

Nature Journal Rubric and Current Conditions Checklist

For the overnight hike on Thursday and the nature journals and Friday hikes and nature journals, four grades will usually be given for:

Effort

- Work quality
- Citizenship/cooperation
- Practice/preparedness

•Only **pencil** and **colored pencil** are used.

All parts are **numbered**—see your current conditions handout taped into your nature journal.

Current Conditions Checklist:

- Thoroughly describes the weather conditions in **detail**. Your written description should be 6 to 10 thoughtful sentences using no repetitions; proofread your response aloud for GUMS.
- Uses five (5) senses and writes about the sounds, looks, smells, what you feel, and tastes **compared to the last time**.
- Details and specifics are evident.

E—Expert in the Field, all criteria has been thoroughly met and of expert quality—neatness and organization.

M—University Naturalist, all of the criteria has been met and is generally high quality.

P—Student Naturalist, most of the criteria has been met and is acceptable quality.

N—Backyard Naturalist, many parts were missing or not acceptable showing little effort.

Circled or highlighted text indicates that something was **missing, lacking, or did not meet the criteria** indicated.