**SUMMARY OF STATION RULES AND POLICIES**

**YOU MUST READ THIS DOCUMENT!**

**Quiet Hours:** The **GOLDEN RULE** of the Station is quiet hours. Quiet hours begin at 10 p.m.; **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

**Report ALL accidents:** We (especially the Director or Associate Director) need to know if someone is injured. Many people here are first aid certified and can assist; inform the nearest station personnel of **every** accident to assess its seriousness; immediately call 911 from any phone if necessary; tell the operator it is the U of M Biology Station in Itasca State Park.

**Violent weather:** Be aware of the weather. It is **not** the responsibility of the Station to warn you of storms. Storm shelters are located on the lower floors of the Assembly Hall, the Lakeside Laboratory (near docks), Cabin 2 basement, Cabin 13 – these are marked, familiarize yourself with their locations.

**Water safety:** Water safety is an important issue. Nine canoes and 8 kayaks are available for your own use. You use them at your own risk. You MUST wear a personal floatation device at all times. They are available at the boat house.

**Alcohol:** Alcoholic beverages will **NOT** be consumed or seen in any public areas of the campus.

**Station Speed Limit:** The station speed limit for vehicles is 10 mph on the Station. Many faculty, students and small children are found walking, biking or even playing on the roads. Watch for them. Drive slowly.

**Parking:** Park only in designated areas. Do not drive on the grass

**State Park hours:** The State Park nominally closes at 10 p.m. – that means that if you enter the Park after 10 p.m. you will proceed directly to your destination (i.e., the Itasca Station).

**Lab Safety:** No food and beverages in any refrigerators/freezers or labs.

**Campfires:** The fire pit on the recreational field can be used on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings only. Keep the noise down!

**BE SAFE:** It is your responsibility.

*Welcome to the Itasca Biological Station and Laboratories*

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