



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR FEBRUARY 28-MARCH 6, 2010

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FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 2, 2010**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68** in room SPA 315 at noon.

SEMINARS

Wayne Hatch, DA graduate student with **Dr. Gene Scalarone**, will present his Proposal Seminar **Thursday, March 4, 2010**, at **12 Noon** in the **Lecture Center 10**.

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Matt Germino hosted the **1st Meeting of Bromus (Cheatgrass) Researchers and Managers From the Western United States** in Salt Lake City, UT, **February 23-24, 2010**, for our USDA-funded project, "Exotic Bromus grasses in agroecosystems of the western US: REEnet synthesis of current and future invasions, impacts, and management."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society announces the 2010 Annual Meeting, Idaho's Native Fishes: Understanding Their Distribution and Abundance, March 3-5, 2010, at the Red Lion Hotel, Pocatello, Idaho. Hosted in part by the Portneuf Student subunit at Idaho State University. For more information about this event go to: <http://www.idahoafs.org/meeting.php>.

Native Flora Workshop, March 23-24, 2010, Idaho State University, Wood River Room, Pocatello, Idaho. *The Sah-Wah-Be Chapter of the Idaho Native Plant Society is pleased to sponsor the 1st Idaho Native Flora Workshop, Back to Basics in Field Identification. Co-hosts include: The Idaho Museum of Natural History, Ray J. Davis Herbarium, and the Idaho State University Department of Biological Sciences.* **\$35 registration fee (\$15 for students) due by February 28, 2010.** Registration submitted on March 1, 2010, or later \$45 (\$25 for students). Cost of the banquet \$21 per person. **Find the registration form, schedule, and other relevant information** by clicking on the link, *Native Flora Workshop*, at www.idahonativeplants.org. Conference attendees may pay by check, Mastercard or VISA. Please contact Janet Bala at (208) 282-2815 (work), (208) 317-3824 (cell), or balajane@isu.edu with questions regarding the workshop.

OPPORTUNITIES

Idaho State University Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) Summer Program in Nuclear Physics, Radiobiology, and Nuclear Engineering. This NSF-sponsored program immerses undergraduate students in active research projects where each student is engaged in hands-on research from a variety of areas in Nuclear Science. For 10 weeks, these students will be partnered with faculty and graduate students from the Idaho Accelerator Center, the Department of Physics, the Department of Anthropology, the Department of Nuclear Engineering, and the Department of Biological Sciences at Idaho State University.

The program encompasses a lecture series on advanced topics in physics and related disciplines, as well as participant presentations. A stipend of \$4500, room and board, and travel reimbursement are provided. Organized activities for REU students include whitewater rafting, camping, and hiking. We especially welcome applications from women and students from minority groups. **Applications due March 5, 2010.** More information and application materials are available at <http://www.physics.isu.edu/internships/reu.html>.

Summer in Biomedical Science (SIBS) Undergraduate Research Program 2010. This summer, the Departments of Environmental Health Sciences, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Genetics, Medicine, Microbiology, Pathology, Physiology and Biophysics, Pharmacology and Toxicology, and the Arthritis and Musculoskeletal Center at the University of Alabama at Birmingham are sponsoring an eight week program in which selected undergraduate students will conduct laboratory research under the guidance of individual UAB faculty members. Student recipients of this competitive fellowship receive a stipend of \$2000 for the summer. Students will receive free on-campus housing but will be responsible for their own meals, travel to and from Birmingham, and other expenses. **The program dates will be May 31 – July 23, 2010. The application deadline is March 12, 2010.** Students can learn more about SIBS and obtain the Application Form online at www.uab.edu/sibs or by contacting Robin G. Lorenz at rlorenz@uab.edu.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

BLM Wyoming has opportunities for intern and contractor assistance with the Native Plant Materials Development Program. One aspect of this program is the collection of seeds of native species, focusing on all local genotypes, but also emphasizing species suitable for use in reclamation and restoration (*e.g.* for use in sage grouse habitat). BLM partners with the “Seeds of Success” program and the Chicago Botanic Garden’s Conservation Land Management Intern program to accomplish this work. BLM Wyoming will hire up to eight interns for the 2010 field season and will also offer seed collecting contracts through <http://www.grants.gov/> (not yet posted). Inquiries may be directed to Adrienne Pilmanis at 307-775-6035 or Adrienne_Pilmanis@blm.gov. For more information: http://www.blm.gov/wy/st/en/programs/plant_conservation.html.

The Greater Yellowstone Coalition and National Park Service are partnering to offer a great opportunity for undergraduate students, graduate students, or recent graduates interested in wildlife biology, interpretation and/or park management. Applications are sought to fill two paid internship positions in Grand Teton National Park. **This twelve-week internship must be completed** between May and September, 2010. **Interns will be required to display a pleasant, helpful and professional attitude** during daily contact with park visitors. Interactions with visitors who are disgruntled or in violation of regulations will occasionally occur, requiring tact, patience, and other social skills. **Interns will work in close proximity to bears, moose, and other large, potentially dangerous mammals.** Some assistance to biologists and rangers in nuisance bear management situations may be required, as well as directing visitor activities when observing animals at close range. **Compensation for the internship is \$12/hour.** A park volunteer uniform will be provided. Housing in Grand Teton National Park will be available at a cost of approximately \$250-\$400/month. **Interns must possess a valid driver’s license** and may drive a government vehicle. **Work will be performed mostly outside** with significant time standing and/or walking, sometimes in cold, heat, or other inclement weather. Shifts most likely will start mid-day and end after dark. **Students may use this internship to satisfy academic requirements,** to fulfill internship requirements, senior thesis, etc. Individuals selected will work in collaboration with both Greater Yellowstone Coalition and Grand Teton National Park staff. **Interested candidates should submit the following materials:** cover letter addressing the individual’s interest in the internship and relevant experience, a resume outlining the applicant’s experience and education, including contact information for three references (include at least one previous work supervisor). Email materials (subject line “Wildlife Brigade Intern”) to jobs@greateryellowstone.org. **Requested materials are due by midnight (MST) on February 28, 2010.** Before hiring, a background check will be required. Questions should be directed to Chris Colligan at (307)734-0633 or to the above email address.

Detroit Ranger District is looking to fill 2 seasonal positions **Biological Science Technician (Botany) GS-04/05. One of those is Student (STEP) position.** Deadline for an application is March 15, 2010.

Applicants can apply online at <https://www.avuedigitalservices.com>. Interested Applicants should apply to the following Job announcements: **Biological Science Technician (Natural Resources) GS-0404-6/7, Biological Science Technician (Botany) GS-0404-04/05, Biological Science Technician (Wildlife) GS-0404-04/05, Biological Science Technician (Fisheries) GS-0404-04/05, Hydrologic Technician GS-1316-04/05, and Archeological Technician GS-0102-04/05.** Be sure to choose Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District as a preferred work location on the application form.

PAYROLL INFORMATION

Our pay period ends Saturday, March 6. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, March 8, at 12 NOON.** This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, March 9,** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them.