

## ESCI Field Camp 2026

# Application

Name:

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E-mail:

Phone:

Graduation quarter:

Major/Concentration:

1 Please state when you completed the following prerequisite courses. If not at WWU, indicate where. If you have not completed one or more prerequisites, please apply anyway. Your other qualities may compensate as described in responses to questions below.

Course	Quarter completed	WWU or other
ESCI/BIOL 325 Ecology		
ESCI/BIOL 340 Biostatistics		
MATH 124 Calculus I		
Other relevant (e.g., GIS,ESCI,ENVS,BIOL,... )		

2 Can you enroll in Field Camp in a future year? If not, why not?

3 Will you be able to attend a winter quarter preparation meeting in early March, date and time TBA?

4 Please summarize your education, scientific research, work, and outdoor experience relevant to field study, data analysis, or wilderness travel. (e.g., job as a river guide, research assistant on XYZ project)

5 Please describe any obstacles you have overcome to attend WWU, or describe how your life experiences have positioned you to contribute to diversity of perspectives in science and conservation.

6 Please list or describe any training, certifications, or skills you have that might contribute to the success and safety of Field Camp. (e.g., WFR, First Aid, Outdoor Center trip leader, plant ID, etc.)

7 Describe your experience working in groups in academic, outdoor, employment, or athletic contexts (e.g., capstone course group project, mountaineering expedition, NSEA internship, etc.).

8 Field camp will involve at least two 1-2 week expeditions in remote environments. The program will require more time and commitment than most courses, including most waking hours during months of April and early May. Please describe any commitments or constraints that would affect your ability to participate fully in Field Camp (e.g., employment, athletic teams, family events). Please provide conflicting dates, if possible.

9 Please describe any physical or psychological accommodations you would need to participate successfully in research, camping, and travel activities in remote environments. Responses to this item will be used for program planning, not for participant selection.

10 Write an essay (one page maximum) describing why you want to participate in Field Camp. Your essay should address the following as clearly as possible. What do you hope to gain? What can you contribute? How would Field Camp help fulfill your educational, career, or life goals?

Please submit your application to John McLaughlin via email (in PDF or plain text, please) to [jmcl@wwu.edu](mailto:jmcl@wwu.edu)

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Similar to most field courses at WWU, Field Camp expedition costs are funded by course fees. As of 1 October 2025, Field Camp 2026 course fees have not been determined. I do not want fees to prevent anyone from participating in Field Camp. To reduce financial barriers, I am working with the ESCI department to reduce course fees substantially from prior years. Details about course fee reduction will be forthcoming soon.