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Fundamentals of Speech Communication (SPC 1017)

SMALL GROUP COMMUNICATION Symposium

As an end-of-semester project, every student will participate in a symposium presentation (Ch. 9—Small Group Communication.) In addition to the presentations, two class periods will be devoted to group work to allow for discussion, organization, task assignment and coordination of individual presentations.

A symposium is a series of individual presentations which address different aspects of a single topic, usually followed by a short question and answer period. Each group of five students will be assigned one of Florida's State Parks (Crystal River Archeological State Park or Preserve, Devil's Mill Hopper Geological State Park, Fakahatchee Stand Preserve State Park, Ichetucknee Springs State Park, Lower Wekiva River Preserve State Park, Oleta River State Park, Paynes Prairie Preserve State Park, or San Felasco Hammock Preserve State Park) and will be assigned a single class period in which to present information regarding that particular park in a symposium format. On (insert date) the class will meet in the library and will be devoted to group organization, assignment of roles and initial research. Each group will be expected to present the following sub-topics:

- History of the Park's establishment
- Geographical features of the Park
- Native inhabitants (if applicable)
- Native species
- Invasive species
- Conservation efforts

Each group member should prepare a ten minute presentation complete with 5-7 audio/visual aids. Presentations are essentially informative speeches and should follow that format. At the conclusion of the presentations a ten minute question and answer period will be held.

On (insert date) groups will be allowed to practice their presentations. Presentations will begin the following week. (A schedule will be established after groups have been assigned.)

Individual grades for the sub-topic presentations will be evaluated with the informative speech guidelines used earlier in the semester: Content (50 pts.), Delivery (50 pts.), Audio/Visual Aids (25 pts.) In addition, the group will be evaluated on coverage of topic, organization and professionalism of presentation and group dynamism. (50 pts.)