

# RPTA NEWS *November/December 2011*

Department of Recreation, Park & Tourism Administration  
Western Illinois University



## **Spring 2012 TRAVEL WORKSHOPS (RPTA 450)**

(Note: Contact the professor in order to enroll in a RPTA 450 prior to the January 30, 2012 deadline.)

**RPTA 450(G). (1hr) Dr. Yoder will be offering a Travel Workshop: Illinois Park and Recreation Association (IPRA) Annual Conference.** This Travel Workshop will be held January 26-29, 2012 in Chicago, IL at the Chicago Hyatt Hotel. Leave on morning train on Thursday, January 26 and arrive around noon. Return Saturday, January 29 either morning or evening. Cost to the student is \$150 plus train ticket (about \$30), meals and conference registration. This is a great place to find internships and jobs, and to develop and/or strengthen your network. You must sign up early! Contact Dr. Yoder, [DG-Yoder@wiu.edu](mailto:DG-Yoder@wiu.edu), if you are interested.

**RPTA 450(G). (1hr.) Mike Lukkarinen will be offering a Travel Workshop: IHSA March Madness.** This one day travel workshop will be held on Thursday, March 8, 2012 and will take a behind the scenes look at the work involved with putting on both a successful sports exhibit and running a premier high school state tournament that culminates into an enjoyable sport tourism experience. The fee for this course will be the cost of transportation to & from the site, and will be split by all who attend. This should total no more than \$10-15 a person. Costs for meals & incidentals are the student's responsibility. Course requirements include: a reaction paper to the March Madness exhibit itself and a reaction paper to the IHSA sanctioned tournament & events that kick this off. Contact Dr. Lukkarinen, [MD-Lukkarinen@wiu.edu](mailto:MD-Lukkarinen@wiu.edu), January/February to sign up for this travel workshop.

**RPTA 450(G). (1hr) Dr. Doh will be offering a Travel Workshop: IL Governor's Conference on Tourism.** This Travel Workshop will be held March 14-16, 2012 in Rosemont, IL. Additional costs and information for this workshop to be announced at a later date. The group will be required to meet twice in the Spring Semester before the trip. Contact Dr. Doh at 298-3247, [m-doh@wiu.edu](mailto:m-doh@wiu.edu), or during her office hours in Currens Hall 404C if interested.

**RPTA 450(G), (1hr.) Dr. McGowan and Dr. Schlag will be offering a Travel Workshop: OZARK TRAIL – Backpacking Challenge.** This Travel Workshop will be held April 19-22, 2012. Build core competencies in wilderness living and travel techniques requisite to planning and leading safe outdoor recreation/education programs using backpacking as the mode of travel. First class meeting is Friday March 2 at 12:00 noon in Currens Hall 408. Class meets once a week for the following five weeks. The travel study portion of the class takes place Wednesday April, 19 through Sunday April 22 in the St. Francois Mountains of Missouri and the Mark Twain National Forest on the Ozark Trail. The travel study fee is approximately \$85.00 and covers transportation, group camping equipment, and meals in the field. Students supply their own sleeping bag, pad, backpack, outdoor clothing, rain gear, hiking boots and personal items. Contact Dr. McGowan, [ml-mcgowan@wiu.edu](mailto:ml-mcgowan@wiu.edu), or Dr. Schlag, [P-Schlag@wiu.edu](mailto:P-Schlag@wiu.edu), for more information.

**RPTA 450(G). (1hr) Dr. Porter will be offering a Travel Workshop: Fly Fisheries Resource Management.** This 1 hr. workshop will be from May 13-19, 2012. Leaving Macomb on May 13, on-site May 14-18, return to Macomb May 19. Lab fee is \$300 (Assuming 10 students). For students needing wader and fly rod/reel combo, Redington/Rio will provide for an additional fee of approximately \$150 (\$360 retail). TO ENROLL: A deposit of \$150 is due in Currens 400. Only 12 spaces available. Contact Dr. Porter, [R-Porter@wiu.edu](mailto:R-Porter@wiu.edu), for more information.

**TAKE A TRIP TO THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS & RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDIT!**

**RPTA 378 / 490G CONSORTIUM IN OUTDOOR RECREATION  
IN GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS NATIONAL PARK  
(2 credit hours)**

**RPTA 378 / 490G - Consortium in Outdoor Recreation** is a field studies course involving students and faculty from a consortium of universities (Western Illinois University, East Carolina University, University of Missouri-Columbia, North Carolina State University, Texas A & M University, and Penn State University). The purpose of the course is to provide students with a hands-on exposure to a well-known outdoor recreation resource in a challenging atmosphere which encourages high interaction with faculty, outdoor educators, resource managers and their staffs, other outdoor and tourism related professionals, and decision-makers and business people in both the public and commercial sectors. The week-long field experience includes opportunities for students to focus on in-depth studies in one of five different tracks: 1) wildlife, 2) backcountry user management, 3) fisheries, 4) historical/ cultural preservation & sustainable tourism, and 5) ecological restoration or all-taxa biodiversity inventory (ATBI). The dates for the trip are **March 18-24, 2012** & the class meetings are Thursdays from 3:30-5 p.m. in Currens 415. The course fee is \$425 which covers room and board for the week at the Great Smoky Mountains Institute at Tremont (GSMIT) and the Outdoor Recreation Consortium fee. Additional costs for transportation, consortium T-shirts & incidentals will be approx. \$100+. Enrollment is limited to 20 students & prior application is required. For more information, contact Katharine Pawelko at KA-Pawelko@wiu.edu. The Frank D. Lupton Outdoor Recreation Scholarship is available to students participating in Consortium. This scholarship covers \$250 toward expenses for this trip. Scholarship information may be picked up from the RPTA office.

**Study Abroad to Spain sponsored by RPTA Dept.**

Recreation, Sport and Leisure of Spain: A Comparison with the United States  
Summer 2012 – June 14-28

Traditional classes held at University of Alicante Spain

Field trips to include but are not limited to:

**Select An Interest Meeting to Attend:**

**Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. – Currens 204**

**Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> – 7 p.m. – Currens 204**

The Interest Meeting will give you a better estimate of costs and the deadlines for application and payments. Student will need passports for the trip/class. It is a good idea to get the process started earlier rather than later. You will watch a short video and hear from a current student from Spain.

Since this is a RPTA Department class, RPTA Students will get priority sign up. However, students can bring other people with them that are interested in the class/trip to the Interest Meeting. There is a cap on the number of students who can go on the trip.

**If interested, contact Dr. Yoder at [DG-Yoder@wiu.edu](mailto:DG-Yoder@wiu.edu)**

Under Catalog Year 2011? Guess what? This course will fulfill 3 hours of RPTA electives plus your Foreign Language/Global Issues Requirement!!!

## **Developing a New Study Abroad Course for January 2013**

Dr. Doh and Rachel Smith are developing a study abroad course setting sail in January 2013. The course is an introduction to the cruise line industry and will be a hands-on learning opportunity aboard a Disney ship with two ports of call in the Bahamas. Please see one of these professors if you would like to be added to an interest list to receive information on the course as it develops.

## **CHECKOUT TWO OF OUR DEPARTMENTAL MINORS!!**

### **Nonprofit Administration Minor**

If you are interested in working in the nonprofit sector, check out the Nonprofit Administration Minor. Dr. Zoerink has created a blog for this minor. For periodic information about what's happening in the minor, certification, and the nonprofit profession in general, visit the blog at [nplcertification.blogspot.com](http://nplcertification.blogspot.com). Or, for further information, contact Dr. Zoerink at [DA-Zoerink@wiu.edu](mailto:DA-Zoerink@wiu.edu).

### **Outdoor Leadership Minor (ECOEE)**

ECOEE is now a minor! It is the Outdoor Leadership Minor! If you are interested in ECOEE for Fall Semester 2012, you can access ECOEE information by typing [www.wiu.edu/rpta/ecoe](http://www.wiu.edu/rpta/ecoe) into your browser. (You should know that this is an application only minor and that the application MUST be turned in to Jeff Tindall's mailbox in the RPTA Office by the deadline.)

**Application Deadline: No Later Than Friday, Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>.**

(LOOK at the Wilderness First Responder Course included in this newsletter because it is a requirement of this minor. You must take this course before going out on the Fall 2012 Expedition!!!!!!!)

## **Congratulations to the following RPTA Students:**

Colleen Spreitzer - November 2011 RPTA Student of the Month

Trent Moore - Recipient of the Richard S. Westgate Professional Service Award

Allison Christopoulos - Recipient of the Macomb Park District Brenda Sayre IPRA  
Scholarship

Brett Devlin – 135<sup>th</sup> Chemical Company Soldier of the Year, 404<sup>th</sup> Brigade Soldier of the Year, and Illinois Runner-up Soldier of the Year

## **NEWS FROM Horn Field Campus**

H.E.L.P is hosting a Chili Cook-off for the RPTA Department in the lodge of Horn Field Campus on December 1st at 6:00pm. It will cost \$2.00 to get in and will cover the cost of beverages, chili sampling, and watching the faculty judges eat/vote for their favorite chili. Contestants should have their chili at Horn Field by 5:30pm on that date.

## **CONSIDERING GOING ON ECOEE? READ THIS!**

If you are considering going on ECOEE (Environmental Conservation Outdoor Education Expedition) for the Fall semester 2012, you need to have your application in Jeff's mail box as soon as possible. More information about this program and applications are available on-line at: [www.wiu.edu/ecoee/](http://www.wiu.edu/ecoee/)

ECOEE 2011 will return at the end of November, so make sure to stop in and visit with Jeff as soon as he returns if you are interested in going on ECOEE for Fall Semester 2012.

**IMPORTANT! ANY STUDENT PLANNING TO GO ON ECOEE FALL SEMESTER 2012 SHOULD PLAN TO TAKE THE WILDERNESS FIRST RESPONDER (WFR) CERTIFICATION COURSE OVER SPRING BREAK AT HORN FIELD CAMPUS. Read below for additional information.**

### **Wilderness First Responder Course**

**Saturday, March 10 - Sunday, March 18, 2012**

**Horn Field Campus**

The Wilderness Medical Associates (WMA) Wilderness First Responder (WFR) course is a nationally recognized program that trains participants to respond to emergencies in remote settings. The 70-hour curriculum includes patient assessment system, environmental topics, musculoskeletal systems, practical skills and critical systems. Upon successful completion of the course, participants will receive the WMAWFR, Anaphylaxis, and PLS/Healthcare Provider-level CPR certifications.

Fee: \$650 before January 27

\$700 after January 27

A non-refundable deposit of \$300 is required to reserve your place in the course with remaining balance due upon arrival. The cost includes all course materials, lodging (onsite) and kitchen use. (Please note that students CAN use their student accounts to pay for the course!)

The deadline for course enrollment is February 3, 2012. After February 3, please check availability, as spots may still be available. A minimum number of registrants is required to proceed with the course. Register early!

For more information regarding course content, visit [wildmed.com](http://wildmed.com)

For information regarding WIU and Macomb, refer to [wiu.edu](http://wiu.edu)

For more information regarding Horn Field Campus, refer to [wiu.edu/hfc](http://wiu.edu/hfc)

## **SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

2012 9th Annual Environmental Summit

**Wednesday, April 4, University Union**

**"Scientific Discovery and Technological Innovation:**

**Understanding the Environmental Impacts and Creating Solutions"**

For more information, contact Mindy Pheiffer @ [mj-pheiffer@wiu.edu](mailto:mj-pheiffer@wiu.edu)

## **Wilderness First Responder Recertification Course**

**Monday, March 19 - Wednesday, March 21, 2012**

### **Horn Field Campus**

The Wilderness First Responder Recertification is a 16 hour course which reviews the curriculum of the WFR. You will be recertified for three years upon course completion.

Course Prerequisite: You must have current WFR and CPR certification from WMA to enroll in this course. You will also be required to complete a study packet that the WMA national office will send directly to you. Bring this packet to the recertification class.

Deadline to Register: Please register by February 10, 2012 to ensure course enrollment. After February 10, please check availability, as spots may still be available.

Registration and Cancellation: A non-refundable deposit of \$200 is required to reserve your place in the course. Payment must be made by check payable to WIU Horn Field Campus. We do not accept credit cards. The remaining total amount is due upon arrival. A full refund will be given if the course is cancelled. PLEASE NOTE THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER. A minimum number of registrants is required to proceed with the course. Register early!

Fees: \$300 before February 10; \$350 after February 10 (\$200 is due at the time of registration with remaining balance due upon arrival.)

Fee includes all course materials, on-site lodging and kitchen use

**SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!**  
**RPTA PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE**  
**FRIDAY, February 24, 2012!!!**

### **FALL 2011 COMMENCEMENT INFORMATION**

Saturday, December 17 - 1:00 p.m. -- Combined Graduate/Undergraduate Commencement Ceremony #2, Western Hall, Macomb

College of Education and Human Services

College of Fine Arts and Communication

Caps, gowns, and tassels are available from the University Union Bookstore. The cost is \$30.00. Orders may be shipped via UPS until Dec.9.

### **SUMMER CAMP JOB FAIR FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

Are you looking for a rewarding summer job where you can learn new skills, gain valuable job experience, and earn money ALL at the same time? Then don't miss this year's Summer Camp Job Fair held in the University Union Grand Ballroom on Thursday, February 2 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Camps from across the country will be on campus to hire students for their summer staff. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain valuable experience and discover a rewarding job. If you are an experienced camper, or just have an interest in camps and working with youth, please consider volunteering by contacting the RPTA Department office at 298-1967.



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