

**University of Alberta Zoology 250**  
**to Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre (BMSC) Feb. 14 - 18, 2009**

**Our responsibilities:**

- 1) Airplane tickets & check in. We have booked your flight, but you must check yourself in at the airport on the morning of departure (**our group confirmation number is CZCFEQ**, booked by Rich Palmer).

<b><u>Itinerary:</u></b>	<b><u>Day</u></b>	<b><u>Departs</u></b>	<b><u>Arrives</u></b>
WestJet #501 (Edmonton-> Victoria)	Sat. Feb. 14	8:10 AM	8:48 AM
Charter bus (Victoria->Bamfield)	Sat. Feb. 18	9:00 AM	~3:00 PM
Charter bus (Bamfield->Victoria)	Wed. Feb. 18	12:00 PM	~5:30 PM
WestJet #192 (Victoria- >Edmonton)	Wed. Feb. 18	7:30 PM	9:57 PM

- 2) Meals at BMSC. BMSC will provide all meals from Saturday dinner through and including breakfast and a bag lunch on Wednesday; these are included in your field-trip fees.

If you wish lunch on the drive to BMSC, this is your responsibility (see other side).

- 3) Lodging at BMSC. BMSC will provide housing in the dormitories from Saturday through and including Tuesday night. Dormitories include bunk beds and a pillow, but no linens unless you pay for them (see other side). In the dorms, you will have access to shared bathrooms and showers. The rooms are well heated and dry. All lodging expenses at BMSC (except optional linens, see other side) are included in your field-trip fees.

- 4) Transportation Bamfield <-> Victoria. We have chartered a bus to get us to and from Bamfield. The cost for the bus is included in your field-trip fees.

- 5) Activities at BMSC. We have a full slate of activities arranged including field trips to: a rocky shore, an open-ocean sandy beach, Brady's Beach (mixed sandy & rocky shore), and a protected sea-grass & soft bottom shore. We have chartered the MV Alta for a dredging trip in Barkley Sound, and we will have lots of time to view animals in the BMSC teaching lab. All field-trip expenses at BMSC are included in your field-trip fees.

**Emergency contact numbers:**

Should someone need to contact you while you are at BMSC, the options are:

**Phone:** 250-728-3301

**FAX:** 250-728-3452

**E-mail:** BMSC has many computers with high-speed internet for E-mail.

**Pay phone** in dining hall (meal times only): 250-728-9370

(#### MORE INFORMATION ON REVERSE ####)

**Your responsibilities:**

1) Transportation to/from airport & check-in. You must get yourself to and from the Edmonton International Airport; the flight leaves at 8:10 AM; **so please arrive at the airport no later than 7:00 AM**. You must check yourself in.

**If you miss this flight we cannot guarantee your arrival in Bamfield, nor can we refund your air fare, bus fare or dredge charter costs** (these have all been paid in advance). Meals and lodging may be refundable, if we are not billed for unused services.

2) Meals en route. If you wish to eat en route between Victoria & BMSC, you will need to bring sufficient money to pay for one meal. We will stop for lunch on the drive to Bamfield (you could bring a bag lunch if you prefer). All other meals are included.

3) Sundries while at BMSC. Bamfield has two small convenience stores at which you may buy basic toiletries, snacks, beer, etc., if you wish.

4) Checklist of personal gear to bring:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Photo ID:** airport check in/security requires photo ID (drivers license or passport). ***Do not forget this or you will not be allowed on the plane!***

\_\_\_\_\_ **Money, credit/debit card:** debit card readers are available in both Bamfield stores, and an ATM is available in one store.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Sleeping bag, towel, washcloth:** linens are available only if you pay an additional \$15 in advance (you must confirm linen requests with Ron Koss); pillows will be provided in the dormitory.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rain gear:** rain pants and rain jacket with hood are highly recommended (inexpensive coated nylon gear is fine); February can be VERY wet, windy and cold in Bamfield! A poncho is of little use in a strong wind.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rubber boots:** highly recommended for field trips; if you do not mind cold, wet feet, though, running shoes that can get wet, salty & muddy are OK.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Warm clothing**

- a heavy wool sweater or fleece jacket/vest is highly recommended (do NOT bring a down jacket as it provides no warmth if it gets wet).
- if you are sensitive to cold, you may wish to bring long underwear; field trips may last 2 - 3 hours, and +5° C in driving wind and rain can feel VERY cold.
- light-weight woolen gloves that can get wet are ideal for field trips.
- touque or warm hat.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Changes of clothing:** bring at least two complete changes of clothing plus one extra pair of socks; someone always slips into a tide pool, or gets soaking wet in the rain, so dry clothes are nice to return to. However, coin-operated washers and dryers are available in the dormitory if needed.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Flashlight:** these are highly recommended for walking back and forth to the dormitories at night, and will be needed for evening field trips.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Camera, film, camera battery:** optional, but worth considering; the coastline around Bamfield is magnificent. Sometimes you can buy film and camera batteries in Bamfield, but don't plan on it.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Notebook:** optional, but if you want to make drawings or take notes on field trips, or in the laboratory, it would be handy.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Alarm clock:** bring your own if you don't want to rely on your friends.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Personal care:** although you yourself might be able to get by without a toothbrush, shampoo or deodorant, your roommates might not be pleased . . . plan for four nights.