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BIOB 491-01 – CLARK FORK WATERSHED EDUCATION

PROGRAM

COURSE MEETING TIMES: Fridays 12:00-1:50pm, HS #108

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

In this course you will learn about the Clark Fork watershed in an integrative curriculum combining watershed science, history, biology, geology, chemistry and political science. You will also be introduced to best practices for teaching upper elementary classes.

Then, you will be part of a team of educators responsible for teaching this place-based science curriculum to 5th and 6th graders in nearby public schools.

TEXT: None required. Reading material will be provided.

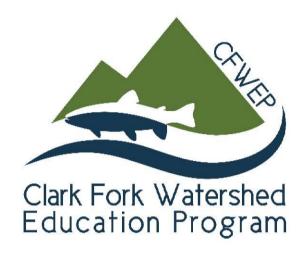
RECOMMENDED: Restoring the Shining Waters – Superfund Success at Milltown, Montana by David Brooks.

GENERAL COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:

CFWEP is ideal for students interested in careers in education or research, conservation, management or public policy. We strongly believe that all students will benefit in learning and practicing how to communicate scientific research to broader audiences. This course is real-life experience that will help you develop those skills.

Students will:

- Develop communication skills and ability to share scientific facts to the general public.
- Practice staging and delivering complex content.
- Model & foster logical thinking in the classroom.
- Familiarize elementary students to the scientific inquiry.
- Learn & teach about basic watershed science, the functions of a healthy riparian habitat, and the factors that make for a healthy waterway in Western Montana.
- Learn & teach about the environmental impacts of unregulated mining, particularly in Butte, and the effects it has had on the Clark Fork watershed.
- Learn & teach about the Superfund and the difference between restoration and remedy.
- Learn & teach about the differences between a healthy and impaired watershed; and how to restore an impaired one.
- Learn & teach about biological indicators and help elementary students figure out relevant data to collect.
- Learn how to & lead grade school students in collecting data on water quality, riparian assessment, and macroinvertebrates.
- Learn & teach about how to make sense of collected data in order to assess watershed health.



COURSE SCHEDULE:

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FIELD TRIP TO	DATE		Витте –
SATURDAY APRIL	1/11	Environmental Ed. with a Science focus and	13, 2019
ASSIGNMENTS: You will be asked to presenting lectures	1/18	why teach it? What is Science and why teach it con'. Start Lecture 1 - Watershed Knowledge	practice relating to our
program in the class. You are to hand in a end of class with		Lecture 1 con' and start Lecture 2	document at the comments on
what worked in this internship, what suggestions on how it	2/1	Lecture 2 - History of our Watershed & Teaching Demos/Observations	class and didn't work and could be done
more effectively. I recommend to start the beginning of the	2/8	Lecture 3 - Superfund and Clean-up & Teaching Demos/Observations Overlook of Milltown Park; Field trip	strongly the document at semester and
just keep adding to it ideas/concerns and	2/9	Mock-up, etc.	as experiences
occur. ? You are to teach on per week.	2/15	Lecture 4 – Is our Watershed Healthy & Teaching Demos/Observations Teaching Demos/Observations	average 4 hours
You are required to trips all on Fridays to	2/22		help lead 5 field the river with
children from the	3/1	Lecture 5 – Class management and Teaching Practices	public schools.

TOPIC

CLASSROOM BEHAVIOR:

You will be interacting with students and teachers in the public school system. You are an ambassador of the University of Montana, so you are expected to act responsibly and serve as a role-model. You must be reliable, responsive, and prompt to all ways of communication (email, phone, text).

DISABILITY SERVICES

The University of Montana assures equal access to instruction through collaboration between students with disabilities, instructors, and Disability Services for Students (DSS). If you think you may have a disability adversely affecting your academic performance, and you have not already registered with DSS, please contact DSS in Lommassson 154. We are happy to work with you and DSS to provide appropriate accommodations for your learning and testing.