

FIELD TRIP TO FOSSIL RIM WILDLIFE CENTER

WHERE?

Fossil Rim Wildlife Center: (<http://fossilrim.org>) is a drive-through education site

- ungulates from all continents and special concern for Texas endangered species
- off HWY 67 west of Glen Rose between Austin and Fort Worth,
- about 1.5 hr SW from Dallas
- about 3.5 hours NW from College Station (Hwy 6 through Meridian and Walnut Springs)

WHEN? (confirmation pending; check on elearning for updates)

Sunday, Oct 14, 2012: 7:00 a.m. to about 9:00 pm (may be earlier if we don't stop for dinner)

- OPTION A: 6:45 am choose your reserved seat on a van departing Post Oak mall parking lot from the corner near Chuy's Mexican Restaurant (1512 Harvey Ave)
- OPTION B: 11:00 am self-transport to meet at Front Gate of Fossil Rim Wildlife Center

ITINERARY

- 7:00 am departure (will not wait for late arrivals; call 979-220-4115 to cancel reservation)
- 9:00 am pit stop in Waco; snacks at convenience store
- 10:30 am arrive Fossil Rim main gate, register & pit stop
- 11:00 am transfer to open air safari vans for intro tour
- 1:00 pm late lunch at Overlook
 - brown-bag at picnic tables
 - buy your own lunch at Cafe (omnivorous options)
 - gift shop, petting pasture, nature trail
- 2:00 pm briefing at tour van for W3 demo activity
 - observations of red deer
 - video red deer behavior
- 4:30 pm pit stop at main gate
- 5:00 pm load into TAMU van
- 6:00 pm pit stop in Waco
- 6:30 pm travel to College Station
- between 8:00-9:00 pm return to College Station

HOW?

Inform Course Leader in response to the A1Participate Assignment (elearning assignment tool)

- to reserve a seat, send emergency contact info (name, phone, relationship)
- explain any other special considerations, or an excused absence
- transportation and tour fee paid from field trip fee collected at registration; not refundable
- "on your own" lunch and dinner: bring and/or buy; cooler and ice provided in van

Things to bring:

- Warm clothes or layers! Rain gear
- A3Deer Inquiry worksheet M1 from Module 1, pencils, clip board
- food/drink (or enough \$ to purchase)
- OPTIONAL
 - camera, binoculars, rainproof bags,
 - pillow, earplugs for nap in van
 - stories, tapes, songs for entertainment during travel

WHO?

All registered class participants (including off-campus section), plus Course Leader and assistants

- to request a seat for significant others, send a [PS message](#)
- our driver at Fossil Rim will be an experienced staff or docent

WHY?

Guided hands-on experience applying the basic concepts (CDEF) to analysis of behavior of real animals;

- observations for M1 activity in the A3 Deer Inquiry assignment (elearning assignment tool)
- opportunity to get to know course participants and leader
- a time to reconnect with nature, place academics in perspective, and talk about the question "Why study behavior?" in a zoo/park setting

FAQ's

Q: What if I cannot participate in the Field Trip?

A: There are several options, to consider and propose in a personal PS message.

- OPTION A: You may earn equivalent participation chat points.
- OPTION B: You may ask to substitute one of the optional workbooks (Sealion or Grizzly)
- OPTION C: You may view the Fossil Rim videos from previous years in the video folder of the Ethogram Workbook

Q: Can I bring a friend?

A: you may request to include significant others, requests will be considered depending on space available; send a [PS message](#)

Q: Can I change my mind about going after reserving a seat?

A: For an excused absence, you MUST communicate by voice or email. Failure to communicate will result in subtraction of 10 points from your participation score.

Q: If I go, can I do my Ethogram on a different species?

A: Yes, you must submit a PS message in writing, and receive approval in writing prior to the field trip.

Q: When is the Ethogram Workbook due?

A: It is due the last day of class.