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RECM/EVST 495

Course Syllabus

Week One

Monday, 01/05

Arrive Condon @ 10 a.m., Welcome & Introductions, Course expectations
Tour facilities & get settled. Swan Ecosystem Center, Anne Dahl
Afternoon: Field activities (nature trail-winter ecology; winter wilderness skills)
Evening Program: “Wild by Law” video, reading assignments

Tuesday, 01/06 Classes begin @ 8 AM

Morning: Weather Forecast, Wilderness Management Lecture and activities;
Andrew Johnson, USFS, guest speaker
Afternoon: Visit with Bud Moore, Coyote Forest (community-based stewardship)
Evening Program: “Snowshoeing” & “Arctic Dreams” video, Group Meeting, reading assignments

Wednesday, 01/07 Classes begin @ 8 AM

Morning: Weather Forecast, Trip planning and gear shake down, Route planning, mapping activity
Backcountry Medicine, Trenton, Aerie School for Backcountry Medicine
Afternoon: Backcountry Medicine...continued
Evening Program: “American Values, American Wilderness” video and reading assignments

Thursday, 01/08 Classes begin @ 8 AM

Morning: Weather Forecast
Wilderness Management: “Threats to Wilderness,” Kari Gunderson
Afternoon: Ski and snowshoeing field trip
Evening Program: Group Meeting, Avalanche videos, reading assignments

Friday, 01/09 Classes begin @ 8 AM

Morning: Weather Forecast
Discussion on Rescue-Free Wilderness, Kari Gunderson
Avalanche Awareness, Leah Taylor, U.S. Forest Service
Afternoon: Avalanche Awareness...continued
Group Meeting, clean up facilities, depart from Condon for home by 4 PM

Week Two

Monday, 01/12

Arrive Condon @ 10 a.m.
Morning: Forecast
Winter LNT Principle and winter Camping.



Afternoon: Trip Planning and Preparation
Evening Program: Trip Preparation

Tuesday, 01/13 Depart at 8 am for Cold Lakes, Mission Mountains Wilderness
Group backcountry ski/snow shoe trip
Winter ecology, group dynamics & leadership, winter wilderness skills, and monitoring

Wednesday, 01/14
Group backcountry ski/snow shoe trip
Dig snow pit, snow analysis, build snow shelter, group dynamics & leadership, avalanche awareness, winter wilderness skills, monitoring, and winter ecology

Thursday, 01/15
Group backcountry ski/snow shoe trip
Group dynamics & leadership, avalanche awareness, winter wilderness skills, and monitoring
Return to Condon
Preparation for essay assignment, complete course evaluation

Friday, 01/16, Classes begin @ 8 AM
Morning: Trip Debriefing session, Essay Assignment
Afternoon: Group Closure activity, clean up facilities
Depart by 4 PM

Course Readings

Monday, January 5, 2009
Mission Mountains East
Guide to the Mission Mountains Wilderness
Mission Mountains Tribal Wilderness: A Case Study

Tuesday, January 6, 2009
Hypothermia: The Insidious Cold
Notes on Hypothermia, Cold Injuries, and Dehydration
LNT Winter Use Principles
Winter Camping & Backpacking Tips

Wednesday, January 7, 2009
Management Dilemmas That Will Shape Wilderness in the 21st Century
Stewardship to Address Threats to Wilderness Resources & Values
As Logging Fades, Rich Carve Up Open Land In West

Thursday, January 8, 2009
Rescue-Free Wilderness Areas
Incident Reports for the Mission Mountains Wilderness

