

### **Monday – Morning Session (9am-noon)**

- I. Introductions & “I’ve Got Mine” Activity
- II. The AP Course  
Acorn Book  
Examples of syllabi
- III. Importance of Field Work & Labs
  - A. Integrating concepts into labs & inquiry-based learning
- IV. The Exam  
Multiple choice (60%)  
Free response (40%)  
Types of questions  
Discussion on interpreting questions and writing good responses (handout)

### **Monday – Afternoon Session (1-4:00pm)**

- I. Biodiversity Measurements
  - A. Shannon Biodiversity Index Simulation
  - B. Benthic Bugs and Bioassessment
- II. Inquiry and Water Quality Measurements (DLC)
- III. Introduction to Study of Pond Ecosystems
- IV. Introduction to BioBottles - Planning
- V. Field Preparation for Tuesday

*Homework:*

- 1) Read through Lab 6 – Determining the Health of a Pond Ecosystem
- 2) Do Activity – Ecological Experiments in the Field: River Food Chains
- 3) FRQ #2 – 2001 (Food Web/Ecological Interactions)
- 4) FRQ #4 – 2001 (Stream WQ)

### **Tuesday – Morning Session (8-noon)**

- I. Gather Equipment for Field Activity
- II. Field Activity: Determining the Health of a Pond Ecosystem (Sunset Park)
- III. BioBottle Design & Construction
- IV. Human Population Changes – Survivorship Curves (The Cemetery Lab!)
- V. Travel back to Del Sol High School

**Lunch: *The Lorax***

### **Tuesday – Afternoon Session (1-4:00pm)**

- I. Consolidate Cemetery Data & Construct Survivorship Curves
- II. Review and Discuss Monday Homework  
Ecological Experiments in the Field: River Food Chains  
FRQ #2 – Food Webs, Ecological Interactions & Experimental Design  
FRQ #4 – Stream Water Quality and Experimental Design
- III. Stream Quality Monitoring Handout & Discussion on Lab Design
- IV. Energy Calculations

V. Field Preparation for Waste Water Treatment Plant

*Homework:* 1) Construct Aquatic Food Web from Jacks Pond Park  
2) FRQ #4 – 2005 (ANWR)  
3) FRQ #1 – 2007 (Waste Water Treatment)

**Wednesday – Morning Session (8-noon)**

- I. Evolution: Thought Exercises (Part I)
- II. Field Trip to Las Vegas Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) - 6005 East Vegas Valley Drive (8:30-11:00)
- Preliminary Design of WWT Plant Lesson
- III. Evolution: Thought Exercises (Part 2)

**Lunch:** “Wonderful World of DUNG!” – video & question sheet (yes, I have a cruel sense of humor ;-)

**Wednesday – Afternoon Session (1-4:00pm)**

- I. Debrief trip to WWT Plant & Discuss FRQ #1 – 2007
- II. Nutrition and Food Resources
- III. Toxins & Health Analysis
- IV. Wicked Problems – Mock Trials
- V. Syllabi Review and Construction – Part 1
- VI. Discuss and Review Homework

*Homework:* 1) FRQ #1 – 2000 (Power Plant Calculation)  
2) Onondaga Lake Case Study & Calculation Problems

**Thursday – Morning Session (8-noon)**

- I. Review Homework Activities
  - A. Onondaga Lake Case Study and Problems
  - B. FRQ #1 – 2000 (Power Plant Calculation)
- II. Explorations in Soil & Food Resources
  - A. Earth Apple
  - B. Productive Land vs Population Growth (website)
  - C. The Wealth Beneath Your Feet – Soil Lab (also discuss Lettuce Lab)
- III. Human Population
  - A. Bacteria Bottles
  - B. Demographic Facts of Life

**Lunch:** “Cane Toads” – video and question sheet

**Thursday – Afternoon Session (1-4:00pm)**

- I. Human Population (cont)
  - C. Human Population Growth
  - D. Power of the Pyramids

- II. Discuss and Review Homework:
  - A. Aquatic Food Web Activity (Heather) & “Oh, DEER” Activity
  - B. FRQ #4 – 2005 (ANWR)
  - C. Discuss Waste Water Treatment Lesson Design
- III. Syllabi Review and Construction – Part 2
- IV. Participant Activity Exchange
- V. Review textbooks & lab resources
- VI. Workshop Evaluation & Suggestions

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