

COURSE SYLLABUS

NR 8	INTRODUCTION TO FIELD STUDIES
NR 9	FOREST FIELD STUDIES I
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NR 15	ADVANCED FIELD STUDIES I
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Bates
 Benis
 Cannel
 Nolte

OBJECTIVES/GUIDELINES

The above field studies courses are three-day classes taught at the Sequoia Lake campus. They begin at the Reedley campus on Thursday and end on Saturday afternoon. Transportation to Sequoia Lake is provided. Any other arrangements must be made with the instructor at least one week prior to the trip. Cabins and beds are provided for the students and all meals, except Thursday lunch, are provided. Any special dietary needs must be submitted to the instructor one week prior to the trip. A list of items that you must bring and rules for you to follow while on the field trip are included in this handout.

A field trip itinerary will be provided one week before the trip. There is a fee which should be paid when registering for the trip. The fee pays for the lodging and food provided by the YMCA conference. Cancellation of the trip must be made two weeks in advance in order to receive a refund.

The day (Friday) of each three-day course is spent working on a forestry/natural resources field project, which not only helps keep the room and board fee low, but is an integral part of each field course curriculum.

Objectives: Our primary objective is to expose students to a realistic work environment. Secondary objectives include:

1. Learn to accomplish tasks in a safe, workman-like manner under forest conditions.
2. Develop new work skills and strengthen established one.
3. Develop cooperative relations skills and develop and strengthen the team work approach to a forest work setting.
4. Accomplish physical and technical forestry projects which will enhance the environmental condition of our school forest and the goals of the Sequoia Lake YMCA.
5. Help meet and further advance our agreement with the Sequoia Lake YMCA to provide meaningful, realistic forestry work projects on the property in return for our using the Sequoia Lake property as a school forest laboratory.
6. To advance the concept of professionalism.
7. To develop skills in environmental awareness.

drop date
 grade scale
 attendance

FIELD TRIP REGULATIONS

During these field courses, all college policies will apply.

1. There will be **NO USE OF DRUGS OR ALCOHOL** during the field trip. **This is a zero tolerance policy** and any deviation will result in immediate expulsion.
2. There will be no smoking (including use of smokeless tobacco products) allowed in any building. No smoking at the school forest, except in designated areas and times, and with **extreme caution**.
3. Campus code requires shoes (sandals acceptable) and a shirt to be worn at all times. In addition, proper field clothes (hard hat and boots) will be worn during the field training portion of the course.
4. Students must be present for the entire session to receive a passing grade.
5. If you are sick or injure yourself ... SEE AN INSTRUCTOR.
6. No swimming in the lake.
7. Lights out and quiet time from 10:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m.
8. Water is limited, so please use sparingly in the shower.
9. When going on walks, etc. use the "Buddy System".

GENERAL WORK STANDARDS

We are very proud of our Forest/Park Technology program here at Reedley College. Expectations are for students to meet the following standards:

1. Our school forest is a very unique and beautiful property; therefore, **always** treat it with respect. Pick up any trash you may find anywhere.
2. Students will observe all safety rules at all times.
3. No student will be allowed to participate in the work day activities who does not have proper work clothes (long sleeved shirt, long pants without cuffs, hard hat approved by instructor, leather work gloves, and proper laced boots with lug soles).
4. During the work period, students will stay with their assigned crews unless given permission to do otherwise by the supervisor.
5. The work day begins promptly at 0800 and will end at 1645. There will be a 30-minute lunch break between 1200-1300 (beginning when the lunch truck arrives). Other breaks will be determined by the supervisor.