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## Upcoming: XMAS PUB CRAWL & Clothing

What are Santa and all his Reindeer doing December 3<sup>rd</sup>? Going on the Biology Club Elf Party Pub Crawl! Watch out for more details coming soon on our Facebook page!

Club clothing is also coming soon! The original Biology Bear will be making its annual appearance along with this year's special guest: an Elephant! Look for more details early next week!



## Prairie University Biology Symposium - PUBS

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** If you need something other than school to keep you busy, want to amp up your resume, or learn how to plan and put on an academic conference then we want you!

PUBS is a biology conference for prairie universities for all undergraduate, graduate, and post-grad students. This means you have an

opportunity to present!

Email Jillian Kusch to find out more and join the organizing committee!  
jillian.kusch@usask.ca

And keep your eyes peeled for the website launch – the link will be posted on our Facebook page: University of Saskatchewan Biology Club



## Featured Grad Student of the Month:

**KEVIN BAIROS-NOVAK**



### **Tell us about your research?**

I look at how environmental risk affects the reliance on chemical cues in tadpoles and more recently, cuttlefish in marine environments off the coast of France. I look at how cuttlefish react to ink produced by their neighbours, and how their prior experience with 'dangerous' environments affects their response to conspecific ink.

### **How did you get your position?**

I first emailed my co-supervisors Drs. Maud Ferrari and Doug Chivers about possibly doing a Master's degree with them, and they helped me secure funding. The nice thing about their labs is that they don't expect you to have it all figured out when you arrive, instead they want you to come up with a project based on your own unique interests.

### **Any general tips for undergrads wanting to pursue future studies in biology?**

Get started early! I remember emailing professors about their research and possible summer positions in the winter semester of my first year, so it is really never too early to get involved with research, and many professors can use volunteers even if they can't offer you a paid position. An early email and meeting with a professor whose work you are interested in is invaluable towards being hired with them in the future. I acquired many of my co-op positions in my undergrad by getting to know professors early on in my degree. Early experience in any lab can lead to more research opportunities and awards in the future, so build your research experience early on if you can!

# PAST EVENTS

## Owl Banding

Thanks to everyone who came out, Marten Stoffel for letting us visit, and Albert Mark for the gorgeous photos: take a look!

Profits this year are going towards a new net for Marten and scholarships for biology students!



## Meet the Department – Pool Night

We had a great turn out despite the early snow this year! Thanks to all the profs, lab coordinators, students, and raffle winners who came, pooled, and conquered!

If you missed this semesters event, meet the Department Part II: Curling will be coming at you second semester, experience not required!



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LOUNGE HOURS  
10:00AM – 4:00PM

