Field Trip Policy Statement  
Colorado School of Mines Geology/Geological Engineering Department

The Department of Geology/Geological Engineering expects all students to abide by the CSM honor code (http://www.mines.edu/~xliu/courses/macs440/honor.html) and conduct themselves on field trips with maturity and respect for others as well as for the environment around them. Failure to do so jeopardizes field trips for future students. In addition to this general expectation, the GE Department has specific policies on a number of important issues.

1. **Safety is paramount.** Field trip participants must follow all safety rules and regulations indicated by the trip leader. A student who willfully endangers the safety and welfare of him/herself or another will be required to leave the field trip and return home at the student’s own expense.

2. **Alcohol is not permitted during field trip activity time.** Students who violate this rule will be required to leave the field trip and return home at the student’s own expense. Students of legal drinking age who choose to consume alcoholic beverages outside of field trip activity time should exercise responsible behavior, and should be alert and prepared for field trip activities at the beginning of each day.

3. **All driving is to be done in accordance with state laws.** In Colorado car insurance is mandatory for all drivers and must have at the minimum liability coverage. All students/faculty who operate vans for field trip activities must be recognized as qualified with a current driver’s license and should take a familiarization drive beforehand.

4. **Tobacco use of any kind is prohibited in group field trip vehicles.** Smoking outside of vehicles is discouraged during field trip activity time. Fire prevention procedures should be followed by smokers during field trip activity time.

5. **No firearms or other weapons are allowed on any field trip.**

6. Field trip leaders will establish rules regulations for specific trips and will make the final decision regarding whether any proposed activity is appropriate. Participants will be expected to comply with all rules and regulations established by the trip leader.

7. Immediately after their return from a field trip, all participants will be responsible for helping to clean vehicles and equipment and returning equipment to its proper spot in the storeroom.

8. Students are required to complete the Student Health form and make field trip leaders aware of special health conditions and medical needs.

I have read the Department Field Trip Policy and agree to abide by the rules outlined therein.

Printed Name: ____________________________  Class Year: __________

Signature: ________________________________  Date: _________________