

Welcome to the 2024 ML/ARD Field School



July 29 – Aug 3, 2024

We are pleased to host you in Smithers, BC for this incredible course. We hope you enjoy your time here. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask Bill or a BVRC team member.

Air Canada services Smithers, via Vancouver.

There are many great hotels and AirBnBs in Smithers close to Main Street and the downtown core. Most amenities are within an easy 10-15 minute walk of Main Street.

General Course Expectations

Students are expected to be on time and ready to go with everything they need for classroom sessions and the mine tours. This includes warm clothes, rain gear, a hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and hiking or steel-toed boots for walking around mine sites. Hardhats and safety vests and glasses will be provided.

The risks associated with touring the remote mine sites include the drive to the site, which may be on active logging roads. Site hazards include loose rocks, heavy equipment, and chemicals. In addition, you will be taking a barge across a cold lake in order to get to Bell Copper Mine. We stop the bus for bathroom breaks. Wildlife in the area is also considered a risk. In signing up for this course, you have indicated that you understand and accept these risks.

Your own bagged lunch & snacks are required for Bell, Huckleberry and Equity mine tours. See information below for food options.

In the morning, the tour bus will **NOT** wait for late students and you are **NOT** allowed to come out later in your own vehicle.

If you notice a problem on the tour or have a medical issue, please bring this to the attention of one of the organizers. All students are expected to stay together in a group with the instructor and at no time should wander off alone. Please remember it is a professional courtesy that we are allowed to visit these mine sites. A map showing the location of each mine site will be provided.

As there are a large number of students in this course, please refrain from speaking when the instructor or mine tour representatives are speaking so that everyone can hear.

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Course Schedule

The schedule for the week will be confirmed on Monday, the first day of the course. The first day is a classroom session, held at The Old Church, in downtown Smithers, 3704 First Avenue (at King Street).

The Monday session will begin at 8:30 am at The Old Church. Coffee and muffins will be available starting at 8 am.

Course notes and other takeaways will be provided to students on the first day. There are no required prerequisite readings or textbooks to purchase. Please bring a pen and pad if you would like to take notes during the course.

We will also be at The Old Church on Friday afternoon after the Duthie Mine tour. (1:00 pm to 4:00 pm)

Mine Tours (subject to change)

Day	Time	Location
Tuesday	6:45 a.m.	Bell Mine
Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Huckleberry Mine
Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Equity Silver Mine
Friday	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm	Duthie Mine

Transportation to the mine sites will be provided via shuttle bus. Meeting times and location will be confirmed the day prior, as the course outline provided at the start of the course may be subject to change. Please ensure you know where to meet and what time **EACH MORNING**. Generally, pick up for the mine tours will be at Coast Mountain College, 3966 Second Avenue. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to the departure time.

The MLARD course is also a great time to socialize, get to know others working in the field, and enjoy what Smithers has to offer. As such, events outside of the course times are coordinated for your enjoyment. A rough schedule is below. Times and locations will be confirmed the day before each event.

Monday evening: Pizza and Beer social at a local Brewery at 6:00 pm (pizza and 2 beverages on the house).

Thursday evening: 6 pm - group dinner at a pre-determined restaurant (pay your own way).

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Local Information

There are a variety of great restaurants in town. Please be mindful we are in a small town; the restaurants aren't always equipped to handle large group walk-ins (unless booked in advance). If you have limited time, please check with your server before ordering. This is especially true for lunch times.

Restaurants, Pubs, Coffee

- *Louise's Kitchen* - open 7:00 am – 2 pm. Great for breakfast.
- *Two Sisters Café* – open at 8:00 to 4:30 pm. Good coffee and breakfast. Consider using their app to pre-order.
- *Bugwood Bean* – Espresso bar 8 am to 4 pm
- *The Alpenhorn* – pub and bistro
- *UFO on Main* – Ukrainian
- *Masa Yama* - Japanese
- *Telly's Grill* – Greek
- *Daddio's* – classic food
- *Roadhouse* – Comfort food. Extensive cocktail menu.
- *Blue Water* – Sushi
- *Tandoori Bistro* – Indian
- *Smithers Brewing Co.* and *Bulkley Valley Brewery* – Local craft beer

Grocery Stores/Lunch Options

- *Safeway* - 3664 Hwy 16
- *No Frills* - 3752 4 Ave
- *Bulkley Valley Wholesale* - 3302 Hwy-16
- *Out of Hand* - 3835 First Avenue. Good lunch to go options. 10am - 5pm
- *Sausage Factory* - 1107 Main St. 8am - 6pm. Sandwiches pre-made, ready to go.

Contact Information

- **Bill Price:** (course instructor): 250-847-0661

We hope you enjoy the course and your time in Smithers!