Field Studies Ethical Code of Conduct

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 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.
2. 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.
3. We will strive to provide a safe, healthful, and enjoyable learning environment for all participants.
4. 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 FS and its activities will be treated equally as individuals.
5. We will not tolerate harassment of or by persons associated with FS for any reason.
6. We will not tolerate the sale, possession or use of illegal drugs by any persons associated with FS or George Mason University.
7. We will not operate in any form a motor vehicle or transportation device while participating in any Field Studies course.

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

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Name (Printed)                    Signature                      Date