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TO: Students enrolled in PLE courses
FROM: Cori Richards-Zawacki, PLE Director
SUBJECT: 2017 Summer Courses

Welcome to the Summer Sessions at the Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology (PLE) - we are delighted to have you join us! We have assembled a fantastic collection of high-quality courses for the summer with outstanding instructors, superb teaching facilities, and a beautiful learning environment on the shores of Pymatuning Lake. Enroll in one, or join us for several, and be confident that you will satisfy your hunger for field experience, improve your resume, and help meet the requirements of your major.

To assist you in making your stay here go smoothly, we have put together this Welcome Packet. The packet includes everything you might want to know about how to find us, when to arrive, and what to expect during your time at PLE. In addition, we have included a list of recommended items to bring with you along with information about ways to reduce your Room & Board fees by applying for scholarships. Be sure to also check out our new web pages, especially the "Admissions" and "Arrival Information" web pages. If you have any questions concerning something not in this Welcome Packet or on our website, feel free to contact us.

We look forward to your arrival!

INFORMATION FOR PLE STUDENTS

Arrival information for commuters:

If you plan to commute each day to PLE, please arrive at the Sanctuary Lake (classroom) Site between 8-9 AM the first day of class. At the PLE Main Office, you can register, pay for your textbooks, and pay the \$155 lab fee (if not already paid to the University of Pittsburgh). Payment may be made by **cash or check** (made payable to the University of Pittsburgh). Class attendance will be denied if fees are not paid.

Arrival information for residents:

If you choose to take advantage of the PLE housing, please arrive at the Housing Site between 4-6 PM the day before classes begin. At this time, you can register and pay for your room & board, textbooks, and the \$155 lab fee. If you cannot arrive during this time, please call us in advance to make other arrangements.

Room and Board Fees: The room & board fee for each 3-week session is \$510 and must be paid at PLE upon arrival. Payment may be made by **cash or check** (made payable to the University of Pittsburgh). Class attendance will be denied if fees are not paid.

Items that both commuters and residents should bring to class:

RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL
Extra clothing	Camera & batteries
Rubber boots or old shoes	Binoculars
Backpack	Hat, sunglasses
Rain gear	Insect repellent, sunscreen
Notebook, pens/pencils, calculator	Waders for aquatic courses (if available)
Keychain/flash drive	Laptop computer

Additional items that residents should bring:

RECOMMENDED	OPTIONAL
Sheets (twin size) or sleeping bag	Alarm clock
Blankets	Cell phone
Pillow	Flashlight
Toiletries, flip-flops	Musical instruments to play by campfire
Towels	
Prescriptions	
Variety of clothes	
Water bottle & lunch bag (or use provided paper bag)	

Computer/Internet Access:

The computer lab and the dorms contain PC's and Mac's for class work and personal use. A USB drive or flash drive is best way to keep documents safe. Wireless internet is also available for you to use with your wireless devices (tablets, laptops, etc.).

Commuter's meals (optional):

Meal tickets can be purchase in advance at the rates below through the PLE Secretary.

	Daily	Weekly	Full session
Breakfast	\$4.50	\$22.50	\$67.50
Lunch	\$7	\$35	\$105
Dinner	\$10.50	\$42	\$126
Total (3 meals)	\$22	\$99.50	\$298.50

Resident's meals:

Meal charges are included in the room & board fee. You are welcome to stay the weekends. However, meals are **NOT** provided from Friday dinner through Sunday dinner.

Meal times:

Breakfast (7:30-8:30am) and dinner (5:30-6:30pm) are served in the Dining Hall. Lunch is packed during breakfast and taken with you.

Emergency contact:

In the event of an emergency, please call office phone 814-273-0416 (the PLE Main Office, 8 AM-4 PM Monday-Friday) or 814-720-6614 (the PLE Assistant Director's cell phone).

Additional information for residents:

Housing: You will be staying in either the men's or women's dorm. Our Dorm's were newly renovated over the winter and have a new configuration. The dorms each have 7 rooms. Each room contains furniture including two sets of bunk beds, two dressers, and closet space. Each dorm has a lounge area with a computer facility (including wireless internet connections), couches, large refrigerator, and a microwave. Each dorm also has a newly renovated bathroom with three sinks, three toilets, and four showers.

Recreation: There is a Recreation Hall at the Housing Site that contains a TV, DVD/VCR player, satellite TV and local station reception, ping-pong table, and pool table. Outdoor activities include a volleyball, football, soccer, horseshoes, boating, and fishing (PA fishing license required). There are hiking/running trails adjacent to the housing site and many areas for bird watching. Swimming is allowed only at state-designated beaches. There is no swimming permitted at the PLE Housing Site.

Laundry: There is a laundry facility on site (coin-operated).

Mail: Incoming mail for students will be handed to the student's instructor for delivery. Outgoing mail can be dropped off in the administrative office. The Linesville Post Office is open from 9 AM-4:30 PM M-F; 9-11:30 AM Saturdays.

To receive mail, the address is: Pymatuning Lab of Ecology, 13142 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA 16424

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Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology
User Information Form (Please fill out and hand in on day of arrival)

PLE Course: _____

Home University: _____

Name: _____ Student ID#: _____

Cell phone #: _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Relationship: _____

Emergency contact phone #: _____

Health History

Please tell us about any medical condition that PLE should be aware of in case of accident or injury:

Please list any food and/or environmental allergies you may have:

Please list any special dietary concerns you may have (vegetarian, vegan, etc.):

Authorization

In the event my EMERGENCY CONTACT cannot be reached, I give permission to the staff of PLE to secure any necessary treatment in case of an emergency and/or accident.

Signature _____ Date _____

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Student Guidelines

PLE is part of the University of Pittsburgh Department of Biological Sciences. Therefore, those using PLE are subject to the rules, regulations and customs of the University. PLE is located within the Pymatuning State Park and is subject to Park rules and regulations as well. To protect the interests of the community, PLE administration reserves the right to dismiss any person behaving in an inappropriate manner or whose actions pose a danger to themselves or others. PLE users are responsible for knowing and employing appropriate laboratory and field research procedures and regulations (University, Federal, and otherwise).

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS: The Administrative Office, located at the Sanctuary Lake Site, operates Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

ALCOHOL: The PLE Housing Site and Sanctuary Lake Site are located on Pennsylvania State Park land where public consumption of alcoholic beverages is not permitted. It is also University policy that alcohol not be stored or consumed on PLE property.

BOATS (Signed waiver required): Canoes are available for student use at the Housing Site. Upon arrival at PLE, you will be instructed on how to submit a "Float Plan" prior to taking a boating trip. Boats are only to be used during daylight hours. Lifejackets must be worn. All boating supplies are available in the boathouse (near the dock). For your own protection, please familiarize yourself with safe boating instructions. A safety instruction booklet is located in the office at the Sanctuary Lake Site. According to PA laws, there must be one life jacket per person and one float cushion in each boat. Use of this and other recreational equipment is at your own risk, and all necessary precautions must be taken. Class or research activity has priority. Be certain that boats are removed from the water after use and that oars and life jackets are returned to the boathouse.

EMERGENCIES: Dial 911. Emergency numbers, 911 addresses, and emergency numbers for PLE staff members are posted by the door in every building. Hospitals in Meadville (18 miles) and Greenville (20 miles) both have emergency rooms and there are medical centers in Linesville and Conneaut Lake.

FIRES: Wood for the fireplace in the recreation room is stacked outside the door. Be sure the damper is in the open position before starting fires. Do not overfill the fireplace. Bonfires may be built in the fire ring near the lake; firewood stacked there is to be used only in the fire ring and not in the recreation room. All fires are not to be left untended.

FUNDAMENTAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR: Everyone visiting or staying at PLE is expected to abide by an honorable and considerate code of behavior. This means showing respect for others, even if they hold widely divergent opinions from yours. People are getting up and going to bed at all hours at PLE. That makes the observation of a mutually agreed-upon quiet time absolutely essential. Between the hours of 10:00 PM and 7:00 AM, the noise must be kept down.

HOUSEKEEPING: The bathrooms and common areas in the undergraduate student dorms will be cleaned daily. Please put trash and recyclables into the appropriate containers.

MEALS: Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are served in the Dining Hall from breakfast on Monday, through lunch on Friday.

Serving times are as follows:

Breakfast	7:30 – 8:30 AM
Lunch	(packed during breakfast)
Dinner	5:30 – 6:30 PM

Please place your trays and dishes into the provided bins when you finish eating. Only PLE staff members are allowed in the kitchen.

PARKING: Park only in parking lot areas. PLEASE DRIVE SLOWLY AND CAREFULLY WHEN ENTERING OR LEAVING PLE AREAS. Transportation during class time will be provided. Carpooling between the lab and housing site at other times is both encouraged and appreciated.

PETS: No pets are allowed at PLE at any time.

PHOTOCOPIES: The Copy Room in the Administration Building located inside the library door to the right. If you have any problems with the copier, contact the Administrative Secretary, please do not attempt to fix yourself.

RECYCLING: Aluminum, glass, plastic and paper are recycled. Containers are located at the administrative and housing sites.

SMOKING: *Smoking is not allowed in any of the buildings, including the dorms, at PLE.* Please dispose of cigarette butts in trash cans and not on the ground.

STATE REGULATIONS: The wildlife sanctuary (portion of the reservoir accessible from the Sanctuary Lake site) is closed to all recreational use. Class use is possible by special arrangement only. Swimming is allowed only at state-designated beaches (*i.e.*, Jamestown Beach, Linesville Beach, *etc.*). There is no swimming at the Housing Site.

I have read and understand these guidelines

Name: _____ Date: _____

Want to reduce your Room & Board fees at PLE?

Apply for The R.T. Hartman Scholarship or The Michael L. Orosz Memorial Scholarship

- Application deadline April 7
- For more info, contact Christine Berliner
(Univ. of Pitt-Main campus, Bio Advisor): 412-624-4519, christin@pitt.edu



PYMATUNING LABORATORY OF ECOLOGY
The R.T. Hartman and The Michael L. Orosz
Room & Board Scholarships
APPLICATION FORM

APPLICATION DEADLINE: APRIL 7

NAME _____ STUDENT ID (7 digits) _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY _____

MAJOR _____ MAJOR GPA _____

OVERALL GPA _____ CREDITS EARNED TO DATE _____

CURRENT ADDRESS

PERMANENT ADDRESS

PHONE _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

EMAIL _____

UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES

LIST COURSES YOU ARE CURRENTLY ATTENDING

LIST COURSE(S) YOU REGISTERED FOR AT PLE

REFERENCES

PLEASE COMPLETE AND SIGN THIS FORM

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: _____

I hereby waive my right of access to recommendation letters written in my behalf as part of the application process for the R. T. Hartman Scholarship and any appropriate attachments.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ Date: _____

Give the names of two people whom you have contacted and who are willing to write a reference letter for you. We will contact your references when needed.

NAME: _____

NAME: _____

POSITION: _____

POSITION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

EMAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL MATERIALS

- STATEMENT OF CAREER INTEREST AND GOALS
(This statement should be typed and no more than 1 page long)
- UNOFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT

SUBMISSION

- MAIL ALL MATERIALS TO:

Richard T. Hartman Scholarship Committee
Department of Biological Sciences
A258 Langley Hall
University of Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh, PA 15260

- IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT:
Christine Berliner
Phone: (412) 624-4819
Email: christin@pitt.edu
- KEEP THIS SHEET FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Directions to PLE & Maps

The Pymatuning Laboratory of Ecology is located in Linesville, PA on the shores of beautiful Pymatuning Lake!

Location: 40° 4' 26" north latitude, 80° 25' 35" west longitude

Elevation: 300 meters

If you have GPS, here are the addresses:

Housing Site: 11700 Pitt Drive, Linesville, PA 16424

Sanctuary Site: 13142 Hartstown Road, Linesville, PA 16424

Driving to Linesville, PA

From Pittsburgh to Linesville

- Take Interstate 79 north to Exit 147b, Route 6 (Meadville)
- Merge onto U.S. Route 6/322 West
- Take Route 6 for 14 miles to Linesville

From Erie to Linesville

- Take Interstate 79 south to Exit 147b, Route 6 (Meadville)
- Merge onto U.S. Route 6/322 West
- Take Route 6 for 14 miles to Linesville

From Ohio to Linesville

- Take U.S. Route 6 East from Ohio until you arrive in Linesville

Driving to PLE sites from Linesville

From Linesville to the Sanctuary Lake Site (classrooms)

- At the only traffic light in Linesville on Route 6, turn south onto S. Mercer/Hartstown Road
- Drive 0.9 miles (past the State Fish Hatchery) and then turn left into the PLE driveway

From Linesville to the Housing Site (cabins and dorms)

- At the only traffic light in Linesville on Route 6, turn south onto S. Mercer/Hartstown Road
- Drive 2.3 miles and then turn right onto Fries Road
- Drive 0.5 miles and the Housing Site will be on the right

Driving between PLE sites

From the Sanctuary Lake Site (classrooms) to the Housing Site (cabins and dorms)

- At the end of the driveway, turn left onto S. Mercer/Hartstown Road
- Drive 2 miles and then turn right onto Fries Road
- Drive 0.5 miles and the Housing Site will be on the right

From the Housing Site (cabins and dorms) to the Sanctuary Lake Site (classrooms)

- At the end of the driveway, turn left onto Fries Road
- Turn left at the stop sign onto Mercer/Hartstown Road
- Drive 2 miles; the Sanctuary Lake Site will be on your right

Map to PLE

