* Class Syllabus*

**Wildlife Conservation**

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**Course Description**

This course prepares students for activities in the conservation and/or improvement of natural resources such as oil, water, air, forests, fish and wildlife for economic and recreational purposes

**Course Rationale**

Agriculture encompasses the food, fiber, conservation and natural resource systems, employing over 20% of the nation’s workforce. Management of our natural resources, wildlife, and ecological systems is an essential component in sustaining our environment.

**Costs**

FFA Dues (Due by September 5th) $20.00

FFA Jacket (Must Tell Mrs. Smith By September 5th) $62.00

FFA Scarf or Tie $10.50

*\*In this class the students will be working on projects in the shop. Students will pick out, design and pay or find someone to pay for the project that they make.*

**Grading**

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| **Percent Range** | **Grade** | **Percent Range** | **Grade** | **Percent Range** | **Grade** |
| 100-95 | A | 82-80 | B- | 69-67 | D+ |
| 94-90 | A- | 79-77 | C+ | 66-63 | D |
| 89-87 | B+ | 76-73 | C | 63-60 | D- |
| 86-83 | B | 72-70 | C- | 59-0 | F |

**Classroom/Laboratory Assignments 50% of total quarter grade**

 Classroom and Laboratory assignment will be assigned at the desecration of the instructor. These include worksheets, quizzes, tests and laboratory assignments.

**SAE/FFA Record book 15% of total quarter grade**

Your SAE and the record book are essential to your instruction in agriculture education. Thus they will be part of your grade. You will be required to have one on-site visit each semester (it is your responsibility to schedule this visit with me) as well as record books will be checked once a month. A work day will be given once a month to work on your record book.

**Classroom/Lab Notebook/ Journal 10% of total quarter grade**

 Your classroom/laboratory notebook is your portfolio. It is important that all of your assignments go into your notebook because you will be graded on completeness and neatness. There will be ten Spot checks of your notebook and they can be done at any time. There will always be a check at the end of the quarter.

**Attendance 10% of total quarter grade**

 10 points will be given daily for coming to class prepared (i.e. pencil, paper, proper clothing for activities and willing to learn) as well as following rules. NOTE: Anytime that we will be doing an activity that requires a change in clothing you will be notified in advance.

**Participation……………………………………………………………………………..5% of total quarter grade**

25 pts. total must be earned each quarter points are earned by attending FFA activities, bring supplies for the FFA chapter, paying your dues etc… see attached list for point information.

**Agri Science Research Project …………………………………………………………10% of total quarter grade**

Twice a quarter you will be given assignments and time to develop you Agriscience Research Project. You final Project will be due FEBUARY 12th 2015. The criteria can be found on FFA.org.

**Tardy/Absence Policy**

Students are allowed 2 tardy per quarter before disciplinary action is taken according to school policy. A tardy is defined as failure to be within the student’s assigned seat at the beginning class bell.

Students will be given every opportunity to make up work, provided absence was excused. Students will be given one day for each day missed to turn in class assignments/projects for full credit. It is the student’s responsibility to find out if any work was missed during absence.

**Classroom Rules**

1. **Follow directions the first time they are given**.
2. **Watch your mouth**. No foul language and / or comments.
3. **Mrs. Smith is my name** I expect you to use it at all times in addition I expect you to respect my wishes and me at all times
4. **Treat each person in this room with respect and dignity** make sure that you respect everyone in the classroom as a person.
5. **Follow all school policies in the school handbook** – these must be followed in my classroom.

**If YOU CHOOSE to Break a Rule:**

Violation of the basic rules of the class will be dealt with the manner described below. This format is in no way all inclusive and is subject to change:

**1st Offense** – Warning a loss of five participation points.

**2nd Offense –** Three Strike Form began, write creed 1 time and a loss of five participation points.

**3rd Offense –** Three strike form continued, detention, phone call home and a loss of ten participation points

**4th Offense –**Three strike form continued &Office Referral, and a loss of fifty participation points.

Warnings carry over for the entire week. However, continued violations will be noted and dealt with appropriately.

 Three Strike forms carry over for the entire semester and can be from different types of infractions

Creed must be turned in the following class period or it will be a 3rd offense.

Detentions must be served with in one week of the offense or it will be a 4th offense.

**NOTE ANY VIOLATIONS SUCH AS TOBACCO USE, DISTRUCTION OF PROPERTY, THEFT & INSOBORDINATION DIRECTED AT THE TEACHER OR VIOLENCE WILL RESULT IN AN IMMEDIATE OFFICE REFERRAL.**

**Resource Materials**

All resource materials will be provided by the instructor. Resources cannot leave the classroom unless express permission is given by the instructor.

Items must be returned in the condition that they were given to you or you will be charged the cost to replace it.

***\*Class syllabus is a broad overview of the class and as complete as possible. However, it is subject to change, but sufficient notice will be given to the student.***

**I have read the class syllabus in its entirety and are familiar with the information on the syllabus.**

**Students Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Parents Signature:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**Please return to Mrs. Smith by Friday, September 5th to receive full credit.**