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Field Trip Permission Form

Name of Group/Team: Cape Elizabeth Escalante Canyoneering

Faculty/Staff member Making Request: Jason BreMiller, English

Date(s) of Proposed Trip: 4/14-21/12 # of School Days: 0 # Nights Away: 7

Destination: Grand Staircase Escalante National Monument, UT Distance (one-way): 1,500 miles

Purpose/Benefit of Trip: This is a wilderness immersion course that equips our students with a variety of backcountry and leadership skills. It fosters in them a litany of skills and passions: an affection the outdoors; a sense of self-empowerment; an awareness of leadership and collaboration; an competence in a number of technical backcountry skills.

Transportation Arrangements: FLIGHTS TBD, Rental Vehicle driven by Trip Leaders

Students: (6-10) # Chaperones: 2 School Staff: Jason BreMiller (Lead Guide) Parents/Other: Kit Hamley (Assistant Guide)

Arrangements for Mixed Gender Supervision: No mixed-gender tents or sleeping accommodations.

Cost Per Student: TBD (depending on Flight costs). Approximately \$850

Description of any Fundraising: TBD

Do all members of the group/team have an opportunity to participate? Yes

If "no," describe circumstances:

For overnight trips

All parent/other chaperones have attended volunteer training: No

Date and time of pre-trip chaperone meeting: n/a

For out-of-country trips

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| Approvals: | |
| Principal or Athletic Administrator _____ | Date <u>January 3, 2012</u> |
| Superintendent _____ | Date _____ |
| School Board _____ | Date _____ |
| <i>Authorization Authority:</i> Principal/AA: in-state day trips; Superintendent: out-of-state trips w/n 125 miles, in-state trips requiring one-night stay; School Board: out-of-state trips beyond 125 miles, trips requiring 2 or more overnights; trips costing \$500 or more per student | |

Travel and cancellation insurance arrangements (attach copy of contract with insurance and cancellation provisions highlighted):

December 21, 2011

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Dear Cape Canyoneers and Parents,

Welcome you to the 2012 Cape Elizabeth backpacking trip to Utah's Grand Staircase National Monument. The purpose of this letter is to orient you to the basic logistical information you will need regarding your child's potential participation on the expedition. I will provide more information, including a detailed equipment list, travel itinerary, and finalized trip cost once we have a more definitive sense of how many students will be joining us.

Our basic plan is as follows: we will depart from Portland Airport on April 14th for Las Vegas, NV where we will pick up our rental vehicle and proceed to the Egypt trailhead near Escalante, UT. From there, we will travel off-trail through the Monument's wilderness, acquiring and practicing a variety of outdoor skills—from the technical skills of route-finding and backcountry cooking, to the subtler skills of expedition behavior and backcountry leadership. In short, the trip is a spectacular opportunity to intimately encounter an idyllic desert wilderness while learning a full spectrum of life-long outdoor skills.

Participants should expect a pre-departure curriculum that includes technical skill introduction and supplementary readings about the anthropological, geological, and ecological history of the region. We will encounter a number of Anasazi and Fremont petroglyphs and lithic artifacts, so the students should expect to acquire a working vocabulary that helps them grasp the broader context their experience across disciplines. I have found this trip to be immensely empowering and transformative for the students I've led--the benefits of which inevitably reverberate in their front-country lives when they return.

Preliminary Details:

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| Departure Date: | April 14 |
| Tentative Return: | April 21 |
| Approximate Cost: | \$900 |

NOTE: This cost may vary depending on flight costs and the number of participants. Cost includes airfare, food, accommodations, Park Fees, Vehicle rentals, Wilderness Permits, and group gear needs.

Please don't hesitate to be in touch via phone or email with any questions.

Sincerely, Jason BreMiller

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ITINERARY AND PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROGRAM LEADERS

Jason BreMiller, Lead Guide, Wilderness First Responder
Kit Hamley, Assistant Guide, Wilderness First Responder

GROUP MEMBERS

Jason BreMiller (Lead Guide)
Kit Hamley (Assistant Guide)

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Cape Elizabeth High School
Troy Henninger
Jason BreMiller Cell Phone: 845-705-4453

SATELLITE PHONE

We will only be using this phone for emergency outgoing calls. We will not have this phone turned on & will not receive incoming calls.

Additional emergency contact numbers

(these numbers are akin to dialing "911" please do not use in an attempt to contact the group in the canyons)

Garfield County Sheriff's Office
1-435-676-2678 Primary Contact
Glen Canyon NRA (24 hr. Dispatch)
1-800-582-4351
Kane County Sheriff's Office
1-435-644-2349

ITINERARY:

Saturday, 4/14

Flights:

Arrive@McCarran

Drive: Follow US 15 North. Turn East on UT 9 through Zion National Park to Mr. Carmel Junction, turn North on US 89 to UT 12 East to Bryce Canyon.

Lodging: Best Western Ruby's Inn, Bryce Canyon City Phone: 435-834-5341

Sunday, 4/15

Drive: Continue on UT 12 East to Escalante, UT. Drive to Hole in the Rock Rd on Rt 12. Drive South on Hole in the Rock Rd. to turn off for Egypt Trailhead.

Hike: Leave Egypt trailhead and hike overland to the Baker Bench, climbing onto the bench via the stock trail north of Baker Canyon.

Camp: Set up camp in the first northward fork off of Baker Canyon.

Monday, 4/16

Hike: Spend day canyoneering in upper Baker Canyon.

Camp: TBD, near head of Baker's Canyon

Tuesday, 4/17

Hike: Day hike on Baker Bench

Camp: TBD, most likely near head of Baker Canyon

Wednesday, 4/18

Hike: Pack up camp and hike overland from camp to Ringtail Canyon via the stock trail into the Escalante

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Canyon between Ringtail and Neon Canyon. Explore lower Ringtail. Hike north up canyon to Neon Canyon.

Camp: Neon Canyon

Thursday, 4/19

Hike: Dayhike up to Choprock Canyon, exploring the narrows.

Camp: TBD, most likely in main Escalante Canyon

Friday, 4/20

Hike: Break camp and hike into Fence Canyon, then out Fence Canyon to Egypt Trailhead.

Drive: Drive from trailhead back to Escalante via Hole in the Rock Rd, then west on UT 12 to US 89.

Follow US 89 south to Mt. Carmel Junction, then west on UT 9 through Zion National Park to Hurricane.

Pick up US 15 south back to Las Vegas.

Lodging: Spend night in the MGM MIRAGE (PHONE: +1-702-891-1111 ask for Jason BreMiller or Kit

Saturday, 4/21

Drive: Depart Hotel and drive to McCarran Airport.

Flights:

Arrive Portland, ME

IMPORTANT INFORMATION IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY

Nearest Evacuation Point: Egypt Trailhead

Nearest Emergency Facilities: Garfield Memorial Hospital 1-435-676-8811 200 N 400 E Panguitch, UT

From Escalante UT, drive west on UT 12 for 60 miles, turn north on US 89 for 6 miles to Panguitch.

ACTIVITIES AND INHERENT RISKS

Please note that any trip into a wilderness context is intrinsically risky, and we have done our best to outline the inherent risks below. We cannot predict every possible scenario; we have simply listed numerous examples below in order to inform you of the kinds of activities, risks, and possible outcomes participants will be facing. While we can make judgments about the risks and consequences, there is no way to guarantee safety. We strive to make good judgments. However, judgment is not infallible. Misjudgment itself is one of the most significant inherent risks. In order to lessen risk, we have worked to prepare the Participants in basic camping skills and safety, and to assess the risks of the itinerary. At least one trip leader carries current Wilderness First Responder certification. Program leaders will carry a satellite phone for emergency use only. Participants should be aware that treatment for injuries or emergencies that require medical care may be days away. In extreme cases, assisted evacuation may be possible, but can be complicated by issues of terrain or weather. All Participants will be covered through an insurance policy which is oriented towards wilderness travel. Details of coverage will be provided to Participants and their parents/legal guardians. It is important that all Participants (and parent/s of a minor Participant) understand the inherent and other risks, hazards and dangers (collectively referred to in this Document as 'risks') associated with wilderness travel. Participants and their parents/legal guardians will acknowledge their understanding of the sample risks detailed below by signing Form 1: Agreement, Waiver, and Release of Liability in the attached packet of waiver and information forms.

Some, but not all of the activities, which may be mandatory or optional, scheduled or unscheduled (including participant free time), or supervised or unsupervised (collectively referred to in this Document as 'activities') include:

Travel and living in remote wilderness settings

Rustic living in a rural setting

Chores: splitting firewood, cooking, setting up and breaking down camp

Use of liquid fuel (gasoline) lanterns and stoves

Backpacking and camping in mountains/canyons

Participant leadership opportunities (by both peers & self)

Participant activities during free or unscheduled time, or any other time

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Sports and games

Some, but not all of the risks that participants may or will be exposed to include:

Misjudgments by self, others, or the Program Leaders

Inappropriate conduct or negligence by self, others, or the Program Leaders

Participant's mental, physical, or emotional conditions (known or unknown, disclosed or undisclosed)

Unpredictable weather: extreme cold & heat, sun, lightning, rain, and snow

Unmarked or obscured hazards

Moving water in creeks and rivers, whitewater

Difficult stream crossings

High altitudes

Steep slopes, difficult terrain, downed trees

Falling rocks, ice, snow, and trees

Sustained running, lifting, carrying, or hiking

Improper hygiene

Failure or misuse of equipment

Remote locations, hours or days from help

Dangerous road conditions and transportation problems

Falling down or slipping

Animal hazards: stings, bites, poisoning, & blows

Political unrest, unusual/unknown illnesses

Slippery walkways, uneven ground or other risks

Other risks associated with educational, recreational &/or adventure activities.

These and other activities and risks can result in (for example):

Falls, being struck, or colliding with objects or people

Experiencing vehicle or boat capsize or collision

Drowning

Becoming lost or disoriented

Injuries due to heat, cold, altitude, heavy exertion

Illness: long or short term

Gastrointestinal problems or allergic reactions

Broken bones, wounds, cuts, burns

Property damage or loss

Mental/emotional trauma, temporary or permanent

Other injury, damage, permanent disability, death or loss

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Class/Group: This trip is open to Cape Elizabeth High School Students

Teacher/Staff Leader: Jason BreMiller

Trip(s) Name: Cape Elizabeth Escalante Canyoneering

Parent/Student Consent

I hereby give my permission for _____ (son/daughter name) to participate in the field trip(s) named and described above. I acknowledge receipt of the Field Trip Information form for that trip(s). I am comfortable with the arrangements described. I authorize the trip leader(s) to arrange for medical treatment in an emergency. I hereby release the trip leader, the field trip(s) chaperones, the school, and the school department ("School"), town of Cape Elizabeth ("Town"), and all of their agents or employees, from any and all claims, liabilities and responsibilities for damages or injuries that my son/daughter may experience during this trip, except only any claims for any damages or injuries that may be sustained as a result of any intentionally harmful acts on the part of the trip leader, the chaperone(s), the Town, the School, or their agents or employees.

Parent Signature

Student Signature (if 18 or older)

Date

Date

Emergency Contact and Medical Information Form

Student Name: _____

Birth Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information:

1st Parent Contact Name: _____

Work Phone : _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

2nd Parent Contact Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Non-Parent Emergency Contact Name: _____

Work Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____ Cell phone: _____

Known Allergies/Treatment Protocols

Other Medical Conditions:

Medications/Medication or Treatment Restrictions:

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Field Trip(s) Information and Parent Consent Form

We are planning a field trip(s). Here are some details about the trip(s).

Class/Group: This trip is open to Cape Elizabeth High School Students

Trip Name: Cape Elizabeth Escalante Canyoneering

Teacher/Staff Trip Leader: Jason BreMiller, English Teacher

Date(s) of Trip/Destinations/Times

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| Date: | Destination: Grand Staircase | Departure Time: | Anticipated Return |
| 4/14-21/12 | Escalante National Monument, UT | 4/14, AM | Time: 4/21, PM |

Students: TBD

Chaperones (including leader): TWO

Transportation will be by: See Program Description Attached

Drivers (if other than school bus drivers or commercial carriers): Jason BreMiller; Kit Hamley

In an emergency, how trip leader can be contacted: See Attached Program Description

Other things you should know: No prior backpacking experience is needed. Participants must be physically fit and cleared by their doctor for participation. Students will be responsible for providing their personal gear.

For Trips Involving Overnights

We will be staying at: See attached Program Description

Address: (Attached)

Phone #: (Attached)

Provision for Mixed Gender Supervision: There will be no mixed-gender tents or accommodations.

Pre-trip Parent Meeting for Trips Involving 3 or more Overnights

We will hold a pre-trip parent meeting as follows.

Date: TBD

Time: TBD

Place: TBD