

Get a taste of being a wildlife biologist!



With the «International Wildlife Research Week» the foundation Swiss Youth in Science (Schweizer Jugend forscht) offers young people from Switzerland and from all over the world the opportunity to discover alpine wildlife.

In the course of this week, you will conduct your own scientific study on a fascinating animal or on a plant species in the Swiss mountains. You are going to choose an exciting and interesting research objective either on the ecology or behaviour of your selected animal or plant species. Furthermore, you will learn how to observe and how to collect the data that will enable you to answer your specific question. You will analyse the data you collected using basic statistical methods and present your results in a scientific paper, which will be published on the webpage of Swiss Youth in Science (www.sjf.ch). Finally, you are also going to learn to discuss and interpret your results, trying to come to a better understanding of the plant or free-ranging animal species observed in your study.

This week will give you a deep insight into the biology of an animal or a plant species inhabiting the Swiss mountains, and you will learn how a scientific project in wildlife biology is carried out. At the end of the week you will present the results of your research project to your colleagues.

Participants The number of participants is limited to 20, aged 17 – 20.
The course will be held in English. Your English language skills should be very good. You should be experienced in walking on rough mountain paths.

Deadline All applications (**application form with letter of motivation**) must be sent **by May 28th, 2010 at the latest**

Locality Chasa Muntanella, CH-7535 Valchava, Switzerland

The Chasa Muntanella is located in Val Müstair, a beautiful species-rich valley close to the Italian border. You should be experienced in walking on rough mountain paths.

Time June 27th – July 3rd, 2010

Insurance Every participant is responsible for his/her own sufficient insurance in case of illness, accident or other cases, as well as personal liability insurance.

Costs Swiss participants will pay their own travel expenses Home-Zurich-Valchava-Home. The travel expenses of foreign participants will be paid either by their organisations or by the participants themselves. Food and accommodation are catered for.

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