Permission Form for Class Field Trip
to Austin College Sneed Prairie Restoration Site

Your child’s class will take a field trip to Austin College’s Sneed Prairie Restoration site on ________________________________.

If the weather is not suitable on that date, however, it will be postponed. The Sneed property is a 100-acre prairie restoration site approximately 10 miles west of Sherman just north of Highway 82.

The field trip will provide an opportunity for your child to learn about our region’s Blackland Prairie and the process of prairie restoration. The field trip is designed to complement material we have been studying in class. These activities have been made possible by grants to Austin College from a variety of organizations, including the Dixon Foundation, Constellation EcoStar Grants, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Texas Parks and Wildlife.

It is important that students wear appropriate clothing and follow instructions to get the most out of the field trip and avoid injuries. **Short pants and sandals or other open-toed shoes are not acceptable.** All children should wear long pants, socks and substantial shoes such as heavy tennis shoes or boots. It is difficult to predict the weather so plan for your child to be dressed for outdoor conditions for the day of the field trip. **Temperatures and winds will be more extreme on the open prairie.** Please send warm jackets for cool days. We always recommend a hat, sunscreen, and a bottle of water for the prairie walk since the water fountains are in the pavilion area. If your child’s class is bringing sack lunches, please send water instead of carbonated drinks to help avoid dehydration from the prairie walk.

For the parent: My child ______________________________________

_____ has my permission to participate.

_____ may not participate in this activity.

Austin College may occasionally use photographs from field trips in Austin College print or web publicity. Students are never identified by school or grade in this publicity. You may indicate below if you do not want pictures of your child on the field trip used in this manner.

______ I do not want my child in photographs from the Sneed Prairie Field Trip.

Printed name of parent or guardian ________________________________

Signature of parent or guardian ________________________________

For the student: I agree to follow instructions and behave responsibly during the field trip.

Student’s name (printed) ________________________________

Student’s signature ________________________________

Date ________________________________