

COURSE SYLLABUS**NR 8 INTRODUCTION TO FIELD STUDIES****OBJECTIVES/GUIDELINES**

The above field studies course is a three-day class taught at the Sequoia Lake campus. It begins at the Reedley campus on Thursday and ends 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 schedule of the actual field trip itinerary will be provided one week before the trip. There is a fee which should be paid when registering for the trip. This fee pays for the lodging and food provided by the YMCA conference. Cancellation of the trip must be made two weeks prior in order to receive a refund.

One 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 ones.
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 Sequoia Lake as a school forest laboratory.
6. To advance the concept of professionalism.
7. To develop skills in environmental awareness.

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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 accepted) 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".
10. All food will be provided, except for Thursday lunch ... bring a sack lunch. If you have special food requirements, let Mr. Bemis know by September 11.

WARNING

This year is especially dangerous ... we are having problems with BEARS and raccoons! Don't leave any food, lunches, etc. lying around while you are working. Also, **do not have any food items in your cabins at any time.** The bears are breaking into cabins to get goodies, and they can be **DANGEROUS** if cornered or surprised!

GENERAL WORK STANDARDS

We are very proud of our Forest/Park Technology Program here at RC. 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.
6. All tools, equipment, and materials assigned to crews will be returned to the warehouse at day's end. Work sites will be cleaned up before leaving the job site.
7. Crew supervisors are responsible for maintenance of tools and equipment at the conclusion of the work day.
8. Chainsaws will be cleaned, dull chains replaced with sharp ones, and damaged or defective saws and tools tagged for repair, etc. Dull chains will be put into orange cans provided for that purpose.
9. The warehouse and shop areas will be left in cleaner and better condition than we found them.
10. Students enrolled in projects or skills classes, or by arrangement for extra credit, will clean up, sharpen, etc. all tools as part of their assigned tasks. Additional students will be selected, if needed, to assist.
11. Students pruning trees or conducting any activity which could injure the eyes will wear safety glasses or screen goggles. **NO EXCEPTIONS.**
12. Crew leaders are responsible for the correct disposition of all tools, equipment, and materials used for their respective projects.

BRING

Sleeping bag or blankets
Personal gear, soap, wash cloth, towel, etc.
Extra clothes: undies, shoes, socks, etc.
Coat or heavy sweater (night can be **cold!**)
Boots, hard hat, gloves, rain gear
Flashlight
Camera, cards, etc. (optional)
Suitcase, duffle bag, or backpack to store above*
Lunch for Thursday (dorm students request lunch the day before)

***Don't** bring a backpack frame, please.

ATTENDANCE

These courses will commence at 0730 on Thursday at the RC north parking lot, and end on Saturday at 1700 upon return to the Reedley campus.

YMCA - CAMP GAINES

335-2382 or 335-2472

SCHEDULE

<u>Thursday</u>	0700	Lead buses and cargo
	0730	Depart from RC
	0830	Arrive at CDF
	1200	Lunch at Sequoia Lake
	1300	USFS - Pinehurst
	1730	Dinner at Sequoia Lake
	1900	Evening program
	2100	End of evening program
	2200	Lights out, quiet time
<u>Friday</u>	0700	Breakfast
	0815	Work day begins
	1200	Lunch
	1230	Work day resumes
	1700	Work day ends
	1800	Dinner
	1930	Evening program
	2100	End of evening program
	2200	Lights out, quiet time
<u>Saturday</u>	0730	Breakfast
	0815	NPS - Grant Grove
	1200	Lunch in the park
	1300	Converse Basin
	1500	Pack cargo for departure
	1530	Depart for school forest
	1630	Arrive at RC, unload
	1730	End of field course