Hello and welcome to the beginning of the 2011-2012 school year. My name is Olivia Dodson and I will be your Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecology Management instructor this year.

**Hunter Safety Certification is available.**

Wildlife, Fisheries and Ecology Management is a fun, hands-on class that allows students the opportunity to study a wide variety of animal species. Topic areas of study include:

- Principles of Zoology
- Predatory Mammals
- Game Birds
- Management of Wildlife Resources
- Marine Mammals
- Principles of Ecology
- Hunter Safety
- Birds of Prey
- Conservation of Natural Resources
- Wildlife Tracking
- Freshwater Fish

Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management is designed to examine the importance of wildlife and outdoor recreation. The emphasis is on the sound management of wildlife and all natural resources in a way that promotes continued use and wise management.

This course is a 1/2 credit course open to 9th-12th grade students.

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**Olivia Dodson AST/FFA Advisor Wakeland High School**

I am a graduate of Texas A&M University with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture Science. I student taught at Gilmer High School in Gilmer, TX.

This will be my fifth year teaching at Wakeland High School but I have been an educator for six years. I love teaching in the CTE and Agriculture Departments. It gives me the opportunity to teach multiple subjects. Variety keeps you on your toes.

I am married to a football coach and we have one son. I ride American Quarter Horses in trail and dressage. We have two dogs; a Husky named Vasha and an old bird dog named Pops plus a fish named Sampson.

I am the oldest kid in my family. I have five brothers and one sister. My youngest brother and my little sister are both in high school this year. Two of my brothers are college grads and two are still in college.

I am a huge Aggie football fan, I can’t help it! Gig ‘Em Ags!

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**Syllabus**

**Things you need for class:**

- Pen or pencil
- 1 1/2” three ring notebook
- One set of dividers
- Notebook paper

**Dodson’s Class Schedule:**

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**Wildlife, Fisheries & Ecology Management Syllabus**

### Grading Procedures

Major grades include all projects and tests – 50%

Minor grades include all quizzes and other designated assignments – 30%

Daily grades include all homework and class work – 20%

Please be honest in your academic studies. You might not think it’s a big deal at the time, but character goes a long way. Be a person of integrity now and you will see the rewards in the long haul. Cheating is a short time fix that catches up to you eventually.

**Late work:** Late work and assignments missed due to absence will be accepted in accordance to the Wakeland High School and Frisco ISD policies.

**ON/OFF Personal Technology Devices:**

Consider Mrs. Dodson’s room UNPLUGGED unless otherwise directed. Be prepared for more human interaction then digital interaction.

**Tutorial Times:** I am available after school and by appoint. No tutorials are available on Wednesdays (I have hall duty).

Feel free to email me with any questions! Check out the website under Agriculture Courses – Wildlife, Fisheries & Ecology Management for class news, course calendar and updates.

### Classroom Expectations

This is going to be a fabulous year! We will have tons of hands-on projects and interesting topics of discussion. With happy and respectful attitudes from both students and teachers Wildlife, Fisheries, and Ecology Management is sure to be a positive and fun experience.

Our behavior and academic goals are to be:

> Positive
> Respective
> On time & prepared.
> Work hard & present our best work all the time.

If you have any questions, concerns or need to report any bullying or academic dishonesty do not hesitate to speak to Mrs. Dodson. You can email me or talk to me before or after school or anytime you feel comfortable.

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**“You drive cattle, you herd sheep, you lead people. Lead me, follow me or get out of my way.”** - General Patton

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**Members of the Frisco Wakeland FFA compete in Leadership Development Events and Career Development Events such as Horse Judging, Livestock Judging, and Wildlife.**

Many members of the FFA show livestock projects such as goats/lambs, pigs, and rabbits.

Members have opportunities to earn college scholarships and awards through the FFA.