



Outdoor Recreation
Elk Grove High School
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Course Description:

Grade Level: 9-12

This course is designed to give experiences involving the study of wildlife and the decreasing quality and quantity of their environments. Students will also study basic forestry management, hunter safety, archery, fishing and backpacking. Students will be expected to complete individual projects and long-term assignments. Homework will vary by unit and will consist of reading, writing lab reports, and research papers. Tests will be given regularly and students will be expected to participate in assignments, class discussions, and other structured events. This course is one of a series of courses that prepare the student for college level entry into the various disciplines of Agriculture Science.

Class Rules

1. Every student has the right to learn.
2. The teacher has the right to teach.
3. Anything that prevents numbers 1 and 2 from happening is against the rules.

Expectations

1. If a student is absent, it is his/her responsibility to meet with the teacher regarding missed assignments. The student will have one day for every day he/she was absent to complete the work.
2. Students will arrive to class on time and be prepared, friendly, and polite, be a listener, a doer, a quality worker and positive risk taker in order to be successful.
3. **All work shall be turned in ON TIME if points are expected by the student on any assignment.**

Housekeeping

1. "The Classroom" is anywhere instruction is taking place. All class policies apply regardless of where the class meets (in a room, at the school farm, greenhouse or any other location).
2. Some labs and hands-on situations will require students to work with different types of lab materials and equipment. Safety is our first concern, and students will be informed of appropriate attire for various situations.
3. All other school rules will be followed and any discussion of these rules and their enforcement will take place after school.

Student & Parent Resources

Please check our website at elkgroveffa.com. Schedules, forms, updates pictures, and general information will be available at the Elk Grove FFA website. In addition, grades and a calendar will be posted on school loop.

Materials Suggested for Classroom Success:

- Pencil, pen or other writing utensil
- A three-ring binder
- Section Dividers
- 3-hole-punched notebook (college ruled preferred)
- California Agricultural Education Record Book (provided)
- Course text books (provided)

Notebook

Students are encouraged to record all the assigned notes/ warm-ups in a notebook. The notebook will be checked every Friday and graded. Pencils are suggested for work on record books and a simple calculator will be helpful.

Grades %

The class is graded according to this scale: 100-90, A; 89-80, B; 79-70, C; 69-60, D; 59 & below, F.

1. Classroom (Approximately 80%)

Completion of assignments:

Class Participation, class work and Citizenship	15%
Homework	10%
Class Projects/Labs	25%
Notebook	10%
Quizzes/Tests	20%



2. Supervised Agriculture Experience Program (Approximately 10%)

It is our goal that every student will have a SAE, or a project related to agriculture, which they can pursue both during and after school hours. These SAE projects are valuable tools in teaching work ethic and responsibility. In addition they can lead to awards and recognition in the FFA, scholarships, and future employment. Students will be required to maintain a record book regarding their SAE project.

The choices for SAE projects are:

1. Ownership- This is a project that the student owns. Some examples might be an animal, a crop of some kind, or potted plants in their room.
2. Non-Ownership- A project which the student works with, but does not own.
3. Work Experience- Any job related to agriculture can be considered work experience whether it is paid or unpaid. Some examples might be mowing the lawn, working for a local agriculture business, or home improvement projects.

3. FFA (Approximately 10%)

The FFA, formerly known as the Future Farmers of America, is a national organization found in thousands of high schools across the United States. The goals of the organization are to develop premier leadership, personal growth, and career success. Your son/daughter automatically became a member of the National Organization when he/she enrolled in an agriculture class. There are numerous opportunities to participate both during the school year and after school in FFA activities. These activities will be given a point value that will be reflected in students' grades. **Students are strongly encouraged to purchase a FFA membership card, which is \$10.**



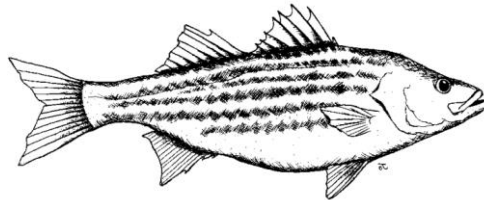
Binder/Notebook Checks

A. The Binder:

It is recommended that students have a 1 inch, three ring binder for this course that includes class materials. Materials that are **suggested** to be kept in the binder include Warm-ups, a 70 page notebook, and graded assignments, tests or quizzes within a semester. Students should bring these materials to class daily.

i. Binder/Notebook Checks: The binder (or equivalent) will be checked EVERY FRIDAY at the beginning of class. Each binder check will be worth approximately 20 points (about 200 points per quarter). The binder will be checked for Warm-ups which are worth 2 points each (10 points per week) and also for notes which are worth 10 points per set.

ii. Restrictions: If a student is absent during the week, the student should make up any notes or mind movers missed in their absence. If a student is absent during the week, the student should make up any notes or mind movers missed in their absence. Only those students who have remembered to bring the proper materials to class on Fridays for the check, or who have successfully made up absent/missed notes and warm-ups, and whose materials are displayed teacher approaches their desk during checks will receive credit for the check.



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Please have your son/daughter return this part of the letter.

I understand the policies of the Outdoor Recreation Class and will put my best effort forth.

Student Signature_____

Student Name (printed)_____

Parent Signature_____

Parent Name (printed)_____