

Ecology, Behavior & Conservation of Manatees & Dolphins

A Unique Field Course in the Drowned Cayes, Belize

<http://www.sirenian.org/CourseSyllabus2010.html>

May 26 - June 8, 2010

Regular Registration Deadline April 1st, 2010 | Register by March 1st & Save \$50-\$100!

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Become totally immersed in the ecology and behavior of manatees and dolphins through lectures and learning activities, literature review, debate, projects, and field research. This unique field course combines an overview of the ecology, behavior, and



conservation of sirenians and cetaceans with hands-on manatee & dolphin research in the Drowned Cayes, Belize. You'll spend 3-4 hours on the water each day as we explore a labyrinth of mangrove islands, seagrass beds, and coral patches searching for elusive manatees and charismatic dolphins.

You'll collect behavioral and environmental data and learn

about photo-id techniques; you'll develop a Fact Sheet or Activity Booklet about a related topic to be published by the Hugh Parkey Foundation for Marine Awareness & Education or Sirenian International. Extra-curricular activities include snorkeling or diving at Turneffe Atoll and exploring an ancient Maya City.

Credit: The course is hosted by the Hugh Parkey Foundation for Marine Awareness & Education and Spanish Bay Conservation & Research Center as a non-credit course. The lecture and lab hours are equivalent of a 4-credit academic course; instructors will work with your academic advisor if credit is desired.

Location: Hugh Parkey's Belize Adventure Lodge <http://belizeadventurelodge.com>

Your Share of Costs: \$2595 includes course materials, housing, meals, field trips, ground & water transfer fees – DOES NOT include airfare, insurance, tips, or credit hours.

REGISTER EARLY! SAVE \$50-\$100 when you register BY March 1ST!

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