Date: March 15, 2010
To: GOISD Teachers of Grades K-12
From: Michelle Miller, Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Coordinator
RE: Spring Field Trips for the 2010 Season

Greetings! Spring is just around the corner! The Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education is pleased to announce that registration for the 2010 Spring Field Trip Program is now open.

The spring 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 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 7-12 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. One of the other field trips can also be customized for older students.

Again, the Center is asking schools to pay a small fee to help defray travel and supply costs. The fee will be $20 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.

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). I would like to schedule field trips in Gogebic or Ontonagon County on April 30 and May 3, or any days from May 14-June 4.

All programs will run approximately two hours, with the majority of the time being outdoors. Appropriate dress is a must! We do have some rubber boots available for use during the wetland, pond or stream field trips. 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 Michelle Miller at the above phone or email.