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- Use Quizlet for studying names along with powerpoints with pictures.
- Going to class is much more beneficial than getting notes afterwards.
- Plan ahead with your other classes before going on Dauphin Island; it can set you back.
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Don't put off learning the points. If you can get ahead and do good on the first few tests or quizzes it helps a lot at the end.
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Study for Dauphin Island in advance! I promise you won't regret it! I also bet you're telling yourself that you will never say "plant friends," but trust me - you will. This class is a blessing and a course. It is often miserable, but if you keep a good attitude then you will truly learn a lot. It is only miserable if you make it miserable.
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*Drop the course!* If your major requires it, choose another major! *RUN!*

*But seriously, learn all the orange terms and lab plants ahead of time and it can be a pretty enjoyable class.*
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OK, here's the thing. Everyone always says to study ahead of time. They freak you out about this class which, for some reason, makes us procrastinate more. Studying in advance will not only make this class bearable (as far as amount of content), but FUN! Get a buddy and run through power points with a beer. You'll thank me later.
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They are not your friends. If you can study early then I suggest it but most of the time that's not possible. Just do your best. Wildlifers, all you need is a D. You got this Earls.
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So everyone is telling you to study plants early, but I know you already know that. The tough thing is actually making yourself do it. So, here’s a few helpful hints for that— in the early stages of studying (maybe a week or 2 before test) just make yourself look at the words; it’s not tough or too boring. You can look during commercials of a TV show, or while walking on a treadmill— multitasking makes it easier. As time goes on, just schedule into your day a ½ hr or how of time for studying. Think of it like a job or class, it’s not optional, just do it and get it over with. Of course, I am sure you all know the hint of coming up w/ funny play on words to remember things... last advice is to study forwards or cover up plant picture, look @ name & picture what it is.
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Study more for the multiple-choice part of tests. I lost the most points for the course here, Dr. Boyd held matching, so know which plant examples go with which term.

Don't stress about Dauphin Island. It can be helpful to start learning plants early, but it only takes a couple hours a night to learn them on the trip. So it's not too bad either way.

Take a list of all "orange terms" for each test as they are taught in lecture. If you don't as you go, it makes learning them for tests easier.
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you have got to study the Dauphin Island plants before you leave, also keep up with the weekly lab plants. It's more points than you think by the end. Take the lecture exams seriously, they are the hardest part.
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Go to class and ask questions. Pay attention to key characteristics of plant species and their "stories". Study every day the week of lecture exams. Don't complain about how you find plants boring, it's annoying to other students in class.
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Everyone else is going to say it as well, but start studying Dauphin Island Park early. Even if you just learn the names, it will make the trip so much more enjoyable. Invest in a good rain jacket, and if you’re lucky enough to get a nice weekend for the trip definitely make time to go to the beach...there is nothing that says you can’t study plant friends while laying on the sand.

May the Force be with you!
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Plant Ecology was a great experience but it will be a big pain in the butt if you don't give it the time required. Plan in advance what needs to get done and what you need to study and you will succeed.
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All he really cares about is orange terms and their associated example species.
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Start studying the plant names early.
Give yourself plenty of time to learn them.
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Do well enough on everything else before the Dauphin Island trip so you can not worry too much on the trip (and make everyone else miserable)
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Eat whatever plants you can. Very effective study tool. Seriously though, you're a senior. This is a 5000* level class. Do you need to be told what to do?

That's it.
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Go on the 2nd trip. All we heard on the first trip was how great the 2nd was going to be. Also, throw Galium. Good luck!
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Have fun. Studying plants will drive you crazy unless you have fun with it. Come up with silly things to help you remember scientific names.
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- Do not get behind

- If you are sick or have health issues, let the teachers (as well as faculty and staff at the university) know of the issue.
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Study for lab. This class is your like I you want to do well.
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Study Dauphin Island Plants before the semester starts.
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*If you’re in wildlife, this class is pointless. D.I. was a huge waste of my time.*
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I only have 4 words

"TURN DOWN FOR WHAT!!!"
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RUN! They are not your friends!
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Don't get behind on your plant friends! Lab is a big chunk of grades so don't slack off. Also go on the second trip and study for it early!
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- Buy a 10-pack of monsters before the Dauphin Island trip—you’ll need them
- Throw galium at everyone
- Take notes on plants when you “meet” them—they all look the same
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Do not wait until the last night to study. There is too much to learn in one night.
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You will hear this from everybody, however here we go. STUDY DAUGHTER ISLANDS plant before the trip if you want to enjoy the trip. I did not, and still made over 100%, but slept only 3 hours. Don't follow that model. Other than that, enjoy Boyd's humor, it's good for you.
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*The course is just as hard the second time. So, pass it the first time.*

Make study notes early and start studying at least a week in advance.