



PARENTAL PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE/MAINE FORM FOR ALL MINORS (under 18 years of age) attending the Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island, Maine.

Please complete and return this form within 10 business days of receiving it from SML:

Shoals Marine Laboratory, G-14 Stimson Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853

I HEREBY ACKNOWLEDGE AND AGREE that my child's participation in Shoals Marine Laboratory programs, and their time at, Shoals Marine Laboratory on Appledore Island and in NH/ME* has inherent risks. I understand that the risk of traveling to and from the island via water vessel is present. I understand that the island surface is composed mainly of rock of which there may be no set path for walking, and which can be slippery. In addition, I agree that the island, by its nature, is surrounded by water, and as such the chance of injury associated with immersion in water or the hazards of the shoreline are present. I agree that I will discuss these risks with my child and make sure they understand the risk involved with this activity.

Indemnification/Hold Harmless - In consideration of my child's participation in Shoals Marine Laboratory programs on Appledore Island and in NH/ME*, I, the undersigned, on behalf of my child, myself, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns, do hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless Cornell University and The University of New Hampshire, their Trustees, officers, agents, and employees (collectively Shoals Marine Lab) from any cause of action, claims, or demands of any nature whatsoever, which I, my child, my heirs, representatives, executors, administrators and assigns may now have, or have in the future against Shoals Marine Lab on account of personal injury, property damage, death or accident of any kind, arising out of or in any way related to my child's participation Shoals Marine Laboratory programs and my time at Appledore Island and in NH/ME*, whether that participation is supervised or unsupervised, howsoever the injury or damage is caused, other than those injuries resulting from the sole negligence of Shoals Marine Laboratory.

***Please check the following option for your under 18 participant:**

- Allowed to go ashore without supervision by Shoals Marine Laboratory staff
- Allowed to go ashore with supervision by Shoals Marine Laboratory staff
- Not permitted to go ashore at any time during any Shoals program

I certify that my child is in good health and has no physical limitations that would preclude their safe participation.

I understand that the terms of this agreement are legally binding and I certify that I am carefully signing this agreement, after having carefully read same, of my own free will.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this instrument is duly executed, this ___ day of _____, 2009.

Print participant name

Parent/Guardian signature

(date)

Parent/Guardian name

PERMISSION TO GO ASHORE IN NEW HAMPSHIRE/MAINE FAQs

Why do students need free time ashore?

- Participants do not have access to laundry facilities on Appledore Island.
- Participants do not have access to retail stores on Appledore Island (for soap, toothpaste, etc).
- SML's academic programs are rigorous, full-time endeavors; participants and staff need a "break" to rejuvenate, rest and study.

Did we know about this in advance?

From the *SML Acceptance Packet*, "General Packing Instructions:"

SPECIAL NOTES REGARDING LAUNDRY, FREE TIME and TIME BETWEEN PROGRAMS: Students enrolled in programs that last longer than 2 weeks* will be given free time to go ashore (to Portsmouth, NH) to do laundry. ***Includes the following SML programs:**

BIOSM 1110: *A Marine Approach to Introductory Biology*

BIOSM 3640/ZOOL 674: *Field Marine Science*

BIOSM 3750/ZOOL 675: *Field Marine Biology and Ecology*

BIOEE 3730: *Biodiversity and Biology of Marine Invertebrates*

How is transportation arranged?

Participants are transported to and from the mainland on SML vessels only (same as arrival and departure days). Free time ashore schedules are confirmed on Appledore, but this information is available in advance by contacting SML: shoals-lab@cornell.edu or (607) 255 – 3717.

Can parents visit participants on Appledore Island during free time?

Unfortunately, SML does not have adequate facilities on Appledore Island to accommodate participant visitors. Parents are welcome to meet participants in Portsmouth, NH during free time.

Why do I have to sign this form?

Written permission from parents or guardians, regarding the status of minors going ashore on free time during an SML program is required by SML parent institutions, Cornell and UNH.

Where can I find out more about mainland New Hampshire and Maine?

For more information about the NH/ME "Seacoast" area, please see the following web sites:

Portsmouth Chamber of Commerce: <http://www.portsmouthchamber.org/>

City of Portsmouth, NH: <http://www.portsmouthnh.com/>

Town of Kittery, Maine: <http://www.kittery.org/Pages/index>

Seacoast News: <http://www.seacoastonline.com/>

Maine Tourism: <http://www.visitmaine.com/>

NH Tourism: <http://www.visitnh.gov/>

Who do I contact if I still have questions?

For more information, see SML's web site: <http://www.sml.cornell.edu/>

CONTACT:

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