

# THE 2009 LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPEDITION TO IDALION, CYPRUS



## **Volunteer application enclosed**

Here is your volunteer application for the 2009 Lycoming College Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus. Please fill it out completely and return it to

Idalion Expedition—Dr. Pamela Gaber  
AC Box 3  
Lycoming College  
700 College Place  
Williamsport, PA 17701 USA

## **Registration Fee**

When you hear of your acceptance on the dig, to hold your place on the dig, please send a non-refundable check for \$75.00 to the above address. Volunteers from outside North America should send a cashier's check (bank cheque).

## **Choose your dates carefully**

We accept volunteers from a minimum of two weeks to a maximum of seven weeks. Our field season begins on Monday, June 22. Since days off are Friday and Saturday, our first week in the field will be three days long and will be devoted primarily to orientation, set up, and site cleaning. Field school students are required to stay for the full seven weeks

## **Cost for volunteers**

The cost is \$575 per week if you stay one to six weeks: \$3,850 if you stay all seven weeks. For cost purposes, a week is five working days.

We look forward to seeing you at Idalion! Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Steven R. Johnson  
Lycoming College, AC Box 3  
Williamsport, PA 17701  
Phone: 570-321-4283  
E-mail: [johnson@lycoming.edu](mailto:johnson@lycoming.edu)

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## Volunteer Application

Return this application by **May 15, 2009**, to:

Idalion Expedition—Dr. Pamela Gaber  
AC Box 3  
Lycoming College  
700 College Place  
Williamsport, PA 17701 USA

For your application to be considered, you must answer all applicable questions. Please print in black ink.

Full name \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred first name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen of \_\_\_\_\_

Passport # \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration date \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/state \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary/school address: Street \_\_\_\_\_

City/state \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/postal Code \_\_\_\_\_ Valid until \_\_\_\_\_

Business/institution \_\_\_\_\_ Title/position \_\_\_\_\_

Home phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact: Name/relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

At Idalion temperatures in the field typically range from 85° to 105° F. You will not be able to sit while excavating. Are there any physical or health considerations that could prevent you from putting in a strenuous eight-hour workday under these conditions?

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Dates for which you are applying (two-week minimum) \_\_\_\_\_

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**References**

Please supply two references. We will contact them prior to your acceptance:

1. _____	2. _____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly list your work experience and occupational skills, or attach a curriculum vitae/resume.

What is your educational background? List schools, degrees, or specialties; or attach a curriculum vitae/resume.

Each person joins an expedition with a different set of expectations. Why did you choose this project?

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Introduce yourself to your fellow team members. Include your occupation, interests, and some introspection. (50 words, please).

Do you have any dietary restrictions, either medical or religious, or other dietary preferences?

Cost of your stay will be \$575 a week or \$3,850 for seven weeks. One-half of this cost is due by April 15: the balance by May 15. You will receive a full refund if you cancel by May 20, half refund if you cancel by June 1. No refund will be given for cancellations after June 1. Further payment instructions will be included in your acceptance package.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**RELEASE FROM LIABILITY AND**  
**COVENANT NOT TO SUE**

Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus

The undersigned, (hereafter called "Participant"), and LYCOMING COLLEGE EXPEDITION TO IDALION, CYPRUS, their employees, servants and agents (hereinafter called "Sponsors"), acting within their official capacity, agree as set forth below:

WHEREAS, Sponsors have a summer program, which includes the archaeological fieldwork at the site of ancient Idalion, primary processing of artifacts at the town of Dhali conducted by Lycoming College Expedition in the Larnaca District, and scheduled educational field trips, all in the Republic of Cyprus (hereinafter called "Field School"):

WHEREAS, employers of the sponsors will supervise scheduled activities of said Field School at the locations specified above; and

WHEREAS, the undersigned desires to participate, at the locations mentioned above, in the Field School which is a physically demanding activity in a foreign country,

NOW THEREFORE,

1. For and in consideration of being allowed to participate in the Field School outlined above, the undersigned does hereby release the Sponsors from any liability for death or bodily injury or damage to or loss of personal property incurred as a result of said participation in said Field School, including travel to and from the Field School survey areas, the archaeological site, or scheduled excursions in Cyprus, unless said death or bodily injury or damage to or loss of personal property occurs as a direct result of the acts or omissions of action by Sponsors.

2. The Participant expressly understands that any travel or activity away from the Field School survey areas or the site, unless expressly directed as a matter of business or as a part of the

program, shall be the voluntary act and deed of Participant, and such travel or activity is not under the supervision or responsibility of Sponsors.

3. The Participant expressly understands that Sponsors shall not be responsible for any actions of the civil or criminal authorities of any foreign government resulting from the acts of the Participant.

4. The Participant and guardians of any underage Participant expressly understand that Sponsors shall not be responsible for the Participants as in loco parentis.

5. Further, the Participant agrees and covenants not to initiate, directly or indirectly, any claim, proceeding, action, lawsuit or any other legal proceeding of any kind against Sponsors, except for acts of gross negligence occasioned by or caused by Sponsors.

6. Further, the Participant agrees that if claim, legal proceeding, action, lawsuit or any other legal proceeding is brought for any of the above reasons, such claims, legal proceedings, actions, lawsuits or any other legal proceedings shall be brought to the City of Williamsport, in the State of Pennsylvania of the United States of America, and that the law of the State of Pennsylvania shall apply.

I acknowledge that I have read and understand this document and accept its terms.

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Participant (please sign)

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Participant (please print)

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Address

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In the event that the Participant is under the age of 18 years, the legal Guardian of the Participant must sign the following statement.

I acknowledge that I, the Guardian of the Participant above, have read and understand this document and accept its terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian (please sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Guardian (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

I acknowledge that the Participant \_\_\_\_\_ and when necessary, the Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ has (have) read and understands this document and accepts its terms.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness (please sign)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Witness (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 200\_.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PARTICIPATION IN  
STUDY ABROAD: ASSUMPTION OF RISK

Lycoming College

1. Release from Liability: I release Lycoming College, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims and causes of action for loss of or damage to property, bodily or personal injury, loss of companionship or support, or death sustained by me or third parties arising out of any activity or travel conducted by or under the control of Lycoming College, unless the loss, injury, or death is caused by the negligence of Lycoming College.
2. Indemnification: I agree to indemnify and hold harmless Lycoming College, its officers, employees, agents, and representatives from any and all claims, demands, causes of action and all expenses incidental thereto (including reasonable attorney's fees), based upon or arising out of any personal injury (including death) or property damage or loss caused by or resulting from my acts or omissions during enrollment in this study abroad program.
3. Independent Travel: I understand that if I choose to travel independently during my free time, such travel will be unsupervised by Lycoming College, its agents, or employees. I agree that the College, its agents and employees shall have no responsibility or liability for any injury, damage, or loss suffered by me during such periods of independent travel.
4. Medical Treatment: I understand and acknowledge that there are inherent health risks associated with traveling abroad. I agree that I am personally responsible for obtaining all health information, instruction, immunizations, and medications appropriate to my intended travel. I recognize that the College is not responsible for any of my medical or medication needs and I assume all risk and responsibility therefore. I further agree that if I become incapacitated, the College, through its agents and employees, may take whatever action is deemed necessary with respect to my health and safety. I authorize the College, its agents and employees to place me, at their discretion and without my further consent, in a hospital or in the care of a local doctor for medical services and treatment. If necessary or desirable, I also authorize them to transport me back to the United States by commercial airline or otherwise for medical treatment. I agree that I, along with my parents or guardian, will be fully responsible for any and all expenses, including transportation costs, associated with or in any way related to my medical care.
5. Health Insurance: I certify that I will be covered by health insurance valid outside the United States and sufficient to cover medical expenses during my participation in the study abroad program.
6. Student Conduct: I will comply with the student conduct regulations of the host institution and/or study abroad program throughout the duration of my participation in the study abroad program. I agree that the Program Director shall have the right to enforce appropriate standards of behavior and that I may be dismissed from the program at any time for failure to comply with such standards.

7. Laws of Foreign Countries: I understand that as an American citizen in a foreign country, I will be subject to the laws of that country. I agree to comply with those laws, including refraining from using, possessing or selling any illegal drugs. I understand that being charged with any infraction of the laws of the host country, including possession of any illegal drugs is grounds for immediate expulsion from the program, without refund. In addition, I understand that should I have any legal problems in the host country that I will be responsible for any legal costs incurred as a result.
  
8. Program Cancellation: I understand that the College reserves the right to make cancellations, changes, or substitutions in the program at any time because of emergency, changed conditions, or the Program Director's determination that such changes or substitutions are in the best interest of the program or its participants.
  
9. Termination of Participation in the Program: I understand that if my participation in the program is terminated by the Program Director, I will be sent home with no refund of fees. If I am sent home before completion of the Program, or if I leave the Program voluntarily for any reason, I agree that I, along with my parents or guardian, will be responsible for any and all costs and expenses associated with my return home.
  
10. Assumption of Risk: I acknowledge that participation in the study abroad program "The 2009 Expedition to Idalion, Cyprus" involves risks that are beyond the control of Lycoming College. I understand that the social, cultural, political, religious, governmental, health care, legal (both civil and criminal) and other systems, as well as the geophysical characteristics of foreign countries may be different, in subtle and/or significant ways, from those in the United States. For example, behavior that might illegal, or socially or culturally unacceptable or offensive in the United States may not be illegal and may be normal or acceptable in certain foreign countries; behavior that is considered normal or acceptable in the United States may be illegal or socially or culturally unacceptable or offensive outside the United States. In some countries political unrest and/or upheaval may be anticipated; police, fire and other governmental systems may be inadequate in certain countries; the quality and availability of health care may be very different than what is typically available in the United States; and different parts of the world are susceptible to different geophysical forces, including hurricanes, earthquakes, floods, tidal waves, tornadoes, volcanoes, and other natural disasters. I acknowledge that I have fully considered these and other risks of participation to our satisfaction. I also acknowledge that participation in this program is optional and that participation would not have been permitted without this release and agreement.

My signature below indicates my consent to the terms of this agreement:

Participant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Health Questionnaire

**Please provide the following information.** Use another sheet if necessary. All information will be used *confidentially* to promote the safety of the excavation. If you answer, "yes" to any part of Questions 8-12, marked with an asterisk (\*), please consult with a physician and fill out the attached Medical Questionnaire.

### Personal Information

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_ Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact:

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance Carrier(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Policy in name of (if other than the participant) \_\_\_\_\_

Identification #s: \_\_\_\_\_

Is your policy applicable overseas? \_\_\_\_\_

Method of reimbursement? \_\_\_\_\_

## General Health

1. How do you rate your physical condition? Circle the answer that applies to you.

Poor      Fair      Good      Excellent

2. Do you have stomach trouble or difficulty with foods? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, explain:

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3. What is your average intake of alcohol per week? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Are you allergic to any of the following? Circle the items that apply to you.

Foods      Pollen      Plants      Animals      Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Explain any circled responses: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Are you allergic to any medications or drugs? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Are you allergic to insect bites or stings? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. How do you rate (high, medium, or low) your tolerance to:

Heat \_\_\_\_\_      Dust \_\_\_\_\_  
Sun \_\_\_\_\_      Moderate physical exertion \_\_\_\_\_  
Shared sanitary facilities \_\_\_\_\_      Group living under field conditions \_\_\_\_\_

\*8. Do you have any problems with any of the following? Circle any items that apply to you.

Ankle    Knee    Hip    Fingers    Toes    Wrist    Elbow    Shoulder    Back    Spine  
Neck

Other \_\_\_\_\_

\*9. Are you currently being treated for any medical condition(s)? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, please explain and fill out the attached Medical Questionnaire. \_\_\_\_\_

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\*10. Are you currently on any medication(s)? Circle YES or NO. If yes, please explain and fill out the Medical Questionnaire. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*11. Have you been hospitalized in the last 12 months? Circle YES or NO. If yes, please explain and fill out the Medical Questionnaire. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\*12. Do you have a history of any of the following?

- |                     |                        |            |
|---------------------|------------------------|------------|
| heart disease       | respiratory problems   | hernia     |
| tuberculosis        | emotional disturbances | diabetes   |
| high blood pressure | thyroid disease        | stroke     |
| shortness of breath | menstrual disorders    | hepatitis  |
| dizzy spells        | migraine               | chest pain |
| kidney stones       | faintness              | anemia     |
| bowel disturbance   | sleep problems         | epilepsy   |
| yellow jaundice     | asthma                 | headaches  |

If you have circled any of the items listed above, please fill out the attached Medical Questionnaire.

I certify that the information on this Health Questionnaire is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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## Medical Questionnaire

Dear Participant:

If you answered "yes" to any part of Questions 8-12 on the Health Questionnaire, please consult with a physician and discuss the advisability of participating in the excavation. Please provide the information requested below and answer the questions with your doctor. A physical exam is not necessary but advised. You may consult by phone with your physician.

Dear Consulting Physician:

The Expedition to Idalion is an archaeological training program that takes place in Cyprus. Cyprus has a subtropical climate and, during the summer, the daytime temperatures range from 85 through 105 degrees F. The participants will be expected to work in the field 7-8 hours a day, 2-3 hours at a time, avoiding the hottest part of the day between 11:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The work involves a variety of activities including strenuous tasks like wheel barrowing, shoveling, picking, kneeling, and crouching, as well as lighter tasks such as brushing, drawing, and writing.

There is virtually no medical condition that would automatically disqualify an individual from participating and/or enjoying the experience. We need this information in order to anticipate problems and to safeguard fully the welfare of the participants.

There are excellent healthcare facilities available in the capital Nicosia, which is at the most one hour away from the site and our living quarters.

Please review the Health Questionnaire as filled out by the participant and provide the following information.

Physician's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Does the participant have any chronic health problems that would deter him/her from and/or impair enjoyment of participating in the excavation? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Does the participant take any medication(s) on a regular basis? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, please specify:

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3. Do any of the participant's medications require storage away from heat and sunlight or refrigeration?

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4. Do any of the participant's medications predispose to sunburn or heat illness? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, can you prescribe an alternate medication? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Does the participant have a history of cardiac problems? Circle **YES** or **NO**. If yes, please explain and provide the participant with a current EKG printout to bring to Cyprus. \_\_\_\_\_

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### Waiver of Responsibility

I, \_\_\_\_\_, fully realize that my condition(s) of

Constitute(s) a possible risk for a participant in the excavation for medical reasons.

I have consulted with my personal physician, \_\_\_\_\_, concerning the advisability of participating, and I accept full responsibility for any complications arising from said medical conditions.

I do release Lycoming College Expedition to Idalion, Lycoming College and their staff members and representatives from any responsibility for any and all complications arising there from while I am a participating member.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Witnessed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## What You Need to Know

Please read the following information carefully. If you have any questions prior to the dig, contact Steve Johnson at:

Phone: (570) 321-4283  
E-mail: [johnson@lycoming.edu](mailto:johnson@lycoming.edu)  
Address: Lycoming College  
700 College Place, AC Box 3  
Williamsport, PA 17701

### 1. Travel Documents

If you are coming from North America, you will need a passport that is valid through the date of your return to North America. No other documents are required.

You might find an International Student Card and an International Driver's License useful if you plan to travel before or after the excavation.

### 2. Health

A recent inoculation against tetanus/diphtheria is absolutely essential and must be obtained before coming to Cyprus. Be sure that you have not had one in the past three years before re-inoculating yourself, as you could get an adverse reaction.

Bring an adequate supply of any medications you take with you, as you may not be able to obtain your medication in Cyprus. Ask your physician if your medication predisposes you to heat stroke or dehydration. Do not pack your medication in your checked luggage in case it is delayed or lost in transit. Luggage delays are frequent. Put your medication in your carry-on bag.

As we will spend many hours in the sun, it is essential that you bring sufficient sunscreen with you. One tube may not be enough! Only the lower SPF's are available in Cyprus.

### 3. Health Insurance

Some standard medical insurance plans do not cover the full cost of medical care abroad. Check your health plan's coverage, and consider purchasing low-cost supplemental travel health insurance for the duration of your stay abroad. You can obtain this insurance from your travel agent, from Blue Cross, or through the International Student Organization.

## 4. Trip Cancellation Insurance

You should give serious consideration to purchasing trip cancellation insurance in the event that illness, accident, or a death in your immediate family prevent you from going on the excavation after you have paid for your airline ticket, or if something similar happens while you are on the excavation and are forced to return home early. Some airline tickets cannot be changed after issuance under any circumstances, and many only with a substantial penalty. Trip cancellation insurance can be purchased from your travel agent.

## 5. Personal Finances

You must bring with you sufficient personal funds to cover incidental expenses while in transit to and from Cyprus and for your stay in Cyprus. Your meals and transportation during the working hours of the excavation are covered, but you will have to pay for all other meals away from the project and any personal excursions that you take on your time off. You must also pay for juice, soft drinks, and alcoholic beverages at dig meals, refreshments at other times, sweets, ice cream, cigarettes, souvenirs, guidebooks, postcards, stamps, presents, phone calls, taxis, buses, etc. North Americans should expect to bring \$600–\$1,000US for miscellaneous expenses.

The best way to carry your money is in traveler's checks, easily cashed at any bank in Dhali, Nisou, or elsewhere on the island. Be sure to convert at least \$100 into euros when you first arrive at Larnaca Airport or Limassol Seaport. If you arrive after normal business hours or on a Sunday, the banks at the airport or seaport will change U.S. dollar traveler's checks or cash only. Many other currencies, including Canadian, will not be accepted at these times. Larnaca Airport has an automatic teller machine that allows you to withdraw money using a credit or ATM card.

You may also use a credit card to withdraw money at any bank in Cyprus or at an ever-more common automatic teller machine. Banks usually give the best exchange rates. There are three cash machines in Dhali, but they are located some distance from the dig house. Note that not all cash machines accept all credit cards (e.g., for some reason, American MasterCard cards are problematic at most gas stations). Your credit card company may charge a hefty sum for cash withdrawals abroad—check fees before your departure. ATM card withdrawals, however, are only subject to the usual fees for withdrawals from a bank not your own.

## 6. What to Bring

You will need the following items for the excavation and for life in Cyprus:

- small, sturdy knapsack to carry personal equipment into the field
- pencil case
- mechanical pencil with a supply of 2H (and 3H if available) leads
- eraser
- ball point pens
- small metric ruler and a small set square/triangle (available in art supply stores)
- clipboard
- sturdy, dependable wristwatch. Non-waterproof watches will be affected by sweat.
- canteen, preferably insulated
- cotton hat for the sun (preferably wide-brimmed). You will not be allowed on the dig site without a hat.
- sunscreen. You will not be allowed on the dig site without sunscreen.
- sunglasses

- cotton bandanna or scarf
- light cotton long-sleeved shirt
- cotton short-sleeved shirts/tops and/or T-shirts
- light cotton long pants
- cotton shorts
- sturdy closed shoes with minimal treads
- cotton socks
- cotton or light leather work gloves
- knee pads (available in hardware stores) or kneeling pad (available in garden supply stores). You may not sit during excavation; you must crouch or kneel.
- light cotton jacket or cotton sweater
- a presentable but casual cotton outfit for special outings such as town events, functions at CAARI, and the dig's farewell dinner
- bathing suit and beach towel
- hand and bath towels, washcloth or plastic shower puff
- sheets and pillowcase
- all of your usual medications in amounts sufficient for the duration of your stay
- insect repellent and anti-itch product
- Band-Aids
- aspirin/Tylenol/Advil
- flashlight
- flip-flops

Optional items include:

- camera and plenty of film. Film is expensive and not very fresh in Cyprus.
- light-weight sleeping bag. The temperature may drop dramatically at night and many people sleep outside. Blankets are provided but bags are cozier.
- toiletries to last your full stay. Your favorite brands may not be available or may be too expensive.
- laptop computers are becoming increasingly popular for evening entertainment and viewing digital photos. If you are so inclined to bring one, be forewarned that you might not have an easily accessible power source, and that Cyprus gets very hot and can be very dusty. There are three internet cafes in town. Talk to a supervisor about their differences in cost, advantages, and accessibility.

The clothes that you bring for field work should be capable of sustained abuse from physical activity, dirt, prickly vegetation, sun, and primitive washing conditions (i.e., by hand, by you, in cold water). Avoid clothing made from more than 50% synthetic fibers. Pack lightly with a thought to the hot climate! Summer dress in Cyprus is casual.

## 7. Address and Contact Information in Cyprus

The cheapest option for keeping in touch with family and friends by phone is to purchase a Cypriot phone card, readily available in the town's *peripteros* (small markets). However, there are only one or two working payphones in Dhali! The best option is to purchase a cell phone and SIM card *in Cyprus*. There is a phone store next door to the Bonanza (see #10 below). The cost is ranges from 50-80€ (euros) for the phone and SIMcard and 15-20€ for initial call time (about \$70-\$100US total). Additional time cards can be purchased in almost any market. You can also use a North American phone card for international calls, but be sure to obtain the necessary

overseas access number (each phone company has its own—and for different countries or regions!) before you leave home and know that it will be *much more expensive* than you think.

In case of emergency, a message can be left at the Cyprus American Archaeological Research Institute (CAARI) in Nicosia. Ask for the secretary, Vathoulla Moustoukki. We are in daily contact with CAARI, which has a fax machine.

CAARI  
11 Andrea Demetriou St.  
Nicosia 136  
Phone: 011-357-2-451832 or 011-357-2-451242  
Fax: 011-357-2-461147

At the start of the dig, local, 24-hour, *emergency* contact information will be available at 011-357-99-077-057.

## 8. Travel Plans

Fly in to Larnaca Airport (Paphos is over two hours and an expensive cab ride away). Students should arrive at the excavation no later than June 22 and leave no earlier than August 9 after lunch. Volunteers returning in July should book their return flights when they purchase their tickets, as flights during this peak travel period are *always* full and often overbooked.

You can travel by boat from Athens to Cyprus. The trip takes two days and lands you at Limassol, the island's principal port. If you plan to go deck class, you will need a sleeping bag—it gets cold at night at sea. There are also boats to and from Haifa, Israel, Alexandria, Egypt, and the Greek islands of Rhodes and Crete.

There are a number of inexpensive weekend excursions available from Cyprus to other parts of the Mediterranean. If you want to take advantage of these opportunities, you must do so before or after the excavation. *Under no circumstances* will you be granted time off from the project.

## 9. Arriving in Cyprus

When you present your passport at Larnaca Airport or Limassol Port Passport and Immigration Control, you will be asked the purpose of your visit to Cyprus. Tell the officer that you are going to excavate in Dhali, participating in an educational program in archaeology—the Expedition to Idalion, a non-profit project. Your passport will be stamped with a 60-day visitor's visa. There is no charge for this visa.

## 10. Getting to the Town

After retrieving your luggage at Larnaca airport, you will walk into a throng of people waiting for other passengers. Pass through this thicket of people, angle slightly to your right, and then walk straight ahead along a covered sidewalk to the taxi stand. The dispatcher will ask you where you want to go. Your destination is Dhali (for pronunciation, see next page). The dispatcher will direct you to a taxi. Be sure to ask him the fare and then confirm it with the driver before getting into the taxi. The ride should cost about 30€. Many but not all of the drivers speak English. And be forewarned: Cypriot taxi drivers drive *very fast!*

The trip from the airport to Dhali, nonstop, should take about 20-30 minutes. Make sure the driver takes you to the Bonanza Saloon (a popular family restaurant), where you can ask for

George. George is a good friend of Dr. Gaber and has been associated with the dig for over 20 years. If you arrive in the morning or early afternoon and the Bonanza is closed, find a phone and dial 99-077-057 (Pam's cell phone in Cyprus). If you can't, you can also cross the main street at the intersection and head down the side street to the first house on the right (single story, blue exterior, citrus trees growing down the right side of the house). This is the field supervisors' house. Knock to see if anyone is there. If no one answers, just drop your luggage on the front porch, pull up a chair, and take a nap (after all, early afternoon *is* siesta in the town).

A cheaper but more time-consuming alternative would be to take a taxi from the airport to one of the service taxi stands in Larnaca town (such as Acropolis, Kypros, Karydas, or Makris) for about 3-4 Cyprus pounds. Then transfer to a service (pronounced *serveece*) taxi to Nicosia for another 3-4 pounds. Service taxis take several passengers to different destinations. Dhali is on the Nicosia route. Make it clear to the taxi driver that he must take you to Dhali, to the Bonanza Saloon (see below).

Service taxis run from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday-Friday; 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday; and 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday. Only one service taxi company operates on Sundays and they take turns, so keep trying until you find the right one. The dispatcher at the airport will know—tell him you want to take a *service* from Larnaca. Persist because he will try to convince you to take a regular taxi at the high price.

If you are arriving by boat, you must take a regular taxi from the harbor to the service taxi stands in Limassol. Transfer to a taxi to Nicosia (Dhali is on the way).

For your taxi driver, you are going to Dhali (pronounced *thalee*, the *th* pronounced like the *th* in *that*, the *a* like *ah*). That's

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