



## *ERS Welcome Package*

Welcome to ERS, the community that celebrates diversity and fosters creative critical thinking. Our first activity, the ERS retreat weekend, is a celebration of diversity and an excellent chance to learn more about the program. Come out with the rest of us and be welcome!

### *ERSSA WELCOME WEEKEND INFORMATION*

#### *WHO??*

The weekend is intended for 1<sup>st</sup> year students to be welcomed into the ERS community, but there will also be a mix of 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> year ERS students attending, including some of your Teaching Assistants (TAs) and cameo appearances by some of your Professors.

#### *WHAT??*

The welcome weekend is a weekend where 1<sup>st</sup> year students are introduced and welcomed into the ERS community. A substance-free weekend that will provide a forum where you can learn about the wonderful world of ERS, and play with other 1<sup>st</sup> year students, upper year students, and Professors from ERS. To be honest, those who have gone on the trip have cherished it, and have kept lasting relationships.

This weekend will challenge you in fun activities in water, forest and field, and to work as a group to solve cooperative problems. The weekend is all about having fun, getting to know your classmates and some upper year students, and finding some relaxation time after the intensity of frosh week.

#### *WHERE??*

This year, Welcome Weekend will be hosted at the Elora Conservation Area, a pristine protected environment within the Region of Waterloo; about a 30-minute drive outside of Waterloo. You might see Red Foxes or Red-headed Woodpeckers. You will enjoy trails beside an ancient gorge, bonfires and star gazing! On top of nature's wonders, some fantastic activities have been planned for everyone: craft events, water games, games for getting people to know people, and games for no reason other than being silly and having fun!

#### *WHEN??*

This weekend will be held from the afternoon of **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2011**. Come on out! E-mail us with any questions! **Loryn Day at [laday@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:laday@uwaterloo.ca)**

### ***WHAT?? (to bring!)***

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|--------------------------------|--|--|
| -sleeping bag                  | -rain gear   | -*Something that you feel represents you     |
| -bathing suit/towel            | -flashlight  | -camera (optional)                           |
| -bug repellent/sun block       | -tent (as large as possible in order to share!) If you don't have a tent, don't worry - you can share! | -binoculars and i.d. books - (birds/flowers) |
| -musical instruments           |  | -snacks to supplement our delicious meals    |
| -outdoor clothing/warm clothes |  | - your own mug                               |
| -health card                   |  |  |
- anything else that will make your weekend fun!

### ***Important Stuff to Know...***

The cost to first years' for the trip is **\$40**. This fee includes transportation (bus) to and from Elora Conservation Area (departing from the university), campground fees, all your meals, including dinner on Friday and lunch on Sunday; and a weekend full of fun activities!

ERSSA has been involved in fundraising for the weekend and all the money raised has assisted in lowering the cost. We strongly feel that no ERS student should be unable to participate in this weekend due to cost so if money is a problem, you can contact **Loryn Day** at [laday@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:laday@uwaterloo.ca) to arrange something.

### ***Options of Payment***

If you are interested in attending the ERS Welcome Weekend this year, please print and fill out the last four pages at home. You can pay by cheque or cash via one of two payment options outlined below.

#### Option One

Bring the application form along with a cheque (payable to: ERSSA Student Association) or cash (exact change) to your ERS 110 Class (representatives will be there in the first and second week of classes to pick up forms and money) or drop off the form to Patti Bester located in Environmental 2 Bldg Rm 2012 by September 16<sup>th</sup> 2011.

#### Option Two

Mail in your money and forms before the start of school to:

Patricia Bester, UG Advisor  
Environment and Resource Studies  
Environment 2 Bldg. Rm.2012  
University of Waterloo  
200 University Ave. West  
Waterloo, ON N2L 3G1 Canada

**APPLICATION FORM:**

**Elora Conservation Area ERS Welcome Weekend: Friday September 23<sup>th</sup>  
to Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup>**

Welcome to the Wonderful World of ERS! If you would like to attend the ERS Welcome Weekend, please fill out this form and return it as soon as you can. The cost of this weekend is **\$40** which includes two great nights of sleeping on Elora Conservation Area's campgrounds, transportation, many filling meals, and tons of great activities organized by 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> year ERS students. Please enclose a cheque payable to **ERSSA Student Association**. A representative will be in ERS 100 to collect the forms and cheques. Please print clearly on the form below :)

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have access to a car? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

**Medical Stuff...**

Health Card #: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Dietary Restrictions (the weekend will be vegetarian):  
\_\_\_\_\_

Medical Conditions or Concerns we should know about (food allergies, asthma, weak joints, epilepsy, diabetes, or anything else organizers should know about)  
\_\_\_\_\_

Can you bring a tent? YES\_\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_\_

How many people can your tent house? \_\_\_\_\_

Bursaries?: A portion of the budget for this weekend will be allocated to assist students in paying for this weekend. The total allotted for this part of the budget will be equally divided between the number of applicants requesting assistance. For this reason, we ask that only students who cannot afford the weekend otherwise apply for a bursary.

( ) **Check here if you would like some financial assistance for this weekend.**

**NOTE:** The last possible day to register for this trip or to request a refund for those who have registered will be September 16th. Any requests for refunds must be made by noon on Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> and should be directed to [laday@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:laday@uwaterloo.ca). The Frosh Retreat Weekend is run as a non-profit event. The ERS Student Association holds fundraising events to cover the cost and any profits are forwarded to the Frosh Retreat Weekend for the next year.

# **ACCIDENT WAIVER AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM**

*Please Print:*

\_\_\_\_\_  
**NAME**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**ID #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**E-MAIL**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**LOCAL PHONE #**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PERMANENT ADDRESS      CITY      PROVINCE      POSTAL CODE**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**PERMANENT PHONE #**

**Please read this form carefully.** When you sign this form you waive and release all claims for injuries you might sustain arising out of the facilities and participation in the activities and programs at Elora Gorge.

I assume the responsibility for injuries to myself while participating in the ERSSA Welcome Weekend Excursion, and I will not bring an action for damages, which might arise from these injuries. I acknowledge that I have completed the registration form and medical information fully and truthfully. In the case of accident or illness, the participant must pay for any emergency transport and hospital/physician/medical expenses.

I have read and fully understand the above Waiver and Release of all Claims Form.

**DATE:** \_\_ / \_\_ / \_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **ERSSA MAILING LIST**

ERSSA has a mailing list that you can become a member of. You will get updates about ERS related updates, events, and ERSSA oriented events. This elite list is spam free so you don't have to worry about random mail filling up your inbox/junk mail box.

( ) Yes I am interested in becoming part of the awesome mailing list

*Please fill the following information:*

Name (first & last) : \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_

email address: \_\_\_\_\_

( ) No I am not interested

## **ERSSA SWEATERS**

The ERS Student Association also has sweaters!!! If you are interested in purchasing one, Please fill out the attached form and include an additional \$30.00 to the welcome weekend cost. Attached is a photo of the sweater. If you have any questions about the sweaters or order form, contact Loryn Day at [laday@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:laday@uwaterloo.ca). **Deadline** for sweater order form is the same as the welcome weekend deadline. Sweaters will be ready later in the term.



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# ERS SWEATER ORDER FORM

This year, you can choose whether you want brown or green sweaters, just check mark your preferred colour in the chart below.

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE #: \_\_\_\_\_

Description Gildan Full Zip Sweater		Quantity	Size	Price
Chocolate Brown	Forest Green	- - -	S M L XL	\$30.00
TOTAL ENCLOSED		- - -	- - -	

\* \* \* Please list one order sweater per line

**NOTE: You do have the option of lumping together the Welcome Weekend payment with the Sweater payment.**