Freshwater Mussel Identification
CSP 1103

Course Description

The purpose of this course is to develop the participant's freshwater mussel identification skills and knowledge of regional freshwater mussel species. Participants will learn an overall system for identifying mussels and characteristics of major taxonomic groups within the families Unionidae and Margaritiferidae and will provide the basis to approach species-level identification. Although emphasis will be placed on the Ohio River fauna (including the Tennessee River) specimens will be available from across the country. This course is "hands on" and laboratory and field exercises will provide shells and fresh specimens for identification.

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Date
June 26 - 30, 2017

Location
NCTC, Shepherdstown, WV

Who Should Attend
Anyone who works with freshwater mussels (biologists environmental educators, etc.) and would like to be able to identify shells and live specimens in the field.

Course Length
4.5 days

College Credit
2 semester hours

Tuition
Tuition for FWS, NPS, and BLM is prepaid. Tuition is $1,195.00 for participants from other agencies and organizations.

To Register
DOI employees: Log In to DOI Learn, enter the course title in the search box, click scheduled classes, click submit request.
Non-DOI employees: If you do not have a DOI Learn account, please contact Matthew Patterson for instructions on how to create an account.

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The study of taxonomy in its broadest sense is probably the oldest branch of biology or natural history as well as the basis for all the other branches, since the first step in obtaining any knowledge of things about us is to discriminate between them and to learn to recognize them.

Richard E. Blackwelder