ESCI Field Camp intended Student Learning Outcomes

Actual outcomes will be determined by interaction between student context factors (worldviews; interests; identities; prior knowledge, skills, and experiences; motivations; expectations; personal needs)*, program implementation effectiveness, and external factors such as weather events.

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Science & Field Skills Data collection in dynamic field environments
Wildlife identification skills
Scientific communication ability: aural, visual, written
Understanding and skills in Leave No Trace practices
Proficiency in field and river safety protocols and practices
Development of outdoor skills
Improved communication skills
Improved collaboration skills
Transferrable Skills Improved problem-solving skills
Improved critical thinking ability
Expedition behavior in concept and practice
Increased understanding of the nature of field science
Nature of Science Stronger sense of life as a scientist
Increased awareness of scientific ethics
Increased personal self-efficacy
Personal Gains Increased confidence in strength, stamina, agility
Increased comfort in field settings
Increased grit; perseverance through challenges
Refinement of professional goals
Professional Connection Greater sense of belonging in scientific community
Development of science identity
Increased scientific self-efficacy
Increased stewardship intention and behavior
Broader Relevance Increased connection to societal issues or problems
Development as informed members of society

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