

Judy and I have finished our review of the applications for the Biomes of Australia'06 class. Twenty four applications were received. Twenty were chosen to join the class and the remaining four were designated as alternatives should someone drop out, although this rarely occurs

Those chosen to join the class are:
(list deleted)

The demographics of the group are: 4 freshman, 7 sophomores, 5 juniors, 4 seniors; majors are 1 Agron, 2 An Ecol, 4 An Sci, 1 Biochem, 8 Biol, 2 Gen, 2 PHP; 4 males and 16 females.

Those designated as alternatives are numbered in the order they will be contacted should a vacancy occur:
(list deleted)

If you have decided that you do not wish to participate in this course, please let me know immediately.

Attached to this note are two WORD documents. Those who have been accepted into the class should open and print them.

The first is a memorandum of understanding (MOU). This essentially describes our mutual responsibilities so that no one can say I didn't know... Please sign and return to me in 636 Science II on Monday 11/28.

The second are some forms that the university requires: a brief health history, some emergency info, and last a financial agreement indicating that you agree to be billed for the field trip fee which I have provided now as a good faith estimate. Fill in the necessary info and submit them on Monday, 11/28.

When I receive the signed forms and MOU, I will admit you to the seminar course, Biol 394a, for 1 cr during Spring semester. It will meet on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7:30. Attendance is mandatory.

You really have little to do between now and Spring semester. If you do not have a passport that is valid at least until the end of 2006, you need to apply for new one or a renewal. Do so at your local hometown Post Office or County Court House.

An entertaining book to read in the interim is Bill Bryson's "In a Sunburnt Country." It is a travelogue written with wry wit that offers insights into the Aussie culture. It also describes many of the cities/towns we will visit.

Have a good vacation and get the forms to me after break. If you cannot open the attachments, let me know.

Good on ya mates,