Name _____ Year _____ Major _____

APPLICATION (Due November 11)
Political Science 224 / Recreation, Sport and Tourism 224: Politics of the National Parks: Yellowstone's Wilderness (CHP) Spring 2023 (first eight weeks) and summer field trip

Please answer these questions on a separate page or pages, using whatever space you need. We are not looking for the "right" answers. We don't expect you to be the next Bear Grylls. Think about the experiences you would expect from your future trail buddies. Honest answers that include learning from past challenges will better convey your preparedness.

While we will try to offer one of the three proposed itineraries, we may end up with something other than what we want. Yellowstone's backpacking office will not open up the reservation system until April, with reservation slots assigned by lottery. Even if we get our first-choice itinerary, we are unlikely to get all of our first-choice campgrounds.

Before applying, please think about your general level of fitness. The field trip will reward a healthy tortoise more than a speedy hare.

1. Please describe your previous outdoor recreational experience. We're particularly interested in multi-day experiences such as backpacking, wilderness paddling, or long-distance cycling.

2. What are your academic motives for wanting to take this course? Does it fit into a major or minor in Political Science or Recreation, Sport, and Tourism, or meet a GenEd:SBS requirement? Does the subject matter reflect some interest of yours??

3. Do you have any first aid training or certification? Our goal is to have a few people with these skills. Common examples include Red Cross CPR, Scouting badges, and similar kinds of certificates. Less common examples are military first aid training from Red Phase BCT, wilderness first responder, paramedic, EMT, or the like.

4. Which of the three proposed itineraries would be most attractive to you? Which would be least attractive? Please explain. Ideally we will have like-minded people.

5. What concerns do you have? Everyone has concerns - you can probably figure out Pahre's concerns from this application.