

## **APPLICATION FOR**

# 2022 Summer Earth Studies Spring and May 29 – June 15

#### **COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Summer Earth Studies is an honors level experiential science course for rising sophomores and juniors in high school. Students will study various topics in geology, meteorology, and ecology through actual experiences. The teacher/student ratio will be seven or eight to one. Students will meet for 4 days in the spring to study geoscience topics related to the eastern United States and Georgia. In May, students will fly out west for a 19-day trip through several states like Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and Colorado. Students will travel in Chevrolet Suburbans and stay in hotels or lodges. We will do various activities including hiking, rafting, swimming, guided caving, and general sight seeing.

### **COURSE COST**

The actual cost of the course depends on our ability to find sponsors. Course tuition covers ground transportation, lodging, some meals, most activities, and instructional fees. Depending on sponsorship and student enrollment, tuition will cost between \$1800-\$2200. Parents will buy the airfare ticket and supply meal money to their student. Parents of accepted students will make an initial down payment of \$500 with 2 more payments due in 2020. Course payments are only refundable in the event of serious student illness or serious family complications and ultimately decided by the Director. Initial down payment is due within one week of acceptance.

### **COURSE ACCEPTANCE**

Acceptance into the course is solely at the discretion of the Director. Criteria to be used will be two sealed teacher recommendations, physical and academic student qualification, student essay, and a balance of gender, grade level, and schools.

#### **STUDENT INFORMATION**

Student Name				School		
	La	st	First			
Gender	_ Age	Birth Date	A	pprox. School Averag	e (GPA)	
Grade Level	L	ast Science Course	e Grade	_ Average Science	e Grade	
Student Phor	ne					
Student E-Ma	ail					
Street Addres	SS		City	State	Zip	
Parent / Guai	rdian Name <sub>-</sub>			_ Phone		
Parent / Guardian Name				_ Phone		
Parent E-mai	l Address				_	
How would yo	ou rate your	physical condition o	on a 1-10 scale	if 10 is excellent?		
For parents:	Is there any	:hing important you	want us to know	w about your student?	,	
Does vour sti	udent have h	ealth insurance?				

STUDENT ESSAY (Completed by student)  Please write 2 paragraphs below that express your reasons for wanting to take this course and your ability to manage yourself academically, physically, socially, and economically.					
PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM AND RECOMMENDATIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO EITHER YOUR					
SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE OR:					

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Name of Student	
Teacher	
Course	
Please pick a number indicating how you feel about each statement,	5 for totally agree to 1 for totally disagree.
1. In my professional opinion, this student has the academic skills to successfully complete Summer Earth Studies, an honors level field earth studies course that covers various geoscience topics in 23 intensive days of field work?	
2. In my professional opinion, this student has the personal social skills to communicate and cooperate successfully with his/her peers?	
3. In my professional opinion, this student demonstrates self-motivation and a positive attitude about learning.	
What is this student's current grade in your class?	
Teacher Signature	
Do you have any thoughts to help evaluate this student's candidacy:	

Thank you for your time and attention!

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