**Start of Internship**

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* So how's it going?
  + Small talk about trip out to ABQ
  + Have they been to the desert southwest before. Etc.
* Tell me about yourself and your family,
  + Where do they live?
  + What is their family unit like?
  + Parents’ (or guardians’) and siblings’ employment?
  + Parents’ (or guardians’) and siblings’ levels of education?
* How has school been for you this year?
  + Tell me about something you learned you think will be important for your future?
  + Describe an important experience from the past school year or two?
    - What was it about that experience that was important to you?
* How are you feeling about the upcoming summer?
  + Tell me about what you are most excited about?
  + Tell me about what you are most concerned about?
  + Explain to me why you wanted to participate in a (this) summer research program.
    - Why geoscience as an REU?
  + What do you hope to get out of it?
  + What attracted you towards the IRIS internship program, specifically?
  + How does this summer research program fit into your future plans?
* Have you had any previous research experience?
  + If so, could you describe some important things you learned from that research experience? (assuming they just describe what happened, you could follow with:)
    - When, where, NSF REU site or other?
    - What was the subject area?
    - What did they like and/or find beneficial about the experience?
      * So what did you make of that situation? What do you think research is?
      * Do you believe the experience have any impact on your schoolwork? If so, can you describe an example?
    - Describe some important experiences that evolved from this experience?
      * What was it about that experience that was important to you?
    - What did they not like and/or find beneficial about the experience?
* If not, how do you feel about participating in your first REU, particularly with respect to doing conducting research on your own
  + - What do you think research is?
    - Comfortability/Confidence level in conducting research?
* What are you thinking about doing when you are done with your undergraduate degree?
  + How do you think your family and peers would respond to these plans?
  + Tell me about your thoughts about a career in geophysics or geology?
    - Number of opportunities?
    - Types of employment sectors?
  + What are your thoughts on going to graduate school? If so how confident are they about…
    - The terminal degree (MS then PhD vs MS or PhD)
    - The subject area to pursue
* Tell me about your use of social media, remotely/online (texting, skype, blogs, facebook, email etc)
  + Can you describe an example of using any of these communication technologies for more than just socializing?
  + Have you ever taken a partially or entirely online course?
    - Do you feel it was successful?
      * If so, can you describe what made it successful for you?
    - What were some barriers to success?
* In IRIS’s internship program, participants are placed at a number of different institutions. Tell me how you feel about this?
  + - What opportunities do you foresee in a program like this?
    - Tell me about any apprehensions you have about being part of a distributed REU?