

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 Doctor's Approval Form and review the Earthwatch Participation Form.
- Make sure you understand and agree to Earthwatch policies and participant responsibilities.
- Complete Picerne 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 and Doctor's Approval Form.
- Affidavits of Consent for Children Traveling Abroad and related documents (Signed by both parents and notarized).
- Mankwe Wildlife Reserve Teen Team Rules.
- Doumishand Investments Indemnity Form.

Volunteers can download forms at www.picernefoundation.org. Locate your High School and go to required GSP Documents.

- 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 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 made by the Picerne Foundation and teacher leading the project.