

Dear APSI Environmental Science participants:

Welcome to the APSI in Environmental Science. I well remember my first summer institute - APES was not even a class yet - the first exam was due to be given the next year. I have now been teaching the class in high school for fifteen years and have nearly twenty years of teaching Environmental Science overall since I taught it several years while an adjunct professor at the University of Tampa.

The course is stimulating yet can be quite daunting to a new teacher. It seems like you must know all the different areas of science from earth science to biology, in addition to being an expert in politics, ethics, history, and economics. The key is to compartmentalize the course - and I'll provide several syllabi as guidelines for you for your own course. I will try to obtain as many textbooks used in the course as I can - but that prospect is always a little iffy. I will procure several labs from Ward's and Carolina and will even let you take one or more of them home (think of them as odd door prizes...). We will be in lab at least once a day, so please wear/bring close toed shoes for safety.

We'll go on a couple of field trips. Please bring comfortable shoes, bug spray, a hat, and sunscreen for these excursions. We are usually able to visit Hidden River Cave and study its unique waters and ecosystem. I am still finalizing the trips, so I cannot be more specific at this time.

I am looking forward to spending a week with you this summer and hope my enthusiasm for AP ES is infectious.

See you in June!

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