



## The School of Environmental Studies at the Minnesota Zoo

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Apple Valley, MN  
Wilderness Setting Acknowledgment  
Field Experience:

January 15, 2004

The student listed below is enrolled in a field study at The School of Environmental Studies that involves travel in a wilderness area. Because of the nature of wilderness travel it is important for you to understand the risks involved in this experience. For the student to participate it is necessary that a parent or legal guardian sign this form acknowledging that he/ she has read the description, understands its meaning, and gives permission for the student to participate in the experience. Please note that the signature needs to be notarized.

Wilderness field experiences provide the student with the opportunity to live in areas that are essentially uninhabited, putting the student in close contact with the environment under study. However, because of the remote nature of these settings it may be difficult to get participants to medical facilities quickly. Although safety is never compromised, if a medical emergency arises it could take hours to get the person to professional help.

Wilderness staff is hired with these concerns in mind. The staff always has an emergency plan that is rehearsed and shared with the appropriate support people. Routes are chosen and groups are clustered in such a way as to minimize the possibility and impact of injuries that may require professional help. Nonetheless, if an accident should occur the best efforts of the staff may still require a long trek to help.

If you have questions before signing this form please call the school and arrange a time for a return call or meeting.

I have read the information above and give my permission for \_\_\_\_\_  
*Student's Name*  
to participate in this spring expedition on the approximate dates 2/21/04 -2/27/04.

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Parent/Guardian Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

NOTARIZED: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Notary Signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*