**Syllabus --- FW 111 Basic Outdoor Skills in Fish, Wildlife, and Conservation Biology**

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**COURSE FEE:** $261

**PREREQUISITES:** None, course is open to all majors.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** The course introduces and develops basic outdoor skills important in fish, wildlife, and conservation biology for management and research. Skills learned are related to the basic history and philosophies of the profession. A key focus will be learning through hands on experience. The course will not provide full competence in any skill area.

**READINGS & ASSIGNMENTS:** Readings from selected books and papers that detail historic and current uses of skills and philosophies the science and management of our natural resources, with emphasis on fish, wildlife, and conservation biology. Readings and assignments should be completed by the class period listed on the schedule. Assignments must be typed and proofread for correctness.

**REPEAT STUDENTS:** Those taking FW 111 for the second or third time will only attend the 2nd lecture date for the last hour, and will instead complete online readings and assignments. There will be a separate syllabus for you.

**ABOUT THE BASIC OUTDOOR SKILLS:** Susanne and Bret Roller, Director of Programs & Executive Director of Wildland Awareness and Educational Institute will coordinate the various outdoor skill modules, which will be taught by qualified professionals. The 2-day field trip with an overnight stay, including meals, will involve instruction and learning of 4 skills over the weekend with approximately 4 hours devoted to each skill. On Saturday, there will also be a 2-hr evening session devoted to a lecture/discussion about the profession and conservation of fish and wildlife.

**REGISTRATION FOR OUTDOOR SKILLS MODULES:** Class size for each module is limited to, in general, 8---12 participants, and registration is on a first-come basis with priority given to those having not taken the module in the past. You’ll be notified via Canvas and/or email the day after the first lecture with information on how to register for the modules via the web and a link for online registration. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee specific modules. To ensure you receive emails and notifications for the course, PLEASE be sure your CSU EID email address is up to date. Brief description of potential modules is available at: http://warnercnr.colostate.edu/~kenw/outdoorskills.html