Island Expenses

Expenses on Ossabaw to include boat fees, camping fees, instruction, and food: $225. Deposit $50. Remaining fee of $175 must be paid w/tuition for Mini-Term.

UF Tuition G, instate ($729)
Application Fees ($35G or $25LUG) for new students ARE NOT INCLUDED.

Application Information

Admissions: All new undergraduate and graduate students must make formal application for admission to the University of Tennessee. A $35 application fee (non-refundable) is required of all new applicants(G).

Readmissions: Undergraduate and graduate students whose last attendance was before Summer 2003 must apply for readmission. Contact Ms Glenda Nee at 974-5063 for admission and readmission applications.

To apply and hold your reservation, each applicant must complete the reservation deposit form. Send this form with your $50 deposit as SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Details of the course (slides of previous trips led by Dr. Melear) and pre and post trip classes (5) and technology instruction will be described at the informational meeting.

There is space for only a limited number of students; acceptance will be made by the instructor on a first-come basis.

TEXTS: The National Science Teachers Association PATHWAYS to the Science Standards

General Information

Transportation is not included in the cost. Car-pooling can be arranged at the pre-trip classes. Spending money will be at the discretion of each participant. Savannah has many attractive sites you may want to visit before or after the field trip.

Ossabaw Island, a 26,000 acre barrier island, is one of Georgia’s “Golden Isles.” Ossabaw Island is Georgia's first Heritage Preserve, the strongest level of protection offered by the state. Ossabaw is maintained as a “wilderness preserve, to be used solely for natural, scientific, and cultural study, research and education, and environmentally sound preservation of the island’s ecosystem.” The former owner of the island, Mrs. Eleanor “Sandy” West directed that the island could be visited primarily by educational groups. She feels that her island, accessible only by boat, is an ideal site for education, inspiration, development of creativity and community. Ossabaw is home to maritime forests, marshes, rivers, swamps, hammocks, animals of these habitats, and an ocean beach of 9.5 miles.

In fact, we will have the only camping site on the beach. Because the island is so remote, only drinking water, water for bathing (no bathrooms), a covered pavilion with picnic tables, and a primitive palm-surrounded “facility” are provided. Dr. Melear has found that previous attendees do not miss the modern conveniences when surrounded by island and beach beauty, once they arrive. Everyone will be “roughing it,” and the importance moves to the incredible flora, fauna, and barrier island processes, the focus of our studies.

The outdoor curriculum should be exciting and rich. Extensive shell and ocean animal collections will be made by each participant.

See November 2001 issue of National Geographic magazine for update on Mrs. West plea to the State of Georgia to keep their promise and resist pressure from recreational lobbyists for unlimited access to Ossabaw.

SUPPLIES: A list will be distributed at the informational meeting. You will need items such as tent, sleeping bag, binoculars, etc. NO RADIOS are allowed.

Reservations & Payment

The $50 deposit will hold your reservation. Purchase books before the first pre-trip class meeting. The remainder of the $175 island costs will be added to your mini-term fee statement. No other reminders will be sent for the March 30 informational meeting.

Each student will be required to read, sign, and have notarized a Waiver of Liability and Assumption of Risk Form for the Ossabaw Island Foundation and The University of Tennessee.

The University of Tennessee is an EEO/AA/Title VI/Title IX/Section 504/ADA/ADEA institution in the provision of its education and employment programs and services.

A previous enrollee, a new teacher remarks: “I discovered everything a textbook could not have taught me. Just a string of facts, the smell of the ocean, the sight of a million stars, inclusion and absolute peace with nature and with myself.”

An experienced teacher said: “I learned so much more about birds, the coastal ecosystem, the plants and the geology. The experience will last a lifetime and will help me be a better science teacher to my students.”

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Savannah

Ossabaw

Tybee

Wassaw

St. Catherines

Blackbeard

Ipalo

Wolf

Little St. Simons
Sea Island
St. Simons
Jekyll

Brunswick

Atlantic

Ocean

Georgia’s Golden Isles

Field Trip Dates, May 26-30, 2004
There will be 5 additional classes and 15 hours of Technology work required at UT.

Enclosed is my check or money order in the amount of $50.00, subject to the course conditions which I have read.

I understand that I must pay the balance due by the date established in this brochure, with mini-term fees.

Name:________________________________________
Address:_____________________________________
SS#_________________________________________
School:_______________________________________
Email:_______________________________________
Home Phone:________________________________
School Phone_______________________________

Mail reservations, along with a $50 deposit by check or money order payable to the University of Tennessee, to:

Ms Shauna Cook
Theory & Practice in Teacher Education
The University of Tennessee
A405 Claxton
Knoxville, TN 37996-3442
Please note “Field Trip/Ossabaw Island” on the bottom of the check/money order.

MINI-TERM RESERVATION DEPOSIT FORM

Please make reservations for me for the course checked below:
Section #06889 - SciEd 506 - Science Education
Studies in Natural Environments

Field Trip Dates, May 26-30, 2004
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Ocean Beach & Estuarine Ecology Education

Graduate Course, including Field Trip to Ossabaw Island near Savannah, Georgia

Mini-Term, 2004 (3 credit hrs)
May 26-30 (on Ossabaw)

Pre-trip classes, May 10, 12, 17
Post-trip classes, June (TBA)
Pre & Post classes, 6-9pm at UT,
Room A428 Claxton
Technology instruction, 15 hours TBA

Dr. Claudia T. Melear, Instructor
Science Education
College of Education, Health & Human Sciences
The University of Tennessee

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OUTDOOR EDUCATION EXPERIENCE FOR TEACHERS
The University of Tennessee will offer this course during Mini-Term 2004...
SciEd 506 - Section# 06889
Science Education Studies in Natural Environments.
http://web.utk.edu/~ctmelear/ossabaw/

The National Science Education Standards (NSES) suggest the systematic study of nature as appropriate inquiry-based instruction for K-12 students. This course will situate teachers in an isolated natural setting, thereby stimulating their own study of nature, as suggested by the NSES. Focus will be on establishing a learning community onsite, with group and individual observational and empirical studies. The learning and community will be augmented via web-based instruction and construction of lessons about nature upon return from the trip. Dr. Melear will be joined by visiting faculty. (TBD)

This course has been approved by the UT College of Education and may be used by Elementary, Middle or Secondary teachers toward certification.

There will be an informational meeting March 30, 6-7pm in A428 Claxton.