**COURSE SYLLABUS** **NR 108**

**2023 Fall Semester**

**Section #58247**

**NR 108 - Forestry Field Studies**

**Wednesday August 30 from 7:00 to 7:50 AM in FEM 8**

**Thursday September 7 from 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

**Friday September 7:00 AM to 5:30 PM**

**Instructors:**

L. Long NR 110 section 50154

K. Rodriguez NR 110 section 50154

J. Soderlund NR 116 section

0.5 units Credit/No Credit

**When:**

**Wednesday, September 6th from 7:00 - 7:50 AM FNR 8**

**(**Crew dynamics, Work Preparation Information) **THIS IS THE FIRST MEETING.  IT IS REQUIRED**

**AND**

**Thursday September 7th (7:00 AM-5:30PM)**

**Friday September 8th (7:00 AM-5:30 PM)**

**What to Wear:**

**Thursday & Friday- Long Pants, Work Boots, Long sleeve work shirt, Gloves, Eye Protection. Take a day pack with two quarts of water and your lunch for the day.  You will be outside all day and you will be working.  Don’t forget your lunch and drinking water!**

**Schedule:**

**Thursday**

            0700 Meet in front of CAT building and load up on the bus

            0800 Cabin Assignments / Orientation and Educational Walks

            1200 Lunch

            1230 Project Work

            1645 Discussion of Activities/Work, Return Equipment.

            1700 Dismissed

1800 Dinner

TBD After Dinner Presentation

**Friday**

            0700 Breakfast

            0800 Project Work Begins

            1200 Lunch

            1230 Project Work

            1500 Clean up, put away equipment,

1530 Load up on the bus & return to campus

1700               Dismissed

**Required Items to Bring:**

* **PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) Leather 8” work boots, hard hat, gloves, safety glasses (have these ready to show at roll call Thursday morning)**
* **Lunch** for Thursday and Friday
* Water Camel pack, day pack with water bottles, or water bottles on web (you must pack water without holding bottles in your hands while hiking and working)
* Coat or fleece sweater (mornings will be **cold**!)
* **Rain gear!!!**
* Personal medication (e.g. Benadryl®, Advil®, or Aspirin)

**WARNING**

Be cautious of bees, stinging nettle and uneven terrain (aka river bank and bluff) on School Farm

**Objectives and Guidelines:**

The above field studies course is a two-day class conducted at the School Farm located at Reedley College.

**NR 108 Course Outcomes:** In the process of completing this course, students will:

* Apply basic forestry and natural resources skills under field conditions.
* Identify job skills needed in the forestry and natural resources field.
* Distinguish between the management objectives of the various agencies involved in natural resources management.
* Describe watershed factors that contribute to giant sequoia tree reproduction.
* Practice brush removal using forestry hand tools.

**NR 108 Course Objectives:** Upon successful completion of the course, students will be able to:

* Demonstrate safe use of a pulaski tool to remove forest brush.
* Identify career employment positions that match student's interest and skill sets.
* Analyze ecological relationships of the biotic and abiotic components within a sierra nevada mixed conifer forest.

**Field Trip Regulations**

During these field courses, all college policies will apply.

* There will be NO USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL during the field trip. This is a zero tolerance policy and any deviation may result in expulsion from College.
* There will be **no smoking** allowed in any area of the school farm, due to **extreme fire danger**.
* Proper field clothes (hard hat and boots, long pants and long-sleeved shirt) will be worn during the field-training portion of the course. **Bring your own**.
* Students must be present for the entire session to receive a grade.
* If you are sick or injure yourself ... **SEE AN INSTRUCTOR IMMEDIATELY.**
* No food will be provided, **so**bring a sack lunch.
* Do not use profane or discourteous language.
* Use two-way radios only when essential for work tasks or safety and follow proper etiquette.
* Mature, appropriate behavior is expected of everyone throughout the day and night.
* At end of work day will stay to properly store all equipment. Your responsibilities for this class are not over until this entire task is completed.  Work as a crew.

**Accommodation Statement:**

If you have a verified need for an academic accommodation or materials in alternate media (i.e., Braille, large print, electronic text, etc.) per the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, please contact me as soon as possible.

**Cheating and Plagiarism:**

Cheating and plagiarism are serious offenses and will not be tolerated.  Students shall comply with Board Policy 5410; each student is expected to exert an entirely honest effort toward attaining an education.  Violations of this policy will result in failing grade on an assignment and/or entire course.

**Attendance and Grading Policy:**

**Students must be present for the entire session to receive a grade. This is a field studies course so you are graded (credit/ no credit) entirely on participation during the work day.**

**This course will commence at (7:00AM) on Wednesday, September 6 at Reedley College, Room FNR 8 for a roll call and to give important information for the trip.  All students must attend or have special permission by their instructor to make alternate arrangements.**

**And…**

**Thursday 9/7, at Reedley College this course will commence at 0700 hours (7:00AM).**  You may park your vehicle on campus or have someone drop you off.

**Friday 9/8, at Sequoia Lake this course will commence at 0700 hours (7:00AM).**

**Phone numbers in case of an emergency are:**

**Reedley College**

**559-494-3000**

**PERSONAL CODE OF CONDUCT**

# **STUDENT CONTRACT**

As a student enrolled in the Forestry/Natural Resource program at Reedley College of the State Center Community College District within the Community College system of the State of California, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations as outlined in the Reedley College catalogue, under "Policy", and the additional provisions included herein.

1. No alcohol or other non-prescription drugs are permitted on the RC campus, on any field trip, or at the RC school forest at Sequoia Lake.
2. No smoking on the Reedley College campus.
3. All students will participate in the entire field trip, beginning and ending at RC.
4. Rules pertaining to safety will be strictly observed.
5. No firearms, pets, or persons not enrolled in the field course are allowed.
6. Rules, policies, and procedures specific to Reedley College School Farm will be observed.
7. Students will remain on Reedley College property for the duration of the field trip.
8. Mature, appropriate behavior is expected of everyone throughout the day and night.
9. Students will arrive promptly at 0700 on Thursday & Friday and participate in all assigned tasks and remain productive until their release at 1700 on Thursday & Friday.

**Anyone not conforming to the above conditions may not receive course credit and may be immediately expelled.**

By signing this document, I acknowledge my personal commitment and responsibilities as they relate to the Forestry/Natural Resource program at Reedley College, and I understand and accept the consequences for my personal actions as they relate to the provisions laid herewith.

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Signature

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