



Research Experiences for Undergraduates: "Ecology at the Urban-Rural Interface" 2009



The National-Science Foundation is sponsoring a summer research immersion program at the University of Akron Field Station on the Bath Nature Preserve.

Each summer from 2009-2011, 6-8 college students from around the country will be selected to participate in the 10 week program. NSF provides a summer stipend, housing at the University of Akron, and a food allowance.

In return, the students engage in an intensive research experience, collaborating with University Field Station Scientists to investigate fundamental scientific questions

Our REU program focuses on investigation of species, interactions, and ecosystems within human-dominated landscapes, including the Bath Nature Preserve and the



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The 2009 REU program involved 8 students representing a wide range of experience (freshman to junior), and origin. The students (school and topic) in the photo above are:

- David Kurz, Princeton University, Mammals in Restored Wetlands
- Whitney Beasley, Ohio State, Behavioral Neuroscience of Prairie Voles
- Jessica Bates, UA, Nectar Yeasts
- Dinorah Chacin, Florida International University, Plankton in the Great Lakes
- Ryan Folk, UA, Sex allocation in a Wind-Pollinated Grass
- Jenn Ryavec, Lorain Community College, Grassland Pollinators
- William Davis, UA, Lichens as Pollution Indicators



Applications for the 2010 REU program will be solicited around the first of the year. More information is available at www3.uakron.edu/biology/fieldstation/reu.htm or contact one of us (Randy Mitchell, Jean Pan, or Greg Smith)

