



LEAF Workshop/Course Syllabus

Forestry Education in the WI K-12 Classroom – NRES 740

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Location: Urban Ecology Center, Milwaukee

Dates and Times:

Friday, March 9, 2007 4:30 to 8:30

Saturday, March 10, 2007 8:00 to 4:30

Course Description

The course will present principles, activities and techniques used for teaching the K-12 student about the importance of Wisconsin's forests to our ecological, economic, and social well being. Participants receive a copy of the LEAF K-12 Forestry Lesson Guide and additional forestry-related education materials. The course is designed for the K-12 classroom teacher pursuing the skills and methodologies needed to teach their students about forestry.

Course Agenda

Friday, March 9 – Registration, Icebreaker, Participant introduction, Expectations, Workshop overview, Pre-assignment discussion, Teaching about Themes 1 and 2, Introduction to the LEAF Lesson Guides, Preparation for team presentations.

Saturday, March 10 – Teaching about Themes 3 and 4, Team presentations, Final assignment information (for credit), Hand out resources, Evaluation/Wrap-up.

Assignments and Grading

The course grade will be determined by two course assignments (the team presentation and the final assignment) as well as student participation. Grading for each assignment is done by the instructor using a specialized rubric. The team presentation is worth 25% of the course grade and the final assignment is worth 75%. Students will be provided with a written description of the assignments and a copy of each rubric. Inadequate student participation can affect the final grade by a full letter grade (meaning that a grade of A can be lowered to a B).

The final assignment is due by **April 9th**.

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