This Bridge Program will provide high school graduates with an opportunity to transition into their college experience as a member of a Geosciences Learning Community. The initial activity includes a discovery-based field course where we spend 9 days camping in Wyoming, Nebraska and South Dakota, and 3 days on the UNL campus in preparation for a rewarding academic and professional career in the Geosciences. The primary aim of the Program is to expose incoming students with an interest in the Earth Sciences to the Earth and its history, and to provide an engaging introduction into college life and studies with a cohort of other learners and instructors.

What participants said about their experience on this trip:

“I have never learned or done so much in 2 weeks ever in my life.” “I felt like I was on ‘Survivor’, and I was succeeding.” “This is truly the best course I have ever taken. I learned more about geology, myself, others, life, etc. than I ever have or could have in one year.”

Details: All costs for transport, food, accommodation will be covered by a grant from the National Science Foundation. This fantastic trip can also be tied to a formal course GEOL 160 – Fundamentals of Geoscience in the Field, so you could earn 3 college credits and gain amazing first-hand exposure to geoscience before starting your freshman year. Similar trips have been led by the experienced team of UNL geoscientists for more than 10 years. Students accepted into the Bridge Program will be expected to join the UNL Geoscience Learning Community where their initial college experience will be further enhanced by taking courses in physical and historical geology with a cohort of learners, and engaging in Earth Science related activities.

Applications: Materials will be accepted starting in early 2016 through the CSMCE Application/Registration Portal (https://cse.unl.edu/scimath/apps); please find details regarding application requirements there.

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