UNR Field Camp 2017:
General Field Camp Rules and Policies

We hope that our field camp will be a memorable experience for you. We will be working in many great places and you will observe a wide variety of geologic and scenic features, some of them truly exceptional. And we have many enjoyable activities planned as well.

However, please keep in mind that the field camp is a capstone course and is a rigorous academic exercise for which you will receive 6 credits. We have high expectations of you, and we expect your best individual efforts. Also, you will be expected to be a team-player.

As the field camp progresses, you will learn how to study geology in the field, and how to construct geologic maps, cross-sections, describe rocks, and much more. It is our goal that your time here is productive, so please let us know of any problems that may detract from this productivity. We continue to improve the course every year based on your input.

*Ruth, Nevada and our camping localities will not have internet access, so count on focusing on your map projects throughout the entirety of Summer Field Camp!

The following rules must be observed

ONLY LAWFUL ACTIVITIES ARE PERMITTED
• The use of drugs is illegal.
• Alcohol may not be consumed by anyone under the age of 21.
• No alcohol may be consumed on university property, including the Ruth field station.
• No alcohol may be transported in UNR vehicles.
• No weapons (guns, knives, etc.) are permitted (small pocket knives are OK).

THE LEAD INSTRUCTOR IS IN CHARGE
• You are expected to comply with the requests of instructors and TA’s.
• The camp cook is top dog on kitchen matters, food preparation, and cleanup.
• You will be asked to assist in food preparation and cleanup, on a rotating schedule.
• Every student is expected to help keep the field station and kitchen clean and neat.

TOLERANCE AND PATIENCE ARE NECESSARY
• We ask that you be tolerant, patient, and considerate with fellow students; we all have to live and get along together.
• Sexual harassment is expressly forbidden; this includes subjecting others to sexually offensive material or speech. Immediate expulsion will be implemented.
• Quiet hours are 10:00 PM – 6:00 AM (no loud music, loud noises, etc.).

SAFETY
• You are expected to engage in safe practices at all times. This includes when in the field station, while in the field, and while driving. Please report any unsafe conditions to instructors. We are often in relatively remote locations, where extra caution is needed.
• First aid kits are located in all vehicles and in the field station. Fire extinguishers are located around the Ruth station; please familiarize yourself with their locations.
• Important medical history (drug and food allergies, etc.) should be brought to the attention of the staff, and particularly to new staff, for each part of the camp.

Safety in the field and while camping
• Always have an emergency plan; vehicles will be unlocked, with students apprised of the location for the keys. In the event of emergency, know the route to the hospitals in Ely and Reno.
• Every field party or team must have a first aid kit with them in the field.
• Carry your cell phone and make sure you have instructor and TA cell numbers in your contacts; although we may not always have reception, it is worth having them just in case.
• Use appropriate eye protection when hammering rocks.
• Use care when moving about in steep topography, particularly where there are loose rocks – be aware of who is above and below you.
• Watch for rattlesnakes; they are common in all of the places we will be working.
• Hantavirus has not been reported as a problem in Nevada in recent years, but it is wise not to stir up or inhale dust in areas where there may have been rats or mice.

Safety with vehicles
• Drivers must safety inspect their vehicles each morning before leaving camp.
• Drivers are responsible for ensuring they have charged radios and complete first aid kits.
• Drivers are expected to obey all traffic laws.
• Use special care when driving off-road in vehicles, and stay on established tracks.
• Vehicles: treat them as your own; you may be required to pay for damage.
• You are expected to keep your vehicle clean; remind passengers to clean up at end of day.
• Report any unsafe conditions or unsafe practices to the lead instructor immediately.

Smoking policy:
• There is strictly no smoking in vehicles or in the field station.
• If you must smoke elsewhere, always clean up butts and matches.
• Be aware of fire hazards and know where the extinguishers are.

DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS
Mornings:
• There will not be wakeup calls – you are expected to take care of your own schedule.
• Breakfast is generally at 7:00–7:45 AM, but may change depending on specific schedule.
• Make your lunch before 7:45 AM.
• Pre-field briefing (if needed) will occur at 7:45 AM.
• Departure from camp will be at 8:00 AM for most projects, otherwise a bit earlier.
• Generally, we will return to camp by 5:30 PM.

Evenings:
• Dinner will start sometime between 6:00-7:00 PM.
• Rotating KP crews (typically 3 students) will be responsible for helping with meal preparation, washing dishes, cleaning tables and the dining area immediately after dinner.
• After dinner, you should work on your maps, notes, reports, etc.; some evenings there will be lectures or discussions which will generally be announced at dinner.
• When all other work is done, your evenings are your own time; BUT students may NOT leave camp without permission of the lead instructor.

FOOD
• Part of the camp fee goes toward meals. We will provide plentiful, healthy meals. Please do not take more than you can eat, but eat sufficiently to maintain your stamina.
• If you have special dietary needs, please talk with the director well in advance and we will try our best to make accommodations.

DAYS OFF
• On most of your days off, there will be optional field trips to scenic and/or geologically-interesting areas. If you like, you may stay in camp on these days, but please make sure you inform the instructor the night before.
• There will be opportunities for washing clothes and (limited) going to town.
• On some days off, UNR vehicles will be available for local trips, such as for mineral collecting, fishing, hiking, hot springs, etc., but not for long trips to places like Reno.
• If you have spouses, significant others, etc. that wish to visit during days off, they may NOT bunk at the camp or field station (mainly for liability reasons) – visitors are not allowed at the camp during work days unless prearranged with the lead instructor.

PERSONAL VEHICLES are not allowed in camp or with the group when we camp for projects.

GRADES AND COURSE EVALUATION
• We are very much interested in your comments so we can continue to improve the course. A course evaluation will be provided near the end of the session for your anonymous feedback.
• A letter grade will be generated from your performance on projects in each session, as well as from the final project. Even though you will work in teams, we will assess each person’s individual completed projects. We also change around the teams for each exercise. Your final grade will reflect the letter grades you have received in all of the projects. However, your final grade will also be based in part upon your behavior in a group dynamic situation and your citizenship including teamwork, cooperation, compliance with camp rules and willingness to help around camp. We believe that this reflects the real world; it is important for future employers to know that a person can adjust to a group situation where sacrifice, good judgment, and tolerance are required.

A FINAL WORD
• Compliance with these rules and policies is essential to everyone’s safety and to learning and having a good time. Compliance is also mandatory. If you find it impossible to follow these rules or to give us your best efforts, you may be leaving the
field camp early and without any credit. Please sign below and email to Dr. Joel DesOrmeau (jdesormeau@unr.edu).

I, ____________________________, have read the above rules and procedures for GEOL 451 Summer Field Geology and agree to all conditions, instructions, and terms. I understand that failure to comply can result in immediate expulsion from GEOL 451 Summer Field Geology.

(Print Name)                                    (Sign Name)

(Student Number)