



*Western Upper Peninsula Center
for Science, Mathematics and Environmental Education*

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Copper Country & Gogebic-Ontonagon Intermediate School Districts and Michigan Technological University Serving schools and communities in
Houghton, Baraga, Gogebic, Ontonagon and Keweenaw Counties

Date: March 31, 2008
To: GOISD Teachers of Grades 1-12
From: Kathy Carter, Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Coordinator
RE: Spring Field Trips for the 2008 Season

Spring is almost here! The Western Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education is pleased to announce that registration for the 2008 Spring Field Trip Program is now open! The field trips give students an opportunity to visit area forests, wetlands, ponds, and streams where they can apply science concepts through a variety of hands-on activities. Please review the enclosed Spring Field Trip brochure for descriptions of each field trip and the Michigan Content Benchmarks addressed (*coming soon - updates to the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations*). Possible field trip locations are also listed on the brochure, but other sites at or near your school may be considered as well. For teacher convenience, the information can also be accessed and downloaded from our website: <http://wupcenter.mtu.edu>. Grade 9-12 teachers may request customized field trips that focus on forest measurements, forest soils, forest insects and pests, tree and plant identification, wildlife, and other topics related to forestry.

Due to the distance, we must lead at least two Field Trips per day when we come to Gogebic or Ontonagon counties. Please coordinate with other teachers at your school to *submit a request for two Field Trips on the same day (for example, May 24th, 9:30-11:30 AM & 12:00-2:00 PM)*.

Again, the Center is asking schools to pay a small fee to help defray travel and supply costs. The fee will be \$15 per field trip and a \$5 fee for each additional class *on the same day at the same location*. The CCISD will invoice each school at the end of each field trip season, for the total number of field trips per school per season.

Teachers may schedule a field trip for any date between April 14 and May 30, 2008. All programs will run approximately two hours, with the majority of the time being outdoors. Appropriate dress is a must! In case of inclement weather, it will be your responsibility to call and cancel at least *two* hours before your scheduled trip. After receiving your Field Trip Request Form, we will fax or email you a letter confirming the date and time for your field trip.

To schedule a **Spring Field Trip** please fax or email the Request Form to:

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Please be sure to return your Field Trip Request Form early to increase the likelihood of receiving your preferred date. For more information on the Field Trip Program, contact Kathy Carter at the above phone or email.

Important Dates:

Earth Day - April 22! Visit this website for ideas & information: www.earthday.net