

From the Director

The School of Natural Resources is a large interdisciplinary unit that was formed in 2003. The mission of SNR is to:

- Foster an integrated, systems approach to address complex natural resource, environmental and human issues;
- Provide a top-notch academic experience for students;
- Conduct fundamental research into the mechanisms associated with natural resource systems;
- Provide innovative outreach to citizens and stakeholders;
- Investigate, record, and disseminate information about Nebraska's earth, water, atmospheric and biological resources; and
- Promote a comprehensive conservation ethic for the effective and appropriate management and sustainable use of natural resources.



Don Wilhite

NU/IANR photo

Vision Statement

The vision for the School of Natural Resources (SNR) is to be an international leader in natural resources education, research and outreach, and to be the primary provider of natural resources information and service to the citizens and stakeholders of Nebraska.



Goatsbeard grows at the Barta Brothers Ranch in western Nebraska..

Robert Hawkins for SNR

Most Recent Stats

Faculty: 88

Staff: 84

Undergraduate Students: 364

Graduate Students: 163

Natural Resource Sciences: 114

Geography: 33

Others advised by SNR faculty: 16

Facilities: 175,000 square feet of offices, labs and classrooms

State Support, 2010-2011: \$8.6 million

Undergraduate Scholarships Awarded: 36, totaling \$25,808



Students learn electrofishing, a research technique that temporarily stuns fish, at Branched Oak Lake.

Larkin Powell

SNR's faculty, staff and students focus on key issues, including climate variability and change; water quantity and quality; ecological challenges, human-environment interactions; and natural resources education.

Over the past year, SNR faculty and staff have been enormously successful in attracting external funding in support of our research, teaching, and outreach programs. In 2008-2009, we garnered external funding of \$10 million. External funding in 2009-2010 was \$7.7 million, and I expect funding in 2010-2011 to exceed \$10 million.



Climatologist Deborah Bathke recruits weather observers at the 2010 Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weatherfest.

Ken Dewey

2011 Spring and Summer Highlights

January 19: The annual spring water lecture series begins. Check watercenter.unl.edu for details.

February 11: Conversations Conference on Nebraska Environment and Sustainability at the East Campus Union, a collaboration with the Joslyn Institute for Sustainable Communities

Spring 2011: Hemispheric Forum on Climate Change and Agriculture in Latin America and the Caribbean, in collaboration with the Inter-American Institute for Collaboration in Agriculture, based in Costa Rica. This is a follow-up to the May 2010 Summer Institute on Climate Change organized by the School of Natural Resources, with several other departments participating.

March 9-13, Kearney, Neb.:

The Joint Meeting of the Association of Field Ornithologists, Cooper Ornithological Society, and Wilson Ornithological Society, hosted by the Tern and Plover Partnership and others at SNR

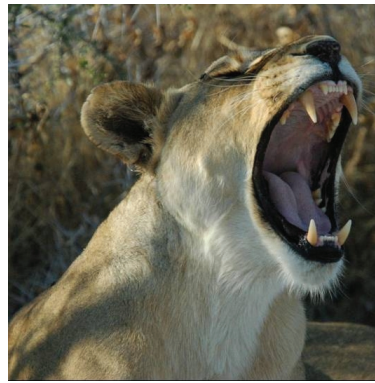


A trained biologist holds four day-old piping plover chicks from a nest on a sandbar.

Tern and Plover Conservation Partnership

March 20-28: Spring Break Trip to Puerto Rico

April 9: Central Plains Severe Weather Symposium and Family Weatherfest. This annual event draws thousands of visitors and contributes to community preparedness.



Students encounter lions in Etosha National Park, Namibia.

Kelly Powell

May 9-27: SNR student trip to Namibia, in Africa

June 12-17: Natural Resources Big Red Summer Academic Campus for students in grades 9-12

June 13-17: Weather Camp 2011: Weather and Climate All Around Us for middle school students

Summer 2011: The Water Center's annual Water Tour will explore the Ogallala Aquifer.



Faculty members lead a student trip over Spring Break to explore the rain forests, dry grasslands, and marine ecosystems of Puerto Rico.

Walter Schacht

Contact Us

School of Natural Resources

3310 Holdrege Street
Hardin Hall
University of Nebraska–Lincoln
Lincoln, NE 68583-0961
Phone: (402) 472-3471
Fax: (402) 472-2946
Web: <http://snr.unl.edu>
Email: snr@unl.edu

Administrative Offices

Sharon Kelly
Administrative Office Associate
(402) 472-9873
skelly1@unl.edu

Graduate Student Information

Patty Swanson
Student Services Office Associate
102 Hardin Hall
pswanson2@unl.edu

Undergraduate Student Information

Sue Ellen Pegg
Recruitment Coordinator
102D Hardin Hall
(402) 472-7471
spegg2@unl.edu

