

Field Investigations, Issues and Solutions

9/3/08 through 12/14/08

Fall Block Course at Audubon Center of the North Woods

Class Schedule

Instructors – Mike Link, Bryan Wood with Katie Kleese and Kate Crowley

The fall semester is approaching fast and we have a really exciting semester planned for you. As the semester moves along, you will be part of the planning. November and the trip in December will develop with your direct input and include trips to visit renewable energy programs, sustainable living programs, charter schools, and of course the Ozarks.

The schedule:

September 3 – arrive by lunch and meet Bryan Wood and Mike Link. You will settle in to the center, find your rooms and meet the staff and the new interns. We want you to feel like you are part of the staff. We want you to know our interns and have them part of your social circle and we want you to know the staff and feel like you really belong. Use September 2 for any on-campus registration needs. Check out your books. Remember that you have a book fee for the texts that will be due when you arrive

September 4, – you will be part of the center staff training.

September 5/6 - Hike, discussion, and readings from forestry text - pioneer forestry chapter 2.

September 7/8 – Off. One more day you can get things done on campus if needed.

September 9 – Adventure training with Bryan

September 10 – we will go to Hawk Ridge, look at the birds with the Elderhostel, and then look at the forests of the ridge and Minnesota Point as comparative studies in forest ecology.

September 11 – back in for adventure course training with Bryan

September 12 – Discussions and reading from text book on EE and forestry text book.

September 13/14 off

September 15/19 - Forest communities and composition. Use the key to explore the Audubon Center, visit state forests, certified forestry training, and discussions from forestry and EE texts.

September 20/ 21 – Off

September 22, 23, 24,25 BWCA trip with Bryan and Mike – canoe and camp skills, observations of logging history from textbook

September 26 – Return, review, and gear down.

September 27 – Open house at the Audubon Center

September 28/29 OFF

September 30 - October 3 Prep for school programming on and off site – visit charter schools, do programs at charter schools, lead groups at the Audubon Center. Over the next three weeks we will have some of you working with groups on site

and others will take off with Mike and Katie in the centers eco-RV and deliver programs on sustainable energy.

October 3/4 – Off

October 5-11 – Door County schools

October 12/ 13 – Off

October 14-17 – work with outdoor education programs

October 18- 19 – Off

October 20-24 – school programs

October 25-26 – Off

October 27 Possible backpack hike if you are interested for two nights with Bryan – choice of places – North Shore or North Country trails.

November

- Visit programs that focus on renewable energy and sustainable living. Observe and learning about minimum impact marketing, programs and design. This will include the Green Institute, Farm biomass energy production, Passive energy house, Wedge Coop, Great River Energy LEEDS platinum building, Science Museum.
- Mini expedition with Bryan to Buffalo Ridge, Morris campus, Glacial Hills and New Discovery charter schools, and Pipestone National Monument.
- During this period we will read and discuss from our text books, and plan the expedition to the Ozarks.

Week of Thanksgiving – Off

December 1 - 12 – Two week trip to finalize the semester, going to the Ozarks with specific inquiry objectives as well as logistics to address. Exciting and rewarding finish!

December 13/14 final presentations and gear down.

We are looking forward to this semester and hope you are ready to really engage in all the opportunities this fall.

Send any questions, problems so we are ready to go right away.

Text books will be available at the center when you arrive.