***Department of Kinesiology***

***Course Syllabus and Outline***

***Introduction to Fishing***

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***11 January***

Introduction to the course including the following;

\*Cost

\*Equipment needed (rod and reel)

\*Expectations of the course from both the student and instructor

\*Expectation of the course from the Kinesiology Department

\*Fishing the sport of Presidents

\*What species of fish will we be angling for ?

 \* Bluegill (ie Bream, shellcracker)

 \* Crappie

 \* Bass (largemouth, spotted, smallmouth, striped bass)

***13 January***

 \*Meet the Bluegill (bream, shellcracker).

 \*Habitat

 \*Characteristics

 \*When do they bite the best ?

 \*What is the best bait ?

 \*Methods of catching bluegill.

  ***18 January***

\*Field Day, meet on the intramural field in front of the softball stadium with your

 rod and reel.

  ***20 January***

\*Meet the Crappie (spec, sok u lee, white, and black).

 \*habitat

 \*Characteristics

 \*When do they bite the best?

 \*What is the best bait?

 \*Methods of catching crappie

 ***25 January***

 \*Field day, meet on the intramural field with your rod and reel.

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 ***27 January NO CLASS***

 ***01 February***

 \*Meet the Largemouth Bass (bucket mouth, Large head, Big Mamma)

 \*Habitat

 \*Characteristics

 \*When to they bite the best?

 \*What are the best baits?

 \*Methods of catching largemouth bass

 ***03 February***

 \*Field day, meet on the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***08 February***

 \*Continuation of the Largemouth Bass in the classroom

 ***10 February NO CLASS***

 ***15 February***

 \*Field trip to DICK’S Sporting Goods (TigerTown)

 ***17 February***

 \*Meet the Spotted Bass (Kentucky Bass, Coosa River Spot, Alabama Spotted Bass)

 \* Habitat….ever expanding, why ?

 \* Characteristics

 \* When do they bite the best ?

 \* What are the best baits……….welcome to finesse fishing !

 \* Methods of catching the Spotted Bass……….color matters !

 ***22 February***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***24 February***

 \*Meet the Striped Bass (striper, lineside, rock bass)

 \*Habitat…………..no not just a saltwater fish

 \*Characteristics……BIG and STRONG

 \*When do they bite the best ?

 \*What are the best baits ?

 \*Methods of catching the Striped Bass

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 ***01 March***

 \*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***03 March***

\*Meet the Smallmouth Bass………the fish is brown

 \*Habitat…………………….not this far South, except for Yates Lake

 \*Characteristics………..acrobatic

 \*When do they bite the best ?

 \*What are the best baits ?

 \*Methods of catching Smallmouth Bass……think pea gravel !

  ***08 March***

 \*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***10 March***

 \*Lakes and ponds, yes there is a difference.

 ***14 – 18 Spring Break***

 \*Reading a lake map, understanding a Sonar/GPS electronics.

 \*Photographs count

 \*Contour lines and what they represent.

 ***22 March***

\*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***24 March***

 \*Fishing line and fishing knots

 \*Monfilament

 \*Braid

 \*Flourocarbon

 \*Three basic knots; Trilene, Palomar, clinch

 ***29 March***

 \*Field day, meet at the intramural field with your rod and reel.

 ***31 March***

 \*Rods and reels, what is the best fit??

 \* Spinning, baitcasting, and spincast reels

 \* Graphite and fiberglass fishing rods

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 ***05 April***

 \*Continuation of rods and reels; care and maintenance

 ***07 April***

 \*Field day, meet at the intramural field and bring your rod and reel, last field meeting

 **12 April**

\*Care of your fish

 \*Ice vs. Oxygen

 ***14 April NO CLASS***

 ***19 April***

 \*Water Safety: PFD’s, First Aid, and Sun Protection

 ***21 April***

 \*So you want to see how good you are……Competitive Fishing 101

 \* Crappiethons

 \* Bass Tournaments

 ***26 April***

 \*Final Exam