

Timeline and Checklist

In preparing for your upcoming Earthwatch expedition, please ensure that you:

Immediately

- Read the Expedition Briefing and all enclosed materials thoroughly.
- Book an appointment with a doctor; you will need him or her to sign the Health section of your Earthwatch Participation Form.
- Make sure you understand and agree to Earthwatch policies and participant responsibilities.
- Complete Picerne Family Foundation Student Contract, Release of Liability and Indemnity Agreement, and Picture Use & Publishing Approval forms.

At least 120 days prior to your expedition start date

Complete and return your volunteer forms. **Below are the specific forms required for this expedition:**

- Earthwatch Participation Form: Teen
- Three Affidavits of Consent for Children Traveling Abroad - Signed by both parents
- Mankwe Wildlife Reserve Teen Team Rules
- Doumishand Investments Indemnity Form

US/North American volunteers can download forms at www.earthwatch.org/volunteerforms or at www.picernefoundation.org

- Make sure your passport is current and obtain a visa for your destination country, if necessary (see the Passports and Visas section for more details).
- Make sure you have all the necessary vaccinations for your project site (see the Health Information section of the Expedition Briefing).
- Purchase a guidebook for your destination country.
- Bring your level of fitness up to the standards required (see the Project Conditions section of the Expedition Briefing).

At least 60 days prior to your expedition start date

- Review the Packing list to make sure you have all the clothing and any special equipment needed.
- Obtain any necessary prescription medications that will be needed for your travels.

Up to 30 days before you leave for the expedition

- Read any required reading or websites recommended by the Earthwatch Scientist(s) for your expedition.
- Make sure you have enough personal funds for your expedition (see the Travel Planning section of the Expedition Briefing).
- Leave the Earthwatch emergency contact number with a friend or relative (see the Emergency Contacts section of the Expedition Briefing).
- Leave a copy of your passport, visas and airline tickets with a friend or relative.
- Confirm your travel arrangements.