The cover features a stylized illustration of a mountain landscape. In the background, a large, jagged mountain peak is covered in snow, set against a blue sky with soft, white clouds. Below the mountain, a dense forest of green evergreen trees stretches across the middle ground. In the foreground, a calm blue lake reflects the sky and the surrounding forest. On the right side of the lake, a large, dark silhouette of a coniferous tree stands prominently. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and whites, with a touch of brown for the rocks in the foreground.

Camp Davis

Rocky Mountain Field Station

Information Guide

University of Michigan

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Introduction

Welcome to the University of Michigan's Rocky Mountain Field Station. We offer a unique academic opportunity at the U of M's western-most campus in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. This guide will provide you with answers to many of the questions you may have. It includes information about transportation, location, camp facilities, rules, policies, and health matters. **You are responsible for understanding all content in this document.** Please read it thoroughly and keep it as a reference. Feel free to contact the Camp Davis Project Coordinator with any questions you may have. Also be sure to visit our Frequently Asked Questions page on our website for additional details.

Contact Information

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Fax: 734-763-4690
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Address: 1100 N. University, 2534
C.C. Little

Camp Davis Wyoming Office
Phone: 307-733-3091
Fax: 307-733-3091
Email: campdavis@umich.edu
Address: 13405 S. Bryan Flat
Rd.

Transportation

Camp Davis is located approximately 1600 miles west of Ann Arbor. Ground transportation via University of Michigan vehicles from Ann Arbor to Camp Davis and back again is provided as part of the course fees.

Camp Davis Caravans

The Camp Davis "Caravans" are comprised of leased minivans and cargo vans. Caravans are grouped by course and generally have no more than 5 vehicles. Graduate Student Instructors provide leadership and guidance during the entire trip. Each vehicle is assigned at least two volunteer student drivers, who drive no more than 2 to 3 hours consecutively. Students are urged to take advantage of the caravan for travel to camp. This reduces the logistical complexity, and gives students the opportunity to meet and interact with their classmates and Graduate Student Instructors. There is **no additional cost** for taking the caravan to and from Camp Davis.

Personal Vehicles

The use of personal vehicles during the course session is not allowed. If you drive your own car to Wyoming, please plan to leave it parked for the duration of the course. For logistical reasons, students driving personal vehicles are prohibited from joining the Camp Davis caravans.

Planes, Trains & Buses

For those not travelling with a caravan to Camp Davis. Ground transportation from the Jackson Hole Airport (JAC) or the town of Jackson can be arranged via local taxi service. It is possible to travel to Camp Davis via bus or train, though lengthy and costly transfers through a third party shuttle service are necessary. If you plan to fly, train, or bus to Camp Davis, make reservations to arrive Camp Davis before 3:00 pm on the following dates:

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| Earth 116 | June 24, 2018 |
| Earth 116 | July 15, 2018 |
| Earth 202 | June 19, 2018 |
| Earth 344 | July 15, 2018 |
| Amcult 354 | TBD |
| Earth 440 | July 10, 2018 |
| Earth 450 | June 17, 2018 |

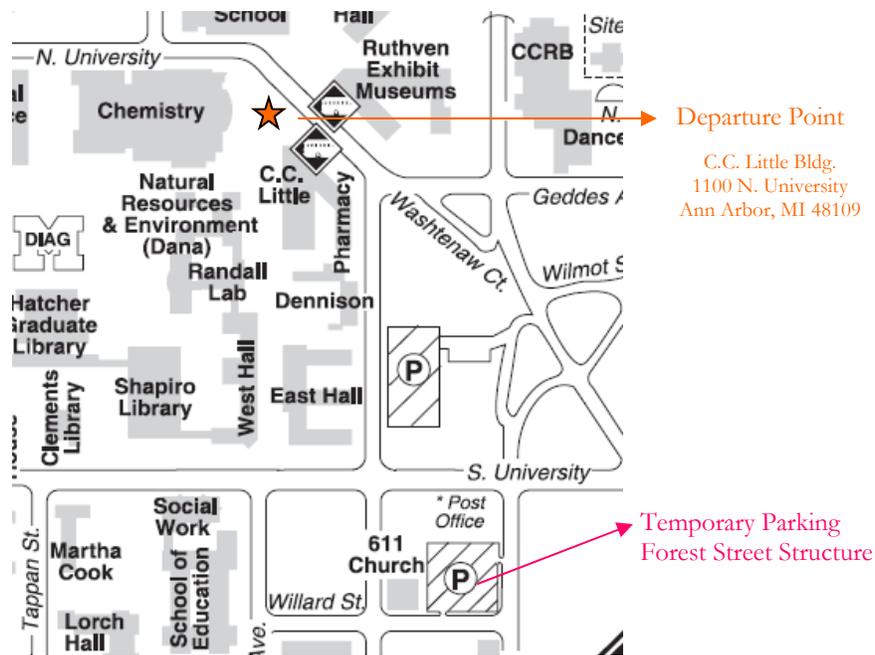
All students traveling to Camp Davis via the caravan must also return to Ann Arbor via the caravan, unless prior permission has been obtained. Earth 344 students must depart with the caravan as their course begin prior to arrival at Camp Davis.

Departure Day

Students travelling with a Camp Davis caravan will depart as follows.

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| Earth 116 session 1 | June 22, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| Earth 116 session 2 | July 13, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| Earth 202 | June 17, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| Earth 344 | July 13, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| Amcult 354 | TBD | At 7:00 am |
| Earth 440 | July 8, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| Earth 450 | June 15, 2018 | At 7:00 am |
| | | |

All students will meet **between the Chemistry and the C.C. Little Bldgs** on the morning of their departure. Temporary parking for those dropping off students is available at the Forest Street Parking Structure (see map). Students will be checked in by their Graduate Student Instructors. These instructors will accompany the class caravan to Camp Davis. A map of the departure location is located on the following page. Please plan to arrive early. It is important to pack the items that you may need during the day in a daypack to be carried with you in the van. Students may take a reasonable amount of luggage (1 or 2 duffel bags, sleeping bag, tent) but cannot bring bicycles, boom boxes or other excessively large baggage.



Caravan Travel

Earth 116, 450, 344, 202, 440, AmCult 354,

It takes approximately 3 days and 2 nights for a Camp Davis caravan to travel from Ann Arbor to Camp Davis. Food is **not** included during this travel period. Numerous stops will be made at inexpensive restaurants and convenience stores along the way. Students will be camping each night at State Parks along the route. Alcoholic beverages are prohibited during this travel period. Vehicles will communicate with each other via 2 way radios. 344 students will travel to Casper, WY

Maps & Directions

Students driving personal vehicles or being dropped off at Camp Davis can find directions online through Google Maps. The Camp Davis Address is: University of Michigan Camp Davis 13405 S. Bryan Flat Rd., Jackson, Wyoming 83001.

U of M Vehicle Policy

Vehicles used for the Camp Davis program are from the University of Michigan Transportation Dept. Everyone is expected to treat the vehicles with care, as the cost of repairs to these vehicles must be borne by the camp budget. There will be "Van Days" when students will be allowed to take the mini-vans into Jackson for much of the day or the evening. Van Days may be adjusted by the Camp Director depending on changes in class schedules or unanticipated situations. Drivers assigned to each vehicle have the authority to make decisions concerning those individuals riding in their vans and what is or is not appropriate behavior on the part of the riders.

Please help make their jobs easier by cooperating with them and by respecting the rights of others. **Vans will be cleaned regularly by all students, including the day before departure for the return trip to Ann Arbor.**

1. Van days will be shown on the schedule for each class: non-academic use of vans is permitted only on these days.
2. On designated van days: No van can leave camp unless it has a minimum of 6 students. All vans are limited to one trip per van day. Students are permitted to take vans to Jackson Hole or Teton Village at no charge. Longer trips (limited to 100 miles round trip) are permitted only with the permission of an instructor, and a fee of \$25 will be assessed before the van is checked out. Vans must be signed out and keys will be issued by Camp Davis staff. Because of the limitations on van usage, students need to plan ahead for shopping trips. Drivers are held responsible for all van rules.
3. On long trips, driving through the night is not permitted.
4. Speed limits should be followed at all times. Drivers are responsible for any traffic violations.
5. All drivers must have a valid and clean drivers license. Driver records will be checked prior to departure.
6. Hitchhiking or picking up hitchhikers is not permitted
7. Sealed containers of alcoholic beverages may be transported in University vehicles by drivers over the age of 21 when stored in the trunk or behind the rear-most seat of the vehicle. Opened or partially consumed alcoholic beverages may not be transported in University vehicles. No alcoholic beverages are permitted in the passenger compartment of the vehicle under any circumstance.

Camp Davis Cabins

The accommodations at Camp Davis are pleasant but far from luxurious. Each cabin is 14' x 14' with a concrete floor, wood interior and sheet metal siding and roof. There are bunk beds, a sink with cold water, lights and electrical outlets. Bathroom facilities and showers are in separate buildings. Classrooms vary from modern to rustic. A recreation Hall with a library, pool table, ping pong table, foosball table, piano, and a fireplace is also located on the property. Camp Davis abuts the Bridger Teton National Forest and the Hoback River, providing ample opportunities for hiking and fishing. A Horseshoe Pit, basketball hoop, and volleyball court are also on the premises. There is a computer lab with high-speed internet access at Camp Davis, where students can access email and the internet.

Cabin Assignments

Cabins will be assigned upon arrival in camp. Two to four students will share each cabin.

Cabin Policies

All students are expected to treat Camp Davis buildings and Cabins with care and respect. Graffiti of any kind will not be tolerated. Cabin furnishings are not to be removed or placed outside. Smoking and cooking are prohibited inside all Camp Davis buildings. Each cabin is powered by a single 15 amp electrical circuit. Use of electronic devices (especially hairdryers or curling irons) should be kept to a minimum, to avoid blowing fuses. Any student intentionally damaging Camp Davis property will face disciplinary action and be charged for the cost of repair.

What to Bring

Students may take a reasonable amount of luggage (1 or 2 duffel bags, sleeping bag, tent) but cannot bring bicycles, boom boxes or other excessively large baggage. Laptops are allowed, but Camp Davis is not responsible for theft or damage. Cell phones do not work at camp, but can be used in the vicinity of Jackson Hole. Students using iPods in U of M minivans should bring FM transmitters, as vehicles are not equipped with direct iPod connections. A complete list of required and recommended gear will be emailed to each student. This Gear Guide can also be found on our website.

Pets

Students are prohibited from bringing pets.

Laundry

Washing machines are located on the premises and can be used free of charge. Dryers are not available, and all clothes are line dried. Detergent can be purchased in town or at the Camp store. Laundry facilities are also located within the town of Jackson.

Dining

Camp Davis serves Breakfast and Dinner each day. Students pack a bagged lunch each morning and eat it in the field or in camp during lunch breaks. Meals are served family style at 12 person tables, in a lively and colorful mess hall. Students are not permitted to enter the kitchen or food service area.

Breakfast

Breakfast is served each morning from 7:00 – 7:30am. Menus vary each morning, and may include, scrambled eggs, omelets, frittata, french toast pancakes, waffles, crepes, bacon, sausage, hash browns, fresh fruit, oatmeal, yogurt, dry cereal, juice, milk etc.

Lunch

Students pack their lunch each morning prior to eating breakfast. Items available include various breads and wraps, lunch meats, sliced cheeses, tomato, lettuce, onion, pickles, hummus, red pepper spread, condiments, potato & pasta salad, chips, drink mixes.

Dinner

Dinner is served each evening from 6:30 until 7:30pm. Menus vary daily and include several hot entrees and side dishes. Vegetarian entrees are available each day, as is a large salad bar.

Camp Store

The Camp Davis store is open each evening for students to purchase snacks, candy, ice cream, soda, laundry detergent, water bottles, hats, t-shirts, sweatshirts etc. In addition, the camp store also sells course related material including pens, pencils, field notebooks, rock hammers and hand lenses.

Mail

Packages or letters sent to students can be picked up in the Camp store. It's important to note that family and friends sending packages should use UPS or FedEx. Regular United States Postal Service packages will not be delivered to Camp Davis, and will need to be picked up in town. Postcard and standard postage stamps are available for purchase. Letters and packages should be addressed as follows:

Student Name
U of M Camp Davis
13405 S. Bryan Flat Rd.
Jackson, Wyoming 83001

Phones

Two land line phones are located within the Camp Store and are available for student use. Because of the remote location, cell phones are not in range at Camp Davis.. Cell coverage is available in the town of Jackson.

Recreational Equipment

Recreational Equipment can be checked out free of charge from the camp store. Items include Frisbees, basketballs, volleyballs, darts, kick balls and horseshoes.

Hiking & Camping

Students must never hike or camp alone. All hiking must take place on well marked and well established trails only. Off trail hiking is strictly forbidden and students caught disobeying this policy are subject to severe disciplinary actions, including the possibility of dismissal from the program. Night hiking is also prohibited. Mountaineering and rock climbing are only allowed with professionally trained and certified climbing guides (i.e. Exum Mountain Guides). Proper planning and experience are required for all wilderness activities.

Health Matters

Camp Davis courses can be physically challenging and it is important that students are prepared for a rigorous field experience. You will be conducting field exercises, including considerable hiking on trails and at high elevations. The field days are often long and your performance will be limited if you cannot cover the field project areas. Students in good physical condition are able to complete the course without difficulty. Students in poor physical health or condition will have a difficult time completing the course. Daily cardiovascular exercise at least one month prior to departure is important. If you have a history of cardiac or pulmonary problems, physical, emotional, or mental disabilities please consult your physician before considering attending camp. A physician's permission may be required prior to acceptance. These courses are **physically demanding** and may not be right for everyone. **Health insurance is required.**

Altitude

Camp Davis is situated at 6100 feet elevation, and many hikes will take students to much higher elevations. The reduced amount of oxygen at altitude may have adverse effects on pre-existing medical problems. Symptoms such as shortness of breath and rapid pulse may occur. Blood pressure may increase transiently and some may develop swelling in their feet and ankles.

Altitude Sickness

Altitude sickness is a syndrome that can range from mild headaches to an incapacitating illness. Although it generally only occurs when one sleeps at altitude above 8,000 feet, Camp visitors may develop symptoms. Frequent symptoms are headaches, nausea, insomnia, fatigue, lack of appetite and light-headedness. Generally, symptoms will improve with rest and fluids in 24 to 48 hours. Alcohol, tranquilizers, sleep medication, and antihistamines may make altitude sickness worse.

Dehydration

Dehydration occurs much more frequently in Wyoming than at sea level locations because of very low relative humidity and typically cloudless days. Dehydration can sap one's energy, cause headaches and affect athletic performance. The best rule of thumb is to drink enough fluid to cause the need for urination at least every three hours. During field exercises it is recommended that students drink between two and three liters of water per day.

Sunburn

High altitude predisposes one to sunburn and snow blindness (sunburn of the eyes), because there is less atmosphere to filter out ultraviolet rays. Sun block is mandatory for those with sensitive skin and should be used by all. Wide-brimmed hats will help protect ears, exposed scalps and necks. Wearing UV filtering sunglasses protects eyes.

Contact Lenses

Contact lenses can be troublesome when doing fieldwork because of the high dust levels and low humidity. If you prefer to wear contact lenses, bring lots of lens solution and a back-up pair of glasses. The sun is very bright in the mountains so bring a good pair of sunglasses as well. It is important to wear eye protection (glasses, goggles, sunglasses, etc.) in the field to protect your eyes when breaking rocks.

Allergic Reactions

Be sure to list things such as penicillin, aspirin, dietary allergies and bee stings. Please bring any medicines or antidotes (epi-pens) that you might require. Camp Davis can be dusty, and stinging insects such as hornets and wasps are present.

