



*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: August 31, 2009

To: GOISD Teachers of Grades 1-6

From: Michelle Miller, *Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Coordinator*

RE: Fall Field Trip Program September 14 - November 25, 2009

Greetings! The 2009-2010 school year is here, and the Western UP Center for Science, Math, and Environmental Education is pleased to announce that registration for the Fall session of the Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Program is now open.

My name is Michelle Miller, and I will be the new Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Coordinator. I look forward to working with you and your students. I grew up and went to school in Gogebic County (Wakefield) before attending Michigan Tech where I earned a B.S. in Applied Ecology and Environmental Sciences and a Secondary Teaching Certificate with a major in biological sciences. I am excited to have the opportunity to conduct these hands-on learning experiences for your students.

The fall field trip program will run from Monday, September 14 through Wednesday, November 25, 2009 and is open to all public, private and home schools registered with the state. The field trips provide students with an opportunity to explore forests, fields, wetlands, and streams where they can apply scientific concepts and gain new skills through a variety of hands-on activities. Please review the enclosed Fall Field Trip brochure for descriptions of each field trip and the Michigan Grade Level Content Expectations addressed. Possible field trip locations are listed in the brochure, or the field can take place outdoors at your school grounds. For your convenience, the field trip information and registration form may be accessed from the Center's website: <http://wupcenter.mtu.edu>.

The Center will continue to charge a small fee to help defray travel and supply costs. The cost is \$20 per field trip and \$5 for each additional class **on the same day at the same location**. The CCISD will invoice each school at the end of fall and spring semesters, for the total number of field trips per school per semester.

I would like to schedule as many field trips in the Gogebic-Ontonagon area as possible from Friday, October 16 through Monday, October 26, as I will be in the area at that time. Please consider these dates for your Fall Field Trip

Teachers may schedule a fall field trip for any date between September 14 - November 25 on a first-come basis. , ***Please coordinate with other teachers at your school to submit a request for two or more Field Trips on the same day or consecutive days.*** Field trip programs run approximately 1.5 to 2 hours, with all of the time outdoors. Appropriate dress is a must! In case of inclement weather, it will be your responsibility to call and cancel at least **2 hours** before your scheduled trip.

Upon receipt of your Field Trip Request Form, I will fax or email a letter confirming the date, time, and location of your field trip. If you would like to check out children's literature, standards-based activity guides, classroom kits, and/or scientific equipment for pre- or post-field trip activities, please contact Loret Roberts at (906) 482-0331 or view a listing of available materials on the Center's website:

http://wupcenter.mtu.edu/teachers_resources.html.

To schedule a **Fall Field Trip** please fax or email the enclosed request form to:

Attention: Michelle Miller

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Please return your Field Trip Request Form early to increase your chances of receiving your preferred date.
Please contact me if you have any questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Winter Forest Field Trip Dates: Monday, January 11 – Friday, March 26, 2010

Spring Forest Field Trip Dates: Monday, April 12 – Friday, June 4, 2010

The 2008-2009 field trip program provided 109 field trips for 2,239 students from 18 schools in the CCISD and GOISD!