Prospective Cadets for Fish and Wildlife Academy Class 63

Thank you for your interest in the Fish and Wildlife Academy here at Butte College. Below is some important information about the Academy. You must meet the minimum qualifications to be considered for the Academy:

- You must have a valid driver’s license.
- Complete the pre-academy survey (you will receive this at the orientation)
- You must take and pass the P.O.S.T. Entry-Level Law Enforcement Test Battery (PELLET-B) exam with a score of 42 or higher.
- Pass the Pre-Law Enforcement Academy Physical Training Test, 1.5 mile run in 15 minutes or less (pass/fail) held in early November.
- Attend a Law Enforcement Academy Orientation. This orientation will be held in early November. You must attend the Regular Basic Academy Orientation and then attend the Fish and Wildlife Academy Orientation immediately following.

We will make our selections for the Self-Sponsored Candidates shortly after the November Orientation. Selections will be based according to your T-Score (PELLET-B Score). We hope to offer 5-15 spots to self-sponsored cadets with the remainder of the class consisting of Fish and Wildlife Warden Cadets, already hired by the Department of Fish and Wildlife (Sponsored Cadets).

As you have shown interest in attending the Fish and Wildlife Academy, I have to assume you someday want to get a job with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. There are currently three ways to get hired by the Department.

1. You apply to the Department as a Fish and Wildlife Warden Cadet. The following link is the current examinations being offered by the Department (scroll down to Game Warden Cadet): [http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=148187](http://nrm.dfg.ca.gov/FileHandler.ashx?DocumentID=148187) You must meet the minimum qualifications to be eligible to take this exam. The general requirements include a valid driver’s license, 60 units of college, with 18 of those units in the required or related fields. To gain entry into the exam, 30 units must be completed (and the other 30 prior to appointment) with 18 of those units in required or related fields. If you meet the above please apply by the Deadline of July 31, 2019. This would be the approach if you want to be a sponsored cadet (hired by us and getting paid) for the 2021 Academy.

2. If you meet the requirements in 1 above, but don’t want to wait a whole year to attend the Academy, please still apply for the current exam for Game Warden Cadet. You can still attend the Academy in 2020 as a self-sponsored cadet, but you may be hired as a Game Warden upon graduation. If you meet the minimum requirements as a Fish and Wildlife Warden Cadet, please submit your application by the July 31, 2019 cutoff.
3. If you do not meet the minimum requirements to apply as a Game Warden Cadet, your best option would be to attend the Academy as a self-sponsored cadet. The Academy will give you 50 units of college credit with all 50 units being in the required or related fields. So if you come to the Academy with at least 10 units, you would meet the education requirements for the position of Game Warden. Upon successful completion of our Academy, you would be eligible to apply as a Game Warden through our lateral hiring process. The lateral hiring process requires 2 years law enforcement patrol experience or completion of our Academy. The application period for the lateral process is in June. Shortly after graduation in August, you would then take the lateral exam. Once the exam is scored, those selected to continue will begin the background process. This generally takes 6-8 months before you get hired.

Below are the Minimum Requirements to Apply for the Game Warden Cadet Exam:

1. Possession of a valid driver license of the appropriate class issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Applicants who do not possess this license will be admitted to the examination but must secure the license prior to appointment.

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2. Education: Equivalent to completion of two years (60 semester units) of college with 18 semester units in the biological sciences, police science or law enforcement, natural resources conservation, ecology, or related fields. (Students who have 30 semester units of college, and have 18 semester units completed in the required or related fields, will be admitted to the examination, but must produce evidence of completion of 60 semester units before they can be considered eligible for appointment.) The Department has determined that “related fields” are but are not limited to: Animal Science, aeronautics, botany, chemistry, conservation, ecology, entomology, environmental management, environmental science, environmental studies, fisheries or wildlife management, forestry, geography, geology, herpetology, life science, mammalogy, marine biology, natural resources, oceanography, ornithology, physics, psychology, plant taxonomy, soil science, water quality management, wilderness survival and zoology.

Please see the link below for all the requirements of becoming a Wildlife Officer. Please pay special attention to the Vision requirements. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Enforcement/Career

Thanks,

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