**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?