

Are You Prepared?

A compendium of hazards on the MJC Geology Field Trips: (Some real, some imagined, some just too awful to contemplate)

Geologic Hazards

volcanic eruption
sudden geyser eruptions
dark cold twisting confusing cave
sink holes
earthquake
aftershock
flashfloods
quicksand
cliffs
falling stalactites
jutting stalagmites
waterfalls
lava
falling rocks
avalanche
slippery rocks
mudslide
loose rock
landslide

Pseudoscientific and Mythological Hazards

ghosts
alien abduction
Sasquatch
trolls, dragons and elves

Road Hazards

busted hose, fanbelt
dead van battery
broken exhaust manifold
flat tire
multiple flat tires on same vehicle
Winnebagos
tourists
boy scouts

Technology Hazards

holes in rock sample bag
flying rock chips
knife accident
small snakes
big snakes
multiple snakes
buffalo stampedes
black widows
alligators (Permian)
crocodiles (also Permian)
midges

no-see-ums
hawks

cave-ins
helicopter crash
bear trap
vertical mineshafts

Bodily Hazards

ptomaine poisoning
sunstroke
heat exhaustion
dehydration
Michael with his thumb on fire
Niemi when the doors flew open
skin stuck on seat vinyl
body appendages caught in van doors
broken limbs
Ill-fitting shoes
brain cramps
muscle cramps
bad hair day
1st degree burns
2nd degree burns
3rd degree burns
body odor
slivers
mountain sickness
windburn
heartburn
bedsores
salmonella poisoning

Psychological Hazards

personality conflicts
psychotic episodes
romance
claustrophobia
agoraphobia
militia uprisings
suncrazed new-agers
NesTea terrorists

Meteorological Hazards

microbursts
waterborne microorganisms
dust mites
cattle stampedes
amorous moose
skunks

porcupines
pack of coyotes
ticks
bears
scorpions

blizzard
hail
high humidity
ozone depletion

windchill
lightning
sandstorms
thin ice
sheet ice
monsoon

Bureaucracy and Logistics

lost students
No fee waiver
No campsite reservations
group campgrounds
park rangers
Really ballistic park rangers
outhouse
no outhouses
no toilet paper
not enough TP

Extraterrestrial Hazards

cosmic radiation
comet collision
black holes
UV radiation

Animal Hazards

deer-car collisions (**see also Road Hazards**)
Beasties with large nasty teeth
cone-nosed kissing bugs
red army ant attack
leeches
marauding raccoons
flying cow chips
slugs
spiderwebs
horseflies
vultures
deerflies
skinny dippers

Plant and Protists Hazards

pollen
poison ivy, oak, sumac
stinkweed
thorns
thistles
protruding roots
forest fire