

# BREWSTER FIELD TERM

## WHAT IS FIELD TERM?

Field Term is a new trimester-long, place-based immersion experience being offered in Fall 2021. A small group of students will live, explore, and learn together at a stunning site in New Hampshire's Belknap Mountains. Trading their dorm rooms for cabins, students will learn applied skills and discover the connective tissue that links science, mathematics, the humanities, and art. The three pillars of this unique program are place-based education, intentional technology integration, and outdoor skills and leadership.

## THE LOCATION

Field term takes place at Camp Bell in Gilmanston, N.H., a short 35 minutes from the Brewster campus. Easy access to Manning lake, Round Pond, and the Suncook watershed provides a wealth of diverse outdoor learning settings, while the on-site admin building serves as the main indoor classroom, computer lab, and WiFi access point for students.

## COST AND SUPPLIES

Field Term is covered by a student's regular Brewster tuition; however, there may be special supplies they need to bring. Essentials include hiking boots, a sturdy rain coat, a field journal, and a camera. (Mountain bike optional!)

## WHO CAN APPLY?

- Returning Brewster sophomores, juniors, seniors
- Thai Scholars who have spent the previous summer on Brewster's campus

## ACADEMICS

All classes will include theoretical and applied components designed to soften boundaries and solidify connections between subjects. Field Term's rigorous and fully integrated curriculum views the common focal points of water, forests, and landscapes through the lenses of science, the arts, mathematics, history, and English. Students will have the option to select from the following courses: AP Biology, Freshwater Ecology, AP Seminar, AP Literature, Writing the Modern Essay, AP Calculus, Topics in Calculus, or Precalculus. When students return to the main campus for Winter Trimester, they will disperse back into their respective classes. All Field Term participants are expected to take AP Seminar and will remain as a cohort in this class throughout the school year.

## THE COLLEGE PROCESS

Students will have ample access to the College Counseling Office, and participating Field Term should not interfere with their college application process.





### "RIVERS"

RIVERS (Recreating In Vulnerable Environments Responsibly and Sustainably) is Field Term's daily afternoon enrichment program, designed to build technical and leadership skills in a variety of outdoor activities including hiking/backpacking, rock climbing, canoeing/kayaking, and mountain biking.

### LIFE AT FIELD TERM

#### ACCESS TO THE WOLFEBORO CAMPUS

There will be social trips back to campus and opportunities for on-campus friends in Wolfeboro to visit the Field Term site throughout the fall. We're even working on a plan to have adventurous parents join us at the camp for short visits! There will also be shopping trips when needed to nearby Gilford and weekly field trips to surrounding areas.

### ATHLETICS

Students will not play traditional team sports, but instead develop skills and confidence needed for independent outdoors recreation that they will be able to pursue for the rest of their lives.

### LIVING QUARTERS

Students will bunk together, two boys or girls per cabin. The creekside cabins have both heat and electricity with latrines and potable running water close by. Laundry facilities, flush toilets, and private showers are available in the nearby administration building. The administration building serves as the social and academic hub of Field Term campus and contains a faculty apartment where the onsite adult will reside. Meals will be prepared in the communal kitchen by students and faculty, with occasional meals brought in.

### HEALTH AND SAFETY

Brewster faculty and staff are on Field Term with the students, so there is round-the-clock supervision by adults who will hold current Wilderness First Responder and CPR certifications. The Field Term site is fully accessible to emergency services and is less than 12 miles from Lakes Region General Hospital, the largest hospital in the area. Our own Student Health Services team will be available as well. There will be a medication distribution plan, and we will follow any COVID protocols that the school enacts for the fall.

## SAMPLE FIELD TERM DAY

7 AM

**BREAKFAST**  
7-8 a.m.

Pancakes with maple syrup from local farms

8 AM

**FIELD/LAB**  
8-10 a.m.

Hike along river to headwaters on Piper Mountain and record changes in elevation, stream flow, and sediment.

9 AM

10 AM

**CLASS**  
10 a.m.-12 noon

Investigate nationwide river profiles and their interactions with humans, compare to the data from the morning lab.

11 AM

12 PM

**LUNCH**  
12-1 p.m.

Picnic by the lake!

1 PM

**PROJECT TIME**  
1-3 p.m.

Assemble inquiries and data from morning lab and class into digital, interactive maps using ArcGIS Online.

2 PM

3 PM

**RIVERS AFTERNOON ENRICHMENT PROGRAM**  
3-5 p.m.

Canoeing and discussion on "leave no trace" practices.

4 PM

5 PM

**DINNER AND FREE TIME**  
5-8 p.m.

Enjoy sweet potato burritos with local vegetables and homemade salsa. And for dessert? Dig into Dutch oven peach cobbler and vanilla ice cream!

6 PM

7 PM

8 PM

**EVENING STUDY AND ACTIVITIES**  
8-10 p.m.

Stargazing with our 8" Celestron telescope, homework, and reading

9 PM

10 PM

**LIGHTS OUT**  
10 p.m.

You'll never forget falling asleep to the sounds of loon calls.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

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