at Devil’s Lake.

**What?**  We will learn about the geology of Wisconsin, from Milwaukee to the ‘driftless area’ of Wisconsin. The major geologic features we will observe are the glacial topography of south-central Wisconsin, the Baraboo Range ‘mountains’, the gorge at Parfrey’s Glen, the Rock Springs quartzite quarry and Van Hise Rock. We will supply a field trip log and a field trip assignment. You should use your field trip log to follow along and review the geology of each area. You must complete the assignment throughout the day by listening to the geology presentations, asking questions, and discussing with your classmates. You will earn 2% extra credit if you complete and submit the assignment by the end of day (and receive a grade of 80% or better).

**What to bring?**
- (1) Your student ID
- (2) a pen or pencil
- (3) Appropriate clothing to be outside for the majority of the day. (e. g., raingear, if necessary)
- (4) Sturdy walking shoes (hiking shoes or boots preferred – NO flip flops or slippers!)
- (5) Lunch, beverages or snacks for the entire day (We will not stop to buy lunch!)
- (6) Health insurance card or info, AND any medications, inhaler, EpiPen, etc., that might be needed to hike and spend the day outdoors.
- (Optional) Clipboard, notebook, folder, backpack, rock hammer, camera, ...

**Reminders:**
- The field trip ticket is NONREFUNDABLE and NONTRANSFERABLE. Your account will be billed $25.00 by the UWM Bursar’s office shortly after the trip. You will need to pay this fee by the end of the semester to prevent a hold on your grades. ‘Purchase’ of a field trip ticket reserves a seat for YOU on the bus, and means that you agree to pay the trip fee, whether you go or not, (unless you cancel within three days prior to the trip AND we are able to pass along your ticket to one of the students on the wait list within those three days.)
- All UWM rules and policies apply to off-campus educational experiences such as this field trip.
- No weapons of any type are allowed on the trip, regardless of a concealed carry permit.
- No alcohol or drugs are allowed on the trip.
- Rock climbing will not be permitted. When hiking, the class will travel together on assigned trails.
- UWM does NOT provide health insurance for you while on the field trip (as stated in the waiver).
- Some stops on the trip will require the ability to hike moderate distances (up to 2 miles) along uneven trails. The west lake bluff trail at Devil’s Lake requires you to hike approximately 500 feet in elevation. If you think you will have difficulty hiking, you must discuss your concerns with one of the instructors to allow for accommodations.
- Additional trip details can be found on the Department of Geosciences, Geo Sci 100 website
- Contact your TA or Rob Graziano (Lap 342, Ph. 229-3648) if you have any other questions.