

Idaho State University Field Camp

Chilly, ID (near Mackey, and Mt. Borah, the highest peak in Idaho)

This was very much a trial-by-fire field experience. This was pretty tricky as a geo major who still hadn't taken sed/strat, strxr, min/pet. That said, if you're willing to ask the TA for extra help, and put in the time to figure things like metamorphic textures, mineralogy, field relations etc, it's quite doable.

Learning quotient = high.

Emotional toll quotient = high.

There is a hot tub made of an old fertilizer tank. Do not expect to have any time whatsoever to sit in it. You will be doing work (deliverables to turn in) until midnight every night. And then you will be up at 7 to go mapping again the next day.

I wanted more guidance as how to approach mapping. I wanted more support. I wanted more encouragement. How are we supposed to just automatically know how to go about this? As I said, an emotionally taxing and frustrating experience -- but ultimately a very rewarding one. Female presence = low. No women professors or TAs.

Glen the Geomorph guy is AWESOME. Paul Link (director, there the whole time) is a really nice, funny guy, but not too helpful with problems.