

1. What name would you like us to use for you? Emily Sirtak
2. What pronouns? She/Her/Hers
3. What's the best contact number to use if we need to reach you on short notice? (Or if you need to reach us!) 636-248-5724
4. What prior experience have you had with ecology or field work? I just completed an internship at Forest Park in St. Louis as a Nature Reserve Technician where I worked in the field every day and I am relatively confident being out in the field.
5. What fascinates you? (pick a thing or two and share a bit of the fascination) Environmental health and disaster relief really fascinates me. After working my internship shortly after a tornado hit, I was fascinated by the various processes involved in disaster recovery, especially on the ecological level. Understanding canopy damage and the weaknesses that arise from disturbance has been on my mind since and is something I am quite passionate about.
6. Is there anything else you would like us to know about you before the course starts? Please include any concerns you have about being outdoors and completing academically rigorous work. My only concern is that I am allergic to wasps, but I still feel safe and confident working in the field.