STEP 1: Sign up to be part of an ecosystem team / date

WETLAND or FOREST TEAM

- MARCH 3 TRIP
- MARCH 4 TRIP

DONE!

Each team will lead a 60 - 90 minute field trip on March 3 or 4.
You MUST attend either March 3 or 4 (Saturday or Sunday).

STEP 2: Group Organization

Selection of Individual Topic Areas by Team Members

- Groups assigned by Jan 22
- DUE January 31 – 5 points

DONE!
STEP 3: Preliminary Site Visit with Instructor

In-class visits of 90 minutes:

- Wetland Site Feb. 5 (Wetland teams only)
- Forest Site Feb. 14 (Forest teams only)

**DONE!**

WEDNESDAY

STEP 4: Team Preparation

Two class periods available for teams to meet:

- Wetland Teams: Feb. 14 & 26
- Forest Teams: Feb. 5 & 21

**To successfully lead your part of this trip:**
- Initiative is a MUST
- Visit the site (2-3 times suggested)
- Use site & general resource materials!!!

STEP 5: Instructor Team Review

In-class meeting of team & instructor for 30 minutes:

- Wetland Teams: Feb. 21
- Forest Teams: Feb. 26
  - See exercise handout for when your team meets
  - Meetings in classroom

**Assignments Due**

- Individual topic outline plan (bring copies for you, team & instructor)
- Group logistics plan (bring copies for team & instructor)

STEP 6: The Field Trip

(March 3 or 4)

Your team:

- Leads 1 field trip (90 minutes)
- Takes 1 field trip (90 minutes) (take notes)

Assignments

1. Individual topic outline plan (10 points)
   - Specific ideas of what you could focus on and what would be used in the field to illustrate those things (and where)
   - Connection to principles discussed in class
   - Does not need to be exhaustive – e.g., not every mutualism but 2-3 important ones easily illustrated in the field would be good

2. Group logistics plan (5 points)
   - Where you will go
   - What will be illustrated in different areas; who will guide / speak
   - Timeline & map
   - I'll be looking to see if you considered topic flow and logistics thoughtfully
Field Trip Exercise

Saturday, March 3 – THE MORNING at the WETLAND

9:00 – 10:30
Wetland Team 1 leads
Forest Team 1 around wetland

10:40 – 12:10
Wetland Team 2 leads
Forest Team 2 around wetland

STEP 6: The Field Trip (March 3 or 4)
Your team:
- Leads 1 field trip (90 minutes)
- Takes 1 field trip (90 minutes) (take notes!)

Assignments Due
1. Individual topic on field trip (30 points)
2. Overall field trip (group) (10 points)
3. Field Trip handout (15 points)

Saturday, March 3 – THE AFTERNOON in the FOREST

1:00 – 2:30
Forest Team 1 leads
Wetland Team 1 around forest

2:40 – 4:10
Forest Team 2 leads
Wetland Team 2 around forest

The same things happens on Sunday, March 4 for teams 3 and 4 of each site

FIELD TRIP EXERCISE
Assignments Due
1. Individual topic on field trip (30 points)
   - Need not be exhaustive – representative overview of topic area
   - Notes can be used
2. Overall field trip (group) (10 points)
   - Overall flow, schedule & coordination
   - Redundancies reduced; complementarities utilized
3. Field Trip handout (15 points)
   - Highlight of information structure, key points & places
   - Should NOT be detailed!
   - Copies for other team, your team & instructor (~ 13)

STEP 7: The Field Trip Report
Structured report on what you learned from the field trip you took

- Structure based upon the topic areas covered in the field trip
- Selected specific examples (what, where) of things you learned in each topic section (need not be exhaustive in number but thorough in description of the examples you use)
- Focus on the ecology you learned, not field trip logistics, events
- Simply copying things off handouts will not be acceptable
- Due March 7 – format details in handout