Western Field Camp 2015: 
Field Techniques in Wildlife Studies

BIO 470-471: 4 Quarter Units

Aug 9 - 21 (12 days) 
Swanton Pacific Ranch, Santa Cruz County

Field Techniques in Wildlife Studies is an intensive, resident field camp emphasizing wildlife identification and field techniques for vertebrates. Administered by California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo and Western Section of The Wildlife Society, the 4-unit course, held at Cal Poly’s scenic Swanton-Pacific Ranch near Santa Cruz, includes hands-on field time, data collection and team projects. Instructors include wildlife professionals from agency, academic, private and non-profit sectors. Informal time with mentor-instructors allows students to discuss career opportunities.

Meals, lodging, and 4-units of academic credit are included in the $1,610 course fee. Course is limited to 16 participants, with students working in groups of 4-5 to maximize hands-on experiential learning and mentoring. Contact Lead Instructor John Perrine, jperينة@calpoly.edu with a brief (150-word) paragraph describing your interest in the camp, and a short list of previous coursework or equivalent to meet the prerequisites below. Upon instructor clearance of your pre-requisites, registration is through Cal Poly Extended Education (805) 756-2053.

Participation open to college undergraduates with junior standing or above, graduate students, and professionals who have completed pre-requisite course-work or equivalent: BIO 162 (Intro Organismal Form & Function) or BIO 263 (Intro Ecology and Evolution) or BIO 427 (Wildlife Management) or ASCI 329 (Principles of Range Management).

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