Center for Field Studies
Ethical Code of Conduct for Faculty and Students

Our goal is to continually strive to provide the best learning environment possible for our students. In support of this goal, we subscribe to the following principles:

1. We will be good neighbors within the communities in which Center for Field Studies operates. We will be sensitive to the laws, customs, practices, and traditions of the community, and we will act in a socially responsible, courteous fashion. We will attempt to benefit local communities financially, culturally, and environmentally to the extent of our abilities as visitors.

2. We will actively involve community members in our programs whenever possible, particularly young people, and do our best to contribute to the educational opportunities of residents of all ages.

3. Where appropriate, we will utilize local presenters and lecturers to supplement or provide an alternative viewpoint for our learning experiences. We will also do our best to hire local providers of the food, supplies, and services that we will need during our classes.

4. We will continually recognize that we are representatives of George Mason University, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States, and do our best to represent these institutions appropriately. In any field experience, we will remember we are guests who are visitors to locations that are not our own.

5. We will respect the natural environment in which we work. We will comply with local laws and policies regarding our research and teaching activities. We will continually be role models in our respect for the natural world. We will enthusiastically assist the local community and government bodies when they require our scientific, technical, or educational skills.

6. We will strive to provide a safe, healthful, and enjoyable learning environment for all participants.

7. We will not tolerate discrimination against any person on the basis of their sex/gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, financial status, age, ability, religious or political views. All persons associated with CFS and its activities will be treated equally as individuals.

8. We will not tolerate harassment of or by persons associated with CFS for any reason.

9. We will not tolerate the sale, possession or use of illegal drugs by any persons associated with CFS or George Mason University.

I have read the above and agree to abide by these policies:

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Name (Printed)              Signature                          Date