Wildlife, Ecology, and Fisheries Management

*Course Syllabus*

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**Course Description:** To be prepared for career in natural resources systems, students need to attain academic skills and knowledge, acquire technical knowledge and skills related to natural resources, and develop knowledge and skills regarding career opportunities, entry requirements, and industry expectations. To prepare for success, students need opportunities to learn, reinforce, apply and transfer their knowledge and skills in a variety of settings. This course examines the management of game and non-game wildlife species, fish and their ecological needs as related to current agricultural practices.

**Class Content:**

During the course of this year, we will cover a wide range of topics concerning wildlife, fisheries, and ecology management. Some of the topics we will cover are listed below:

* Natural Resources
* Hunters Education
* Aquaculture
* Careers in Wildlife
* Wildlife Production
* Record Keeping Skills
* Ecological Concepts and Principles
* History of Wildlife
* Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management
* Importance of Wildlife and Ecology
* Identification, Breeds, and Characteristics of

 Wildlife Species

* Wildlife Laws and Regulations
* Game and Non Game Management
* Land Management

**Materials Needed:**

You will **NEED TO BRING A FOLDER** with brads and paper to leave in the classroom (your folder is going to count as your first grade in this course). Come prepared to class EVERYDAY! In addition to the following, other materials may be called for throughout the school year:

* Folder (With Brads)
* 2 Spiral Notebooks
* 1 Package-White Cardstock
* Coloring Utensils (Pencils/Crayons)

**Record Books:**

The Texas Education Agency requires that students taking Agricultural Science classes maintain a record book. Every student in the class will have an electronic record book assigned to them. You will be given time in class to work on it, however, you will also have access from any computer with internet service. All students are expected to keep the record book current. This will be a grade. **Note: Record Books are NOT optional.**

**Grading Scale:**

Grades will be determined based on Madison High School grading policy.

**20%**- Test/Quiz

**30%**- SAE Record Book

**10%**- Professional Career Standards

**20%**- Daily/Homework

**20%**- Project/Lab Work

**Student Expectations:**

1. **Be prepared.** Students are expected to bring their folder, notebook/loose leaf paper, a pen or pencil to class each day.
2. It is the **student’s responsibility** to obtain make-up work for days absent. Students will have one day plus the number of days absent to turn in missed work. All missed work can be found online or from your instructor.
3. This course is designed to be a hands-on course with a large amount of time working on labs, projects or agriculture techniques. Since some labs are difficult to recreate, absence should be avoided if possible.
4. Students are expected to work in a manner that is respectful of everyone in the classroom with the learning and safety of others as well as themselves to be of top priority at all times. Respect one another’s opinions and listen to each other as a professional team member. Soft skills will suffer significantly if you are late in completing assessments.
5. Students are expected to be productive and always strive to work to the best of their ability.
6. **Be punctual.** Students are to be in their seats when the bell rings and ready to get to work. If a student is tardy three or more times, he/she will be issued a detention to make up time.
7. **Participate!** Group work is a part of this course. Lab groups will be assigned but students will have the opportunity to work with a variety of people throughout the class. It is important that each student do his/her part in order to have a successful lab and a good final product.
8. Check the white board and online for instructions each day.
9. **No food or drink** will be allowed in the classroom without the direct permission of an instructor.
10. Written assignments must be completed on your own unless otherwise instructed.
11. Cell phones, iPods, mp3 players and any other cellular or digital device that is not a requirement for class should be put away.

**Power Standards:**

1. All students will demonstrate and apply appropriate safety and hygiene practices.
2. All students will consistently demonstrate professional soft skills necessary to gain and maintain employment (Collaboration, Respect, and Work Habits).
3. Students will problem solve and communicate effectively with one another.
4. Students will follow directions and apply agricultural knowledge and techniques.

**Class Updates/Reminders**

*Parents & Students: TEXT: @wild-fish1 to: 81010 to get reminders about tests, assignments due, and materials needed for class, etc.*

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By signing below, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (print clearly) understands the expectations and procedures to be followed in the Agriscience Magnet Program. Furthermore, he/she also understands the consequences.

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Parent/Guardian Signature Date

Syllabus signed by student and parent/guardian due back August 31, 2016

Student Bio Reflection for the instructor.

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
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3. What is your DREAM? (career, high-education, life-style, places to see, things to own, etc)
4. How do you think this class applies to your dream?
5. What are your talents?
6. What are your fears and bad attributes?
7. How else can your instructor assist you with learning, safety, and fun?