

BIO and AYALS Majors – Two Opportunities That Are Too Good Not to Share

Are you looking for opportunities to enroll in one or more BIO elective courses that emphasize an environmental or field biology approach? If so, please read the following invitations, one involving AuSable Institute and the other Stone Laboratory on Gibraltar Island of Lake Erie.

AuSable Institute and **Cedarville University** have been collaborating to offer biology and chemistry courses taught by faculty of other Christian colleges/universities at the following locations:

AuSable-Great Lakes (northern Michigan) - May Term and Summer Sessions I and II

AuSable-Pacific Rim (Whidbey Island, Washington state) - same as Au Sable Great Lakes

AuSable-Everglades (Over Christmas Break, or June, 2004)

AuSable-Africa (Nairobi, Kenya)

AuSable-India (Tamil Nadu, South India)

This past May Term and Summer Sessions, three Cedarville students gained credit for such courses as Ornithology (study of birds), Environmental Chemistry, and Limnology. Some of our BIO and AYALS students choose to return to Au Sable as alumni to take additional courses or complete an Internship. For example, Becki Wells, has just finished an Environmental Education Internship at Au Sable--Great Lakes and plans a career in Outdoor Education. Becki wrote to Dr. Silvius with the following comments:

My internship experience was WONDERFUL!!!! I am so thankful for the time I spent up there. I really enjoyed teaching the children. The experience gave me confidence that I CAN be a good teacher and I WOULD enjoy having a career in environmental education for the rest of my life.

The purpose of AuSable is to provide opportunities to study ecology and conservation biology from a Christian environmental stewardship perspective in locations rich in aesthetic, spiritual, ecological, sociological, and anthropological aspects of the relationship of humans to God's creation. Courses emphasize on-site field studies of the local landscape, natural history, and people. Grades transfer directly to your transcript just like any Cedarville University course (4 semester hours).

Ben Rosner (Au Sable and Cedarville (2002) Alumnus) wrote in a letter around Christmas:

I am still with the same firm and am enjoying my job and the generous amount of time it allows me to spend outdoors in creation. The company has recently signed a contract to perform stream restorations on approximately 28 miles of streams in Reston, Virginia. The project has already begun and will continue for at least the next 10 to 15 years, with monitoring periods extending beyond. The benthic organism ID from general ecology has come in handy for me in this area as part of my involvement with the restorations includes identifications and inventories of these species.

Each year an academically qualified student is selected to be the AuSable Fellow and will receive a Fellowship of \$1500.00. Two outstanding Cedarville students have been awarded fellowships for Summer, 2004. Students not receiving the Fellowship may apply for a Grant-in-Aid (normally \$600.00 each). Course descriptions and details are printed in the Au Sable Bulletin and you may register on-line at <http://www.ausable.org/au.main.cfm>. You may stop by my office, ENS 220A, or talk with Dr. John Silvius, Au Sable Representative (ENS 272) or Dr. Terry Phipps (ENS 273) who has taught at Au Sable, to discuss the program and how it may enhance your academic program. Official registration and approval is obtained through Academic Services with Dr. Silvius assisting. We can also refer you to Au Sable alumni who are still on campus.