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Yellowstone Wildlife Ecology Program



△ camp under the big sky

This program is an amazing opportunity to study wildlife with the U.S. Forest Service along the borders of Yellowstone National Park.

Yellowstone is the oldest National Park in the United States and home to some of the country's most fascinating wildlife and geological features. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem provides the ideal setting to immerse yourself in wildlife, mountains, rivers, and forests all in an effort to better understand the varying conservation issues facing the region.

We'll start the week doing conservation research and service work with the U.S. Forest Service in the wilderness just north of Yellowstone; there, we'll focus on different wildlife population surveys and monitoring projects. Next, we'll spend a few days exploring the amazing wildlife and landscapes of Yellowstone, looking for wolves, bears, bison, elk, bighorn sheep and more.

The 7-day course includes instruction in cutting edge wildlife research methods, conservation biology, wildlands management, and scientific inquiry. Participants complete over 20 hours of field research and develop and present a field-based research project using the data they collect.

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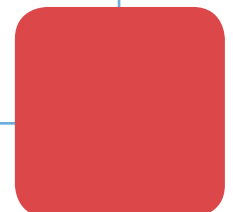
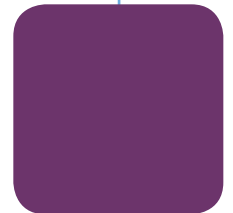
- Study wildlife like bears, wolves and more
- Explore the amazing Yellowstone ecosystem



△ collect samples for grizzly bear DNA research



△ Investigate alpine ecology



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Yellowstone Wildlife Ecology Program Itinerary

Day 1: Course Introduction

- Travel to Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem
- Get to know your instructor team
- Introduction to research project with the U.S. Forest Service (USFS)
- Learn basic research skills

Days 2-3: Conservation Service Work

- Contribute to conservation efforts in the Centennial Valley
- Put your hands to work assisting the Nature Conservancy with restoration projects
- Monitor mountain blue bird hatchlings with US Fish and Wildlife Service

Day 4: Explore Yellowstone

- Wolf watch in the amazing Lamar Valley
- Learn about geothermal activity and geysers
- Hike to explore a high mountain lake in the Yellowstone National Park

Days 5-6: Wildlife Monitoring with the USFS

- Monitor transects and search for animal sign
- Hike in the majestic Rocky Mountains
- Enjoy the evening stars under the Montana Big Sky

Day 7: Closing and Return to Home

- Course graduation and return home



Details:

- **Accommodations:** 6 nights in tents
- **Course dates:** June- August, 2011 (call for openings)
- **Price:** \$255
- **Price Includes:** All-inclusive (except transport to/from program)

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