

**FIELD CAMPS INFUSE GEOSCIENCE EDUCATION  
 WITH CRUCIAL HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE**

Field camps are an integral part of the educational journey for young geophysicists. The hands-on experience gained in the field provides a critical supplement to the theoretical knowledge learned in the classroom. But rising costs, liability concerns, and the absorption of geophysics courses into broader programs like geography and environmental sciences have led to a substantial decline in the availability of field camp experiences for geoscience students. That's why we are so proud of our Field Camp Grants program made possible by the support of SEG Foundation donors.

Thanks to the generosity of its donors, the SEG Foundation is providing grants totaling US \$108,809 to ten field camps this year—making 2010 witness to the largest field camp payout in SEG Foundation history (Table 1). Without these grants, hundreds of geoscience students around the world would not be able to experience the challenges of collecting data in the field and interpreting it for real-life applications.

In addition to the educational benefit and skills development, many students find that these field experiences validate geophysics as their chosen profession. This is especially true for undergraduate students like Colin Cikoski, a former participant in the Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE), who reached a common crossroad where he had to decide if geophysics was the right choice for him.

“Without SAGE, I wouldn't be sure that geophysics was for me. Now I am,” said Cikoski, a student at the New Mexico Institute of Technology.

Thanks to the visionary leadership of TGS, our Field Camp Grants program was significantly expanded starting in 2009. TGS made a US \$500,000 multiyear commitment to the SEG Foundation to support this critical program; this included US \$80,000 in annual field camp grants. This extraordinary investment made nearly 75% of our field camp grants possible this year. We thank TGS for their commitment to growing exceptional young geophysicists!

The SEG Foundation is proud to partner with TGS to support geoscience field camps. Other geophysicists and corporations are also pitching in to ensure that geoscience students do not miss an opportunity to receive valuable field experience. Geophysical Pursuit, Inc. provided a US \$200,000 gift to establish the SAGE field camp endowment (additional contributions are welcome). Other generous commitments have come from Rutt Bridges, the Scott Petty Foundation, Global Geophysical Services, and the Canadian Society of Exploration Geophysicists (CSEG). Our special thanks go to two of these donors, Geophysical Pursuit, Inc. and Global Geophysical Services, who supplemented their field camp grant endowments with additional sponsored funds this year. Together with TGS and the SEG Foundation, these dedicated supporters are passionately doing their part to inspire the geoscientists of tomorrow. You can join them.



*Colorado School of Mines, Boise State University, and Imperial College Joint Field Camp in Chatee County, Colorado, 2009.*

Boise State University	Joint Geophysics Field Camp with Colorado School of Mines and Imperial College
Colorado School of Mines	Colorado School of Mines Geophysics Field Camp
Imperial College	Joint Geophysics Field Camp with Colorado School of Mines and Boise State University
Gadja Mada University Geophysics Student Association	Geophysics Expedition 2010
University of Texas	Marine Geology and Geophysics Ship-Board Field Experience
University of Houston	Geophysics Field School
Purdue University	Summer of Applied Geophysical Experience (SAGE)
University of Toronto SEG Student Chapter	Integrated Geophysical Investigation for Groundwater Distribution in the Bruce Peninsula, Ontario, Canada
University of Novosibirsk SEG Student Chapter	Baikal Lake: Geophysical Marvel of the Earth
University of Witwatersrand	AfricaArray Field School – Growth into Africa

*Table 1. Field camps supported by the SEG Foundation in 2010.*



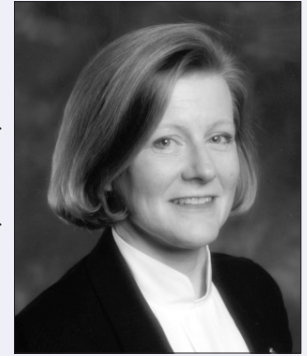
Operating a La Coste-Romberg meter to obtain gravity data at the Gadjadara University Geophysics Expedition (Indonesia) 2009.

Your gift to the SEG Foundation helps us operate programs, like field camp grants, that the geophysical community needs. Unrestricted gifts are especially helpful as they allow the SEG Foundation leadership to apply your funding where it is needed most. Donating is easy. Just visit [www.seg.org/donate](http://www.seg.org/donate), or you can send a check by mail. If you're interested in leaving a legacy through an endowment or other major gift like those mentioned above, please call us at +1 (918) 497-5500. Thank you for your support! **TLE**

—BRIAN K. YOUNG  
Development Officer

## DONOR SPOTLIGHT

“The SEG Foundation has been blessed with many generous and thoughtful donations over the years. The programs of the Foundation continue to grow and expand beyond our wonderful tradition of scholarships. While serving on the Executive Committee, I always found it a little frustrating to lack the discretionary funds to pursue all of the creative and worthy ventures proposed by the Foundation. Although my \$5000 contribution is not large by many standards, I have targeted funding for Projects of Special Merit, as it is an area that may be less well-endowed in a tougher economic climate, but one which certainly deserves the support of the SEG and its Foundation. Donor clubs like High Velocity provide a great opportunity for accelerated support of the exciting new Foundation programs.”



High Velocity 2010  
Trustee Associate  
SEG President 2000–2001

—SALLY G. ZINKE  
Trustee Associate

## SEG Thanks



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