



Osprey Wilds

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"This trip has meant everything to me. I have learned some of the most valuable information that I couldn't have gotten anywhere else, nor have wanted to get anywhere else. I have made some amazing friendships, had some of the best experiences I will ever have in my life. I will cherish this trip no matter where I go in life. It not only taught me skills I can use in the field, but skills that I will need in life in general." – Buena Vista University student

"This was the best course I've ever taken!" Carroll University student

"I never could have imagined the impact this course would have on my life. From the people I met, the connections I've made, to the beautiful environment that we explored, everything about this class was an epic adventure... This entire class has been a life changing experience. I am thankful for the opportunity, the memories, and the lessons. This experience is something that I will keep with me always and will inspire me to keep moving forward." – Buena Vista University student

"This class was amazing!... I over all really enjoyed this class way more than I thought I would and I would want to take it again so bad. I wish it wasn't ending and I can't wait to go home and tell everyone I know about everything I learned. We did so many cool things and had the opportunity to talk to so many cool and influential people and I wish I had had better questions for everyone... This class was so much more than could have imagined and everyone was so cool and willing to share information and to teach and that really helped me get excited everyday. I would highly recommend this to everyone I know." - University of Dubuque student

"There is a lot that I have gained from this experience that I personally know I wouldn't be able to get anywhere else on any other j-term trip offered. The experience was a joy that I will remember not only for the information it gave me, but for the viewpoints and perspectives that I hadn't considered before." - Buena Vista University student

"The Osprey Wilds Wolf Ecology has been an unforgettable experience and provided me, knowledge, experience, and fond memories that will I remember and cherish for life. When I first signed up for this course, I wasn't entirely certain I would enjoy it that much. I have a passion for wildlife, ecology, and conservation but I was afraid that that would be a passing fad in my head that I would disown once I get a taste of what it was like to study animals and track them in the wild. Luckily that was not the case. This course has strengthened my appreciation of the wild and beauty of nature as well as the creatures that roam free through it... All in all, I would say this trip was success and well worth it to me. The skills, experience, and knowledge have no price tag for what doors it will open for me in later in life. the memories I will take back with me will be unforgettable. If I could do this course again, I would do it in a heartbeat. I fully understand why



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this course is always well recommended and encouraged to participate in by multiple professors and students. It has been a great time here with Osprey Wilds.” – Buena Vista University student

“Overall, I have thoroughly enjoyed the activities and opportunities that the J-Term course has had to offered. Many of these experiences are invaluable and will take me further than any of the courses I could have taken at my home school. I would highly recommend this program to anybody wanting to go into predator research or people who just want to learn more about predators and the outdoors.” – Hollins University student

“To say this course was special to me would be an understatement. I took this class because I thought it would be fun and would teach me some new skills; I was not wrong, but I learned much more than I thought I would.

“This has been the most informative and adventure packed trip I have ever been on.” – Carroll University student

“This course has truly been life changing, I have learned an immense amount of information in such a short time. I will always look back on this course and think about all the good times I had, and what I learned, both academics and personally. I am most thankful for the people I met, the places I went, and the things I learned... I will remember this experience for the rest of my life. I am incredibly fortunate for this experience to meet great people, go to amazing places, and to learn about myself.” – University of MN student

“Thank you for opening and reopening my eyes to the world; I have learned so much through this course I likely would have never learned anywhere else. This new-found knowledge and more level-headed practical sense of the world will allow me to act in a more meaningful and hopefully better way.” – Cornell College student

“My experience this J-Term semester with the Osprey Wild ecology course has been nothing short of magnificent. I have always loved the outdoors, but this experience has brought my passion of the wilderness to a new level... In summary, I am very very thankful and fortunate to have had the opportunity to have been able to participate in this course through Osprey Wilds. There are endless amounts of good things that can be said about the course, and Minnesota, but the three I chose to mention are things that I think had the most impact on me and that I also plan to keep with me for a long time, if not forever, after I part from here tomorrow. I want to pass on the knowledge I learned not only on wolves, but all the other animals as well. I plan to continue building my tracking experience, and stay connected with nature and use it to help clear and repair my soul during stressful times of life. I am deeply going to miss this experience, and I hope I will be able to come back some day soon. ” – Augustana College student