

# COC FIELD STATION REGULATIONS

The following are basic regulations that all COC Students and Staff need to adhere to while on field study programs. These are designed not only for your protection, but also for the protection of the Field Station property, flora, and fauna.

- ✓ To maintain an emergency record of who is on the property, all participants must check in on arrival at the facility, and must check out upon departure. An accurate record must be kept at all times. This is not optional!
- ✓ **No alcoholic beverages, chemical substances, or weapons of any kind are allowed on field study activities.**
- ✓ Please stay out of any facility or area that is not being used by the field station program.
- ✓ To maintain the natural environment and to protect the local wildlife, no pets are allowed on field study activities.
- ✓ Please protect the environment of the area for future students. Do not walk into or across any meadow area (meadows are fragile ecosystems that are easy to destroy and hard to repair);
  - ❖ Stay on established trails (cutting trails encourages soil erosion);
  - ❖ Do not pick flowers or cut down live trees (this will allow for healthy environmental growth).
- ✓ Fires are only allowed in designated locations.
  - ❖ Inside facilities, fires may only be built in designated fireplaces. Fires must be kept within normal limits, and not allowed to grow to a point that could provide a safety hazard.
  - ❖ Open fires outside facilities may only be held in designated fire zones.
  - ❖ Warm ashes should never be removed from fires. If ashes are cold (no flame over 24 hours), they must be placed in designated metal buckets.
  - ❖ Self-contained propane, charcoal, or similar camping-style stoves may be used in designated areas.
  - ❖ The ability to have fires may be curtailed or cancelled due to weather and forest conditions,
- ✓ **Minor first aid should be reported to your instructor. Major first-aid needs to be reported to the COC on-site coordinator.**
- ✓ For safety and to comply with the Forest Service, all private vehicles must park in designated parking areas.
  - ❖ Please do not block any gates or roads.
- ✓ Since field study activities occur “in the field”, you should be prepared for any animals that call the field their home. To protect both individuals and wildlife, please be aware of the following:
  - ❖ Do not feed any animals. Do not harass or touch any animals.
  - ❖ Do not leave open food containers in cars or cabins.
  - ❖ All trash must be securely placed in appropriate dumpsters. Dumpsters should be secured to keep bears away from the contents.
- ✓ You will need to check out with your instructor before you leave. Please be sure that your cabin, and any other facility that you have used, is cleaned. You may be charged for any damage to property or facilities caused by your misuse.