

BC Announces Summer 2010 Trip to Iceland

Brevard College Associate Professor of Geology **J i m Reynolds** will lead a group of students and other interested parties on a tour of the volcanic and glacial history of the Iceland this summer.

Leaving from Boston on July 5, the group will spend 19 days and nights traveling, hiking and camping around Iceland. The sparsely populated volcanic island sits astride the



mid-Atlantic Ridge, just south of the Arctic Circle. It is the only place where the ridge can be seen at the surface. Several enormous ice caps cover the large highland regions. Evidence of volcanism and past glaciation abounds at every turn. Most of the classic geological sites will be visited.

Although Iceland's geology is the focus of this trip, the trip is open to anyone

interested. Transfer credit is available for students from other institutions.

Temperatures in July are generally in the 45° to 65° F range. With the sun up 20 to 22 hours each day in July, it is never very dark. Since Iceland is a large geothermal area, almost all campgrounds provide hot showers. Some of the campgrounds are located at or near excellent hot springs. Hikes are easy to moderate with strenuous options available. The bus is comfortable and comes with an expert Icelandic driver. Although Icelandic is the native language, most Icelanders speak some English – some speak very well. In the past, most participants have enjoyed learning how to pronounce the names of the sites visited.

This year's 19-day trip will cost about the same as the College's 2007 two-week trip. For more information about the trip, including the cost and itinerary, visit <http://www2.brevard.edu/reynoljh/fieldtrips.htm>.



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