Date: March 25, 2011  
To: CCISD Teachers of Grades K-12  
From: Michelle Miller, Outdoor Science Investigations Field Trip Coordinator  
RE: Spring Field Trips for the 2011 Season

Greetings! The Upper Peninsula Center for Science, Mathematics, and Environmental Education is pleased to announce that registration for the 2011 Spring Field Trip Program is now open. Beth Squires, AmeriCorps volunteer at the WUP Center, will be coordinating and leading the field trips this spring as I will be on maternity leave. She is a certified teacher and has an extensive background in environmental education. Tara Bal, PhD student in the Forest Resource and Environmental Sciences Dept. at Michigan Tech will be assisting Beth with field trips when necessary.

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. This year, we are also offering a field trip in partnership with Isle Royale National Park listed as Isle Royale Research Simulation: Wolf-Moose Ecology. 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.

Again, the Center is asking schools to pay a small fee to help defray travel and supply costs. The fee will be $25 per field trip and a $10 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 11 and June 10, 2011. 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 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 Beth Squires at the above phone or email.